

NON-RESIDENT NEPALI ASSOCIATION-NATIONAL COORDINATION COUNCIL, FINLAND (NRNA-NCC, Finland)

Call for application for the candidacy for the Executive Board of the National Coordination Council (NCC) - Finland for the Term 2019-2021:

Executive committee:

The NRNA Finland NCC will have an Executive Board of 21 (maximum 21 and minimum of 9) members including a Chairperson. In addition, there will also be a representative of the International Coordination Council (ICC). The Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons, a General Secretary, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Youth Representative and a Woman Representative, and the ICC Representative will be elected directly by the registered members during the Annual General Meeting (AGM). In addition, the Executive Board (EB) members (1–13) will also be elected by the registered members directly. However, the number of elected Executive Board members should be at least 9 including the Chairperson.

The tenure of the NCC and the Executive Board shall be for two years as stated in the By-laws of NRNA-Finland. Out of the maximum 13 EB member seats, there is a quota each for the five different “Hospital Regions” of Finland.

For the duties and rights of the president and EB member, please refer to the NRNA Finland website at <http://nrna.fi> or the global website at <http://www.nrna.org.np> or contact current NRNA-Finland EB member: <http://nrna.fi/boardmember/>.

Eligibility for NRNA Finland NCC Registered Membership:

- i A person of Nepali origin (Citizen of Finland), a Nepalese citizen who is a Permanent Resident of Finland, or a Nepalese citizen who has lived in Finland legally for a minimum of two years with residence permit with full time working rights as defined by NRNA-ICC. The qualified membership includes B-visa holders with a minimum of 2 years living in Finland and with full time working permits.
- ii Must be 18 years of age or older,
- iii S/he must have paid the NRNA Finland Membership fee before the deadline defined in the Election Schedule below which is usually one week before the AGM.

Eligibility for Executive Board (EB) candidate

- i Must be a registered member of the NRNA NCC-Finland (please visit <http://www.nrna.fi> to become a member or for membership queries), i.e. s/he must have paid the Membership fee of the NRNA Finland before the deadline for submission of the application for the candidacy mentioned in the Election Schedule below. Furthermore, a proof of his/her payment must be attached with the application in the form of bank receipt.

Application Form and Documents to be submitted by the candidates

Election committee will publish an application form to file the nomination. In addition to the application form, the candidates need to submit an election manifesto which will be published by the election committee immediately after the deadline to file the nomination has elapsed. Application can be submitted by email to the election committee.

The application form will contain information such as his/her personal introduction (name, date of birth, address in Nepal, and residence address of Finland, profession) and the position s/he is looking to apply for. Please note that one is eligible to apply for **only one position**, (i.e. either for Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons, General Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary, Youth Representative, Woman Representative, the ICC Representative or for an EB member). The application should contain following documents along with the application form:

- ii One passport sized scanned photo
- iii Application fee of 25 Euro (non-refundable) for Executive Board member and ICC Representative; and 50 Euro for the Executive Board Chairperson, should be transferred to the account IBAN: FI62 1745 3000 0865 30.
- iv In addition to the Application fee, a Membership fee of 10 Euro has to be also paid to the same account at the time of application and the payment proof (Bank receipt/s) for both (application fee and membership fee) should also be attached with the application.
- v Copy of proof of identity and residence in Finland (such as a copy of passport and residence permit and personal ID issued by Finnish government or a copy of Kela card with photo). These personal materials will be kept confidential and will be destroyed by the election committee after completion of the election.

The application should reach the Election Committee no later than **12 August 2019, 17:00 Finland Time (EET)**. The application can be sent electronically to the email electnrna@protonmail.com. This email can also be used to request further information.

Election schedule

- i Application deadline for filing nomination: **12 August 2019** until 17:00 EET
- ii All candidates name list publication: **15 August 2019**
- iii Any objection to the published list: **16 August 2019** until 17:00 EET
- iv All candidates name list publication: **18 August 2019**
- v Last date for withdrawal of candidacy: **20 August 2019** until 17:00 EET
- vi Final candidates list: **21 August 2019**
- vii Final name list of voters: **22 August 2019**
- viii Public Forum for Chairperson and ICC Representative Candidates to present manifesto and answer questions: **24 August 2019**. To be held only if there are more than one candidates for the positions of Chairperson and ICC Representative. Venue and Time will be informed later if the event is held.
- ix Date of Election: **31 August 2019**

- x Publication of results: **31 August 2019**

Election Timings

Election will be held on **31 August 2019** from 10:00 EET to 17:00 EET. The counting of votes starts from 17:30 EET. The specific venue will be informed later through the NRNA Finland Election 2019 Facebook-page (<https://www.facebook.com/NRNA-Finland-election-2019-374316146762965/>).

Voting and its requirement

Voting is also possible by post. The voting by post will start from **23 August 2019** and the ballot paper should reach the Election Committee office no later than **30 August 2019**. The postal address for voting by post will be announced later in the above-mentioned NRNA Finland Election 2019 Facebook page.

The requirements for voting include:

- i. S/he must have become an NRNA Finland registered member latest by 1 week before the election (i.e. **24 August 2019**) and if voting by post then at least by the time of sending votes by post, by including a copy of the bank receipt in the post.
- ii. When voting in person at the voting venue, s/he is required to present a Proof of Identity. The election committee will accept only the following as valid proof of ID:
 - a. Passport
 - b. KELA card with photo
 - c. Personal Finnish ID (issued by the Finnish Police)
 - d. Driving License
 - e. Finnish Permanent Resident Card with Photo
- iii. If voting by post, a copy of the identity as well as resident permit must be included in the post. This copy of identity will be destroyed by the election committee afterwards.

