**API Announcement**

**Election of Office Bearers of the Governing Body for 2008-2009 Members** are hereby informed that the following persons will **retire in January, 2009.**

- President : Dr. SK Bichile, Mumbai
- One Vice-President : Dr. BR Bansode, Mumbai
- Hon. Treasurer : Dr. Milind Nadkar, Mumbai
- Four Governing Body Members : Dr. Shyam Sunder, Varanasi
  - Dr. YSN Raju, Hyderabad
  - Dr. J Mukhopadhyay, Howrah
  - Dr. NK Singh, Dhanbad

**Dr. SK Bichile will remain in the Governing Body as Past President for one year.**

Therefore, election for the following office bearers, members of the Governing Body for 2009-2010 will be held and nominations are hereby invited for them.

1. One President-Elect
2. One Vice President
3. One Hon. Treasurer
4. Four Elected Members

Nominations shall be made on prescribed forms stating the office for which nominations are filled. The nomination shall be proposed by one valid member and seconded by another valid member and duly signed by them and shall also be signed by the candidate signifying his/her willingness to stand for election and serve on the Governing Body if elected. Separate nominations must be submitted for each post.

Every member is supplied with a nomination form. The nomination form completed in all respects should reach the API Office not later than 31st May, 2008. For every post on the Governing Body, the nomination must be accompanied by a sum of Rs. 2,500/- (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred only) in the form of Demand Draft payable at Mumbai. The nomination paper NOT accompanied by the Bank Draft of Rs. 2,500/- will be deemed invalid.

**Rules Relating to Qualification for Election to Governing Body**

1. President Elect : To contest for the post of President Elect the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 10 years and have completed at least two full terms of 3 years each in any elected position in the Governing Body.
2. Vice President and Hon. General Secretary : To contest for the post of Vice President and Hon. General Secretary the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 5 years and should have completed at least one continuous full term of 3 years in any elected position in the Governing Body.
3. To contest for all other elected positions of the Governing Body, continuous membership of the Association for at least 3 years is mandatory.
4. A member shall not contest simultaneously for more than one post (i.e. President-Elect, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or Elected Member of the Governing Body - General and Zonal). Also a member will not contest any post in the API or ICP simultaneously. Post means not only an office-bearer but also member of Governing Body or Faculty Council of ICP.

Ballot Papers will be posted to all the life members by 15th July, 2008 and the last date to receive the ballot papers back at API Office is 31st August, 2008. If any member fails to receive the ballot paper within a reasonable time, kindly intimate the API Office and a duplicate ballot paper will be supplied immediately only on written signed request and by post. If such members receive the original paper also, the same should be returned at once to API Office.

**Important**

Canvassing in any form should not be done by the candidate for the election. Instead, they are requested to send a short bio-data NOT MORE THAN 200 words along with the nomination paper which will be printed and circulated along with the ballot paper. Excess of bio-data beyond the first two hundred words shall be deleted. Canvassing in any form or in favour of the candidate shall not be permitted.

**THE CANDIDATE WILL HAVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN HIS/HER BIO-DATA IS CORRECT.**

The results will be declared at the end of counting of votes and announced in the subsequent issue of JAPI. The report will be placed before the Governing Body for intimation.

**DEAD LINES OF ELECTION PROCEDURE**

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Dr. Sandhya A Kamath  
Hon. General Secretary