# ISKCON GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION SOCIETY

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## SRI MAYAPUR DHAM, FEBRUARY 11 - 22, 2020

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# Section 200: Governing Body Commission

## 203.02: GBC members

### [Title] – GBC Emeritus — 2020

Statement

Whereas the wording of the below ISKCON Law 3.5.5.3 “Emeritus GBC” needs improvement in clarity, composition and grammar:

***3.5.5.3 Emeritus GBC***

***3.5.5.3.1 Definition***

*The GBC Body may award the title “Emeritus GBC” to retired GBC Members who have rendered distinguished service.*

***3.5.5.3.2 Role***

*The role of an Emeritus GBC is to:*

a. *make himself available to all GBC members as a storehouse of knowledge and experience,*

b. *be respected in ISKCON society as were the great sages in Vedic society,*

c. *when requested, act in a non-managerial role by giving advice to the GBC member or members or GBC Deputies who have taken over his GBC responsibilities,*

d. *participate in GBC meetings as a non-voting member if he should so choose,*

e. *as a participant in GBC meetings, be afforded all privileges offered to an ordinary GBC Member.*

**RESOLVED:**

The wording of ISKCON Law 3.5.5.3 “Emeritus GBC” shall be amended and restated as follows, and the GBC Emeritus official webpage shall be reworded accordingly:

"The title of GBC Emeritus may be awarded by the GBC Body to honor a retired GBC member who has rendered distinguished service to ISKCON and the GBC Body.

"Due to their extensive experience and knowledge derived from years of service, GBC Emeriti are invited to make themselves available in a non-managerial role by offering advice to the GBC Body, GBC members and GBC Deputies.

"GBC Emeriti are welcome to participate in meetings of the GBC Body and shall be afforded all privileges offered to a regular GBC Member, except the right to vote. Upon request by a GBC Emeritus, the GBC Executive Committee may approve his or her inclusion on the online GBC Conference."

# 203.03: GBC Members

## [Title] – Ongoing support, training and accountability for new GBCs — 2020

Statement

**RESOLVED:**

The GBC Organizational Development Committee is mandated to submit a proposal at the Mid-term General Meeting in October 2020 delineating systems, parameters and procedures to establish ongoing support, training and accountability of new GBCs.

# 204.03: GBC Meetings

## [Title] – Dates for 2021 GBC Annual General Meeting — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

| | | |
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| Feb 22 | Org Dev | |
| Feb 23 | Org Dev | |
| Feb 24 | Org Dev/EC | |
| Feb 25 | Org Dev/EC | Nityananda Trayodasi |
| Feb 26 | GBC Plenary on Org Dev Matters | |
| Feb 27 | GBC Plenary | |
| Feb 28 | GBC Plenary | |
| March 1 | SGGS (Sanga of GBCs, Gurus, and Sannyasis) | |
| March 2 | SGGS | |
| March 3 | SGGS | |
| March 4 | GBC Plenary | |
| March 5 | GBC Plenary | |
| March 6 | GBC Plenary | |
| March 7 | GBC Plenary | |
| March 8 | GBC Plenary | |
| March 9 | GBC Plenary | |
| March 12 | Festival Inauguration | |
| March 13-16 | Kirtan Mela | |
| March 17-24 | Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama | |
| March 28 | Sri Gaura Purnima | |

# 209.02: Spiritual Advisors Bhagavat Assembly (SABHA)

## [Title] – Reviewing proposals and resolutions: Amendment of SABHA document Section 2A — 2020

Action order

Whereas the SABHA has been created by the GBC to provide checks and balances on the GBC

Whereas currently there is no provision for the SABHA to review tabled and rejected proposals

**RESOLVED:**

That section 2A of the SABHA Document (Resolution 306 of the 2018 AGM) shall be amended as follows:

The GBC shall provide the SABHA with:

a. The resolutions that passed*
b. The tabled and rejected proposals*

By a two-thirds majority of its voting members, the SABHA can formally object to any GBC resolution and return it to the GBC for re-evaluation. The SABHA can also request that a tabled and rejected proposal be reconsidered by the GBC. This resolution is not retroactive.