Election Rules

The regional representatives

There is a quota each for the five 'Hospital Regions' in Finland (i.e., Helsinki, Turku, Tampere, Kuopio, Oulu) for a position of EB member. The quota is valid until one member from a region is elected.

- i. If a candidate from a certain region contests for an EB member position and gets elected (secures enough votes to be in the top 13) there is no quota applicable for that region.
- ii. If there are no contestants for EB member position from a certain region, the quota will **NOT** be applied to nominate a person.
- iii. If one or more candidates from the same region contest the election for EB member position, but all secure less votes than the 13th ranked EB member, then

- The candidate with the maximum votes amongst the contestants of the same region will be elected
- The 13th ranked contestant will not be elected, provided that the 13th ranked contestant is NOT the only candidate from his/her region.
- If the 13th ranked candidate is the only contestant from his/her region, then the 12th ranked candidate will not be elected provided that the 12th ranked contestant is NOT the only candidate from his/her region.
- The iterative process will continue until the lowest ranked candidate is found which satisfies the regional quota.

For divisions of the region, please refer to Table 1 and the accompanying figure in http://cancer-fi-bin.directo.fi/@Bin/acae674b179a4c1c2e1a5de7af2fdbfd/1301092093/application/pdf/57417311/image_67_6.pdf

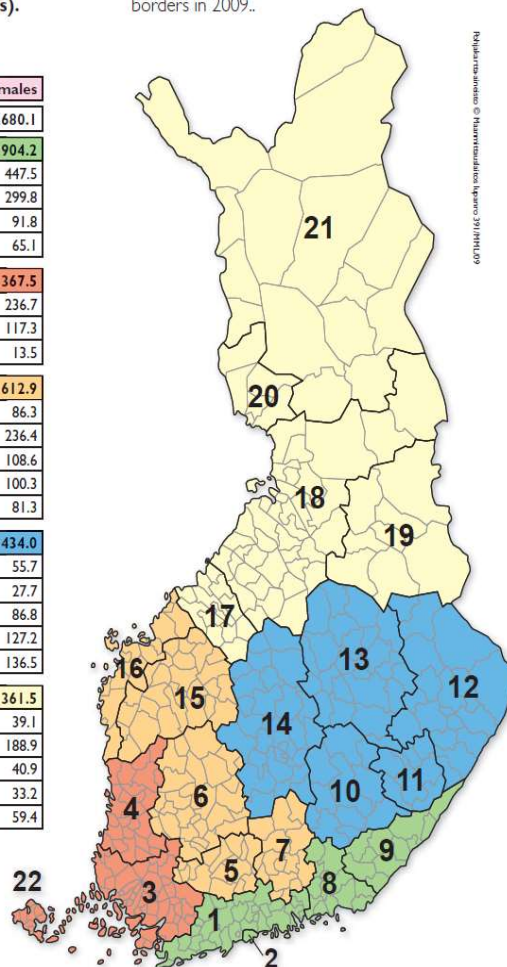
The figure is copied here for your perusal.

▶ **TABLE 2. Mean population of Finland in 2003-2007, by sex, health control region, and health care district (in thousands).**

Health care district	Males	Females
Finland	2568.4	2680.1
Helsinki region	846.4	904.2
1 Uusimaa	432.1	447.5
2 Helsinki	261.8	299.8
8 Kymenlaakso	88.9	91.8
9 Etelä-Karjala	63.6	65.1
Turku region	347.9	367.5
3 Varsinais-Suomi	221.7	236.7
4 Satakunta	113.0	117.3
22 Åland	13.2	13.5
Tampere region	588.5	612.9
5 Kanta-Häme	82.0	86.3
6 Pirkanmaa	225.7	236.4
7 Päijät-Häme	101.6	108.6
15 Etelä-Pohjanmaa	98.6	100.3
16 Vaasa	80.5	81.3
Kuopio region	421.7	434.0
10 Etelä-Savo	53.7	55.7
11 Itä-Savo	26.4	27.7
12 Pohjois-Karjala	85.9	86.8
13 Pohjois-Savo	123.3	127.2
14 Keski-Suomi	132.5	136.5
Oulu region	363.9	361.5
17 Keski-Pohjanmaa	38.3	39.1
18 Pohjois-Pohjanmaa	191.3	188.9
19 Kainuu	40.9	40.9
20 Länsi-Pohja	33.3	33.2
21 Lappi	60.0	59.4

Statistics Finland: FINREGION.

▶ **The health care districts of Finland.**
The gray lines illustrate the municipality borders in 2009..



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In case of a tie

Election committee will decide by a “draw of lots” to determine the winner in the presence of the contestants.

Less number of candidates

In case, the number of contestants is less than the required number of 9 candidates, the election committee will extend the dates by few days but without major overhaul of the election schedule.

Chairperson and ICC Representative Election

In case of more than 2 contestants for each position, the one receiving maximum votes amongst the contestants for the same position will be declared winner. The number of votes need not be 50% of the total votes casted.

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for the candidates is published as a separate document together with this document. Election committee has right to disqualify the nomination of a candidates if s/he does not abide by the code of conduct.

Election Committee

Members of the election committee are not eligible to contest elections. Election committee will have the right to decide on any contentious cases taking into consideration By-laws of NRNA-Finland, NRN and general rules of the NGOs of Finland. Election committee will be independent and current NRNA board will not interfere in its activities and actions. A separate code of conduct for the election committee will be circulated among themselves.

Legal Competence of Election

In order to qualify for the legal competence at least 17% of the total members should cast votes

Contact

Any questions and clarification towards the Election Committee should be sent by email to: electnrna@protonmail.com

The election committee will publish all public announcement through its Facebook-Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NRNA-Finland-election-2019-374316146762965/>

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