

Albany Telugu Association

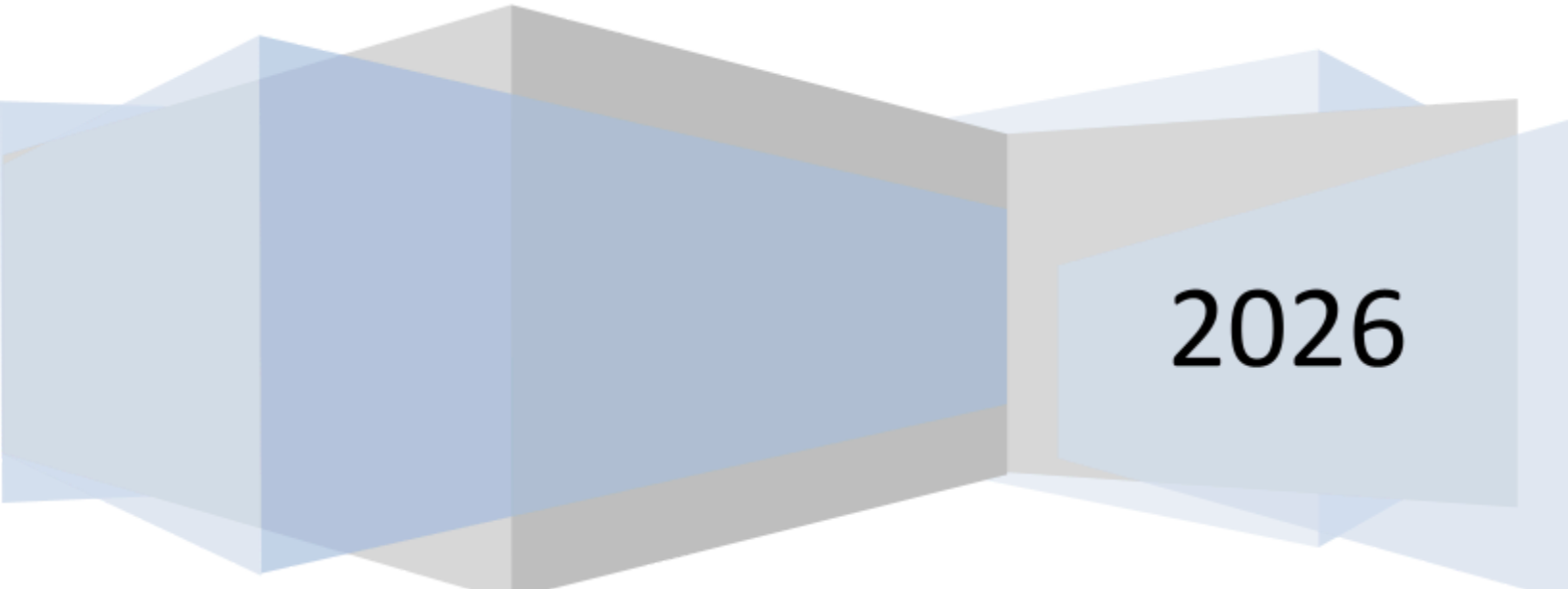
ATA Election Notification for the term year starting January 1st 2026

Election Committee

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Introduction

Albany Telugu Association (ATA) is incorporated in New York State as a non-profit entity and has been in existence for fifteen years. ATA's current officers will complete their one-year term at the end of December 2025.

The Election Committee is charged with the task of soliciting nominations & conducting elections for ATA and soliciting amendments to ATA By-laws.

The Election Committee is in-charge and responsible for any Appeals, it is charged with the task of resolving any disputes the candidates may have.

Accordingly, the Election Committee is inviting nominations for the positions listed below. The title and the number of positions open for nomination, applicable rules, deadlines, and nominating forms are provided as well.

ATA by-laws are posted here: http://www.albanytelugu.org/images/by-laws_continue.pdf

Also see amendments to by-laws here:

<http://www.albanytelugu.org/index.php/ata-elections/ata-amendments>

<http://www.albanytelugu.org/index.php/ata-elections/ata-electionsarchives>

Nomination

A candidate nominates himself/herself. Candidates must be an ATA member as of January 1st, 2025 or Annual members of 2024 who must have renewed on or before March 31st,

2025 and have the primary residence within the NY Capital Region. Nomination forms shall be accepted from **10/12/2025**.