**[Footnotes to resolution]**

*Other than those deemed confidential.

# 209.03: Spiritual Advisors Bhagavat Assembly (SABHA)

## [Title] – SABHA membership — Approval of temporary members: Amendment to SABHA document Section 7 — 2020

Action order

Whereas the current SABHA resolution does not provide for timely replacement of members

Whereas the SABHA can only fulfill its purpose by having a diverse composition and a minimum number of members

Whereas article #9(c) of the SABHA document lists one of the Chair's responsibilities as "overseeing the election of members"

**RESOLVED:**

That the SABHA chairman and/or any appointed SABHA member may interact with the SGGS, Regional Councils, Vaishnavi Ministry, and Youth Ministry in selecting a temporary SABHA member. A temporary member has full rights as a regular SABHA member. By a simple majority of all its voting members, the SABHA can approve the inclusion of temporary members. The temporary member can then be either approved or replaced by the appropriate administrative agency.

The temporary member will act with all the responsibilities and rights of a regular member. If approved by the respective body (SGGS, Ministry, etc.), the temporary members will become regular members.

# Section 300: International Society for Krishna Consciousness

## 301.03: ISKCON members

### [Title] – Policy guidelines for understanding and managing domestic abuse in ISKCON — 2020

Guideline

Whereas Srila Prabhupada instructed his devotees to be of exemplary behavior at all times

Whereas Grhastha-asrama is meant to be an asrama of peaceful coexistence and spiritual progress for both husband and wife

Whereas Srila Prabhupada took special care to engage, facilitate and protect his women disciples

Whereas our sastra directs all devotees to protect the brahmanas, the elderly, children, women and cows

Whereas sometimes Vaisnava husbands in ISKCON communities use sastric references or bring in outside non-Gaudiya Vaisnava cultural norms and use those to justify physical or emotional abuse of their spouse

Whereas spousal abuse also harms children and the community at large

**RESOLVED:**

That the ISKCON GBC accepts the GBC Statement Against Domestic Abuse and the Guidelines contained therein that give guidance to devotees and also provide resources to leaders and managers who are called upon to deal with domestic abuse in their communities.

**[Footnotes to resolution]**

ISKCON North America instituted a Domestic Abuse Policy in 2019. This has been well received. A modified policy for International ISKCON is available.

# 301.06: ISKCON members

## [Title] – GBC decision concerning Ananda Caitanya dasa's appeal — 2020

Action order

Whereas Ananda Caitanya dasa (BCAIS), formerly Bhakti Swarupa Caitanya Swami, was found to have committed serious transgressions of the sannyasa order

Whereas the Sannyasa Committee, considering the evidence in this regard, decided to divest him of his sannyasa title

Whereas Ananda Caitanya dasa subsequently appealed this decision

Whereas the GBC appointed a subcommittee consisting of Giriraja Swami, Krsna Kesava dasa, and Radha dasi (MG) to look into this matter further

Whereas the subcommittee has submitted its recommendations to the GBC Body

**RESOLVED:**

That Ananda Caitanya dasa is directed to comply with the following:

1. Regular close association and careful mentoring by senior devotees. Such help should be specific in assisting Ananda Caitanya dasa to value the reputation of Srila Prabhupada, ISKCON, the sannyasa order, and the devotee community. He has indicated that Niranjana Swami and Bhakti Caitanya Swami know him and could be effective mentors.

2. Sannyasa status suspended for a minimum of four years. This suspension would run from the date of the original decision, meaning that Ananda Caitanya dasa has served one year of suspension thus far. At the end of the four-year period, his status should be reviewed by the Sannyasa Committee. If he is not ready for reinstatement, the Sannyasa Committee may extend the suspension after consideration of feedback from Ananda Caitanya dasa's mentors.

3. Limited preaching opportunities. After a period of one year from the adoption of these recommendations, Ananda Caitanya dasa could be given the opportunity to preach at small home gatherings. If this opportunity is granted to him, we recommend that he be required to obtain the permission of local and regional leaders in the area (after disclosing the terms of the decision against him). In addition, he should be chaperoned by a mature and reliable Vaisnava during any travel or preaching. At the end of four years from the date of the original decision, his mentors can assess whether he is ready to preach on a wider scale.

4. Five-year ban on leadership positions. This was part of the original decision and we believe it is appropriate. This five-year period would begin from the date of the original decision. The general standard used by both the Child Protection Office and the North American Leader Misconduct Committee is that giving *Srimad-Bhagavatam* class, giving the Sunday Feast or other public lectures, or leading kirtana are leadership positions.

5. Further restrictions possible. It should be made clear to Ananda Caitanya dasa that this remedial program of rectification is an opportunity for him to restore trust and to be reinstated as a recognized ISKCON sannyasi. If he breaches the conditions of probation, then his probationary period should be extended or he should receive further restrictions, including perhaps permanent removal of sannyasa status.

This GBC decision is based on two primary considerations. First, rectification and reintegration are important goals of any system of correction in ISKCON. Ananda Caitanya dasa's offenses do not warrant his being excluded from ISKCON. Thus, we must be concerned with reforming him.

Further, a five-year period of prohibition with no mentoring or assessment means that we will have no assurance that Ananda Caitanya dasa has rectified those tendencies that led to this situation. A shorter period of restrictions with careful mentoring and monitoring is more likely to achieve good results.

# 303.03: ISKCON temples and affiliates

## [Title] – Enhancing the culture of reading Srila Prabhupada's books globally via Srila Prabhupada’s book reading week — 2020

Action Order

Whereas there is evidence that ISKCON devotees, including leaders, often face challenges in regularly reading Srila Prabhupada's books

Whereas at the 2017 edition of the SGGS it was also felt there should be a worldwide effort to increase reading of Srila Prabhupada’s books

Whereas Srila Prabhupada had many times emphasized the importance of his books and requested the leaders of ISKCON to read his books and train others to systematically study his books

Whereas Srila Prabhupada often made statements such as, “I am very glad to know that you are reading our literatures and you are very thoughtful about them”, and “In my books the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness is explained fully so if there is anything which you do not understand, then you simply have to read again and again”

Whereas Srila Prabhupada cautioned his followers to daily employ their intelligence, by reading, discussing and preaching to others, in order to keep our minds and actions pure

Whereas there is the need to bequeath to future generations of ISKCON a culture of diligently reading Srila Prabhupada’s books, so as to prevent speculations and concoctions

Whereas by reading Srila Prabhupada’s books regularly, present and future generations can gain Srila Prabhupada’s divine association

**RESOLVED:**

The week leading up to Srila Prabhupada’s arrival in America be declared “Srila Prabhupada’s Book Reading Week.” This year this falls between September 3 and 9.

- During this week ISKCON centers are encouraged to highlight the importance of reading Srila Prabhupada’s books in all lectures, addresses and discussions.

- During this week ISKCON leaders are encouraged to inspire devotees under their care to read Srila Prabhupada’s books by organizing orientation sessions and seminars on how and why to read Srila Prabhupada’s books regularly and systematically.

- New programs may be introduced that will encourage and allow congregation devotees to take up the reading of Srila Prabhupada’s books enthusiastically.

# 303.03: ISKCON temples and affiliates

## [Title] – Presentations from the speaker's asana — 2020

Statement

Whereas the *Srimad-Bhagavatam, Sri Caitanya-caritamrta* or *Bhagavad-gita* class is a sacred time dedicated to reading, discussing and deepening our understanding of our scriptures

Whereas the advertising of one's own devotional products during or at the end of giving the *Srimad-Bhagavatam, Sri Caitanya-caritamrta* or *Bhagavad-gita* class is in poor taste

Whereas it has been observed over the last few years, when tuning into many online classes around the world, that this practice is gathering pace and risks becoming the norm

Whereas speakers who wish to promote their own devotional products, should, ahead of time, arrange with the relevant authority to inform the devotees where—after class—their book, CD or USB stick etc., will be available for purchase

**RESOLVED:**

No books, paraphernalia or any other products will be allowed to be advertised, promoted, or sold from or near the speaker's *asana* before, during, or after the class

All ISKCON temples and centers will thus ensure that when speaking from the speaker's *asana*, speakers will not use the speaker's *asana* or nearby as a platform for the promotion, advertising or sale of any books, paraphernalia or other products including their own.