A candidate nominates himself/herself by sending a filled in nomination form to the election committee. Nomination form must be signed and dated. The nomination form can be sent by physical mail or emailing the filled in scanned soft copy. The nomination email/form may also include a brief statement by the candidate (not more than 200 words) as attachment. The statement will be posted on ATA website. Paper forms may be handed in at ATA events or mailed (should reach by the deadline) to **Naga Kalapala**, 121 Timothy Ln, Schenectady, NY 12303 or emailed to ataelectioncommittee@gmail.com

Upon receiving the nominations, the election committee will confirm the receipt of the nomination by email. If you do not receive this confirmation within 24-48 hours, reach out to the election committee members.

Upon verification of membership and residency the candidate will be added to the slate of candidates.

The actual process of the voting will be communicated as soon as it is finalized. The deadline for nominations is **10/25/2025**.

Withdrawal

All the nominated applicants have one week from the nomination cut-off date should they want to withdraw their nomination. The withdrawal deadline is **11/01/2025**. Withdrawal must be sent in an email to Election Committee at ataelectioncommittee@gmail.com

After verification of the nominations the Election Committee shall publish and update the list of nominees with the slate of candidates on ATA website on a best effort basis as per the availability.

Open Positions:

President – 1 position

Member of the Board of Directors – 6 positions

Member of the Board of Advisors – 5 positions

A candidate may run for just one position in a given election. A candidate may hold just one position at any given time.

Amendments to ATA By-Laws

The Election Committee is open to amendments to ATA by-laws to address some shortcomings. Per ATA by-laws, amendments must be proposed and voted in by the members. Amendments shall be accepted from **10/11/2025**.

If you would like to propose an amendment, send an email to the election committee. State the amendment and the justification for it clearly. Include your contact information. The proposed amendments and the basis will be posted on the ATA website. Any members wishing to make comments may send the comments by email to the election committee. These comments too, will be posted on the ATA website prior to voting on the amendment. The deadline for proposing the amendments is **10/25/2025**. The withdrawal deadline for the proposed amendments is **11/01/2025**. Proposals & Withdrawals must be sent in an email to the Election Committee at ataelectioncommittee@gmail.com.

Voting

Elections for the **President** position will be conducted, if there are 2 or more candidates. If such an election is held, each member may cast up to one vote.

Election for the **Board of Directors** position will be conducted, if there are more than 6 candidates contesting for the 6 open positions. If such an election is held, each member may cast up to six votes, but not more than one vote for a candidate. A member may choose to cast fewer than 6 votes.

Election for the **Board of Advisors** position will be conducted if there are more than 5 candidates contesting for the 5 open positions. If such an election is held, each member may cast up to five votes, but not more than one vote for a candidate. A member may choose to cast fewer than 5 votes.

Members can cast their vote (Yes/No) for the proposed amendments. Amendments to bylaws will be passed by approval of at least **two-third** of the members in good standing.

It is anticipated that the ATA election will be conducted via electronic balloting on **November 15th, 2025**. In case of an unforeseen situation the **backup election date shall be December 7th, 2025**.

Each member wishing to cast a vote in the election must have a valid email on file with the ATA membership committee (see membership contacts below). In case of family membership, a separate email is required for each spouse, to exercise two votes. Please contact the membership committee to provide/update your email addresses ASAP. We consider this to be a member's responsibility to keep their contact details up to date with ATA. All the good standing members as of October 10th 2025 are eligible to vote.

Details of voting procedures will be communicated to the ATA members at a later date. The election committee anticipates completing the election process the day after the election. Elected candidates will assume office on January 1st, 2026.

Election Committee

Following members are appointed to the Election Committee by the ATA Board. Please contact the EC by email at: ataelectioncommittee@gmail.com

Naga Kalapala	- (518) 951-6463
Shashidhar Garrepalli	- (410) 440-6136
Sridhar Bitkuri	- (314) 477-3738

Membership Committee

For membership issues please Contact: albanytelugu@gmail.com