The only exceptions to this law are the books and recordings of Srila Prabhupada.

# 303.03: ISKCON temples and affiliates

## [Title] – Cooking with ghee — 2020

Guideline

Whereas Srila Prabhupada personally instructed and taught his disciples to prepare prasadam using ghee

Whereas most of our ISKCON temples are using oils instead of ghee for cooking, mainly due to economic reasons

Whereas Srila Prabhupada stated:

> "Anna, ghṛta, dadhi and dugdha are food grains, ghee, yogurt and milk. Actually, these are the basis of all food. Vegetables and fruits are subsidiary... We should understand that in order to prepare nutritious food, we require only grains, ghee, yogurt and milk. We cannot offer anything else to the Deity. The Vaiṣṇava, the perfect human being, does not accept anything not offered to the Deity." (Purport Cc Madhya 4.93)

Whereas Srila Prabhupada stated:

> "There should be abundant prasadam for whoever comes all day long. The kitchen should go on. So see there is sufficient stock of rice, atta, ghee, etc. The life members should be especially cared for and invited." (Letter to Gurudas July 1, 1974 Melbourne)

Whereas Srila Prabhupada stated:

> “From the very beginning I was asking to open restaurant and farm. Produce ghee in the farm and send to the restaurant, and make nice samosā, kachorī preparation, and there will be no scarcity of money. And if you organize in this way, your whole country will be transferred into Kṛṣṇa conscious country. Whole country.” (Room Conversation -- May 4, 1976, Honolulu)

Whereas Srila Prabhupada personally made multiple arrangements for providing ghee at various ISKCON temples

Whereas Srila Prabhupada stated:

> “No society can improve in transcendental knowledge without the guidance of such first-class men, and no brain can assimilate the subtle form of knowledge without fine brain tissues. For such important brain tissues we require a sufficient quantity of milk and milk preparations.” (Light of the Bhagavata 27)

Whereas Srila Prabhupada made statements stressing ghee as an unavoidable essential in the diet for development of necessary intellect

**RESOLVED:**

All ISKCON Temples are encouraged to use ghee in their cooking.

# 306.02: International Projects

## [Title] – Mayapur Festival declaration: Section A — Statement of commitment — 2020

Statement

Whereas Srila Prabhupada showed by his own personal example the importance of the Mayapur Festival by attending every year—being the first one to arrive and the last one to depart

Whereas Srila Prabhupada encouraged devotees to participate in the Mayapur Festival

Whereas Srila Prabhupada expects his GBC to be “Acarya-like” and set an example

Whereas ISKCON Mayapur is our world headquarters, and the home of the Temple of the Vedic Planetarium (TOVP). Thus, an ideal location is provided here for the GBC to associate with other ISKCON devotees by engaging in the five principal limbs of bhakti together

Whereas by performing devotional activities together in Sri Dham Mayapur, we shall create a universal impact. It was none other than Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur who said that, “. . . just by the performance of Navadvipa Mandala Parikrama the world can be liberated”

Whereas the mood and action of the current leaders will send a message to future generations of leaders

Whereas the Mayapur Festival is an opportunity to foster love, trust, and friendship. The family that prays together, stays together

Whereas a source of frustration for some devotees is to travel to Mayapur and not be able to associate with the leaders, due to our leaders being too busy during the GBC meetings, and their rapid departure from Mayapur after the meetings

Whereas if the Mayapur Festival is not well attended by our leaders, this will be a big loss for our society

**RESOLVED:**

That the GBC Body makes the following statement:

“The GBC Body is committed to a healthy and wholesome Mayapur Festival. To achieve this end, we commit to supporting this festival through our personal participation, as well as encouraging our fellow Vaisnavas to participate.”

## 306.02: International Projects

### [Title] – Mayapur Festival declaration: Section B — SGGS involvement — 2020

Action order

Whereas apart from the GBC members, other leaders of our society’s participation in the Mayapur Festival will have a great impact

**RESOLVED:**

That the GBC Body hereby requests the organizers of the SGGS to bring the following item onto their coming agenda for 2021:

“Mayapur Festival: Maximizing participation of GBCs, Srila Prabhupada’s Disciples, Gurus, and Sannyasis.”

# Section 400: ISKCON Ministries and Committees

## 407.02: ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry (IDWM)

### [Title] – Amendment to Certificate of Readiness—Appeal process— 2020

Governing law

Whereas ISKCON Governing Law 407.02, “Regulation of Deity installations — 2012” does not include any information directing centers how to appeal decisions by the ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry

Whereas ISKCON centers have the right to appeal a decision

Whereas ISKCON centers should understand the process for appealing a decision

And whereas there is already an existing appeal process in ISKCON Law

**RESOLVED:**

ISKCON law 407.02, “Regulation of Deity installations — 2012” for commencing worship of Deities in ISKCON is amended to include the following:

> *Any ISKCON center that has applied to the ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry for a Certificate of Readiness to commence worship of deities, but their application has not been successful, may appeal the decision via the following process:*
>
> 1. *Communicate to the ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry that they are not satisfied with the decision.*

2. *IDWM will then offer a written explanation of the decision.*

3. *If the center is still not satisfied with the outcome of that communication then they have the option to follow the appeals process established by GBC resolution 604.2, Appeal of Decisions to GBC Executive Committee 2005.*

The full revised law is below:

Any ISKCON center wishing to install any deities for public temple worship or commence the worship of any deity in an ISKCON center must first receive a “Certificate of Readiness for Worship” for the said deities.

Centers may procure deities and begin promoting planned temple openings or additions to existing worship once they have successfully completed the first stage of the approval process. Centers shall not commit to and/or publicly advertise final dates for commencement of worship until they receive a “Certificate of Readiness for Worship.”

This “Certificate of Readiness for Worship” applies only to the deities for which it is granted and is not a generic permanent approval.

The initial contact: The center wishing to commence the worship of deities makes an application via the ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry’s website, Deityworship.com. After receiving this application, the IDWM contacts the local GBC and regional authorities to assess the viability of the application. If this consultation shows the center has made a proper analysis of the requirements to worship deities and are moving in the right direction regarding allocation, resources, etc. to the worship of the deities then the first stage approval is granted. This then enables the temple to make arrangements to acquire deities and commence fund-raising, etc.

The second and final stage will be assessed based on the findings of a site visit by an IDWM representative, or comprehensive consultation with concerned devotees.

The readiness for worship will be assessed by a local representative (from the temple concerned); the local GBC, regional leadership (which may include a representative from the National Council or RGB, etc.); and an ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry representative. The GBC Executive Committee will be informed of the assessment outcome.

For any applications for deities apart from those given by Srila Prabhupada, i.e. Radha-Krsna; Jagannatha, Baladeva, Subhadra; and Gaura-Nitai (or Panca-tattva) and salagram silas, the IDWM requires executive input.

Therefore, for any application that includes Krsna-Balarama or Sita Rama Lakshman Hanuman, the IDWM will consult with the GBC Executive Committee for approval.

Any deities apart from the aforementioned must be approved by the GBC Body before the IDWM can issue a Certificate of Readiness for installing deities.

This Certificate of Readiness is valid for up to 180 days beyond the initial scheduled installation date. If the 180-day period has elapsed without the installation being completed, the temple will be reassessed by the ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry for a new Certificate of Readiness to be issued.

Any ISKCON center that has applied to the ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry for a Certificate of Readiness to commence worship of Deities, but their application has not been successful, may appeal the decision via the following process:

1. Communicate to the ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry that they are not satisfied with the decision.
2. IDWM will then offer a written explanation of the decision.
3. If the center is still not satisfied with the outcome of that communication then they have the option to follow the appeals process established by GBC resolution 604.2, Appeal of Decisions to GBC Executive Committee 2005.

# 411.01: Harinama Sankirtana Ministry (HSM)

## [Title] – Upgrading World Holy Name Committee to ISKCON Harinama Sankirtana Ministry — 2020

Administrative Order

Whereas *harinama-sankirtana* is the *yuga-dharma* and a core practice of all ISKCON devotees

Whereas other important ISKCON practices are supported by Ministries, including:

- Ministry of Book Distribution
- Ministry of Cow Protection and Agriculture
- ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry

Whereas a Harinama Sankirtana Ministry would be of benefit to the society through contributions including, but not limited to:

- Education and training
- Establishing standards
- Production of publications
- Website
- Improved coordination of ISKCON's annual World Holy Name Festival

Whereas the GBC Standing Committee, World Holy Name Committee, has been effectively functioning since 2007 to celebrate the World Holy Name Festival and is willing to expand its mandate to function as a Ministry

Whereas the World Holy Name Committee desires to add additional members to facilitate functioning as a Ministry

**RESOLVED:**

That the World Holy Name Committee is hereby reconstituted as the ISKCON Harinama Sankirtana Ministry.

The Ministry may be expanded to add additional members. The service description of the individual members will be decided by the Ministry.

The Minister shall be Lokanath Swami.

# 423.03: Guru Services Committee

## [Title] – In-depth study of variations in second initiation policies — 2020

Action order

Whereas different initiating gurus in ISKCON have established different policies regarding when second initiation may be offered to an ISKCON member. Some offer second initiation quite readily to all, regardless of the service they are performing in the society, and others offer second initiation readily only to those who are expected to be engaged in worship of ISKCON temple deities, and very few others

Whereas the Board of Examinations has established a standard for admission of a candidate for a Bhaktivedanta degree program whereby second initiation is a prerequisite for enrolment, and it will soon be publishing a revised standard for this degree that removes this prerequisite, but adds the requirement that the candidate must be second-initiated in order to actually receive a Bhaktivedanta degree

Whereas this lack of uniformity in second initiation policies of ISKCON's initiating gurus may be the source of unnecessary conflict and confusion

Whereas some ISKCON gurus have changed Srila Prabhupada's requirements for second initiation

**RESOLVED:**

That the Guru Services Committee is directed to arrange for an in-depth study of the varying policies for second initiation and present their recommendations to the GBC at the 2021 AGM.

# 431.02: ISKCON International Office for the Prevention of Leader Misconduct (PLM Office)

## [Title] – Interim guidelines for the Prevention of Leader Misconduct Office — 2020

Action order

Whereas in 2018 it was resolved that The ISKCON International Office for the Prevention of Leader Misconduct (PLM Office) be established as a permanent ISKCON organizational entity subject to review by the GBC Body (as with other Offices and Ministries)

Whereas one of the immediate goals of The PLM Office was to draft a document of ISKCON International Policies and Procedures for (a) preventing Leader Sexual Misconduct, (b) responding to complaints, and (c) conducting investigations

Whereas the GBC body acknowledges the urgent need for such guidelines to be implemented in order to facilitate the functions of the Office

**RESOLVED:**

(i) Until the final PLM Office Guidelines are adopted, the PLM Office Director shall have the authority to accept complaints on a case-by-case basis at his or her discretion. Such complaints shall be handled using the protocols contained in the PLM Office working document.

(ii) The Director of the PLM Office will submit to the GBC Executive Committee the Policy and Procedure Guidelines for consideration by the 2020 GBC Mid-term General Meeting.

(iii) The GBC Executive Committee is authorized to, in its discretion, at any time prior to or at the 2020 Mid-term General Meeting, adopt the Policy and Procedure Guidelines as it sees fit and such revised guidelines will then be the official Policy and Procedure Guidelines of the PLM Office.

**[Footnotes to resolution]**

The GBC spent considerable time discussing the guidelines for the PLM Office, but some details remained to be worked out. Therefore, the GBC authorized to Executive Committee to adopt final policies with minor adjustments, on its behalf. If approved by the Executive Committee, those shall be distributed to the GBC members and made publicly known to the ISKCON society.

# Section 500: Deputies, Global Duty Officers, Special Duty Officers and Zonal Supervisors

## 504.01: Special Duty Officers (SDO)

### [Title] – Establishing the position of Special Duty Officer as an official position in ISKCON Law — 2020

Administrative order

Whereas occasionally a senior devotee will be assigned a special service by the GBC Body or GBC EC in a particular zone, city or country or serving with a specific ISKCON entity such as a Ministry. These assignments are time limited and specific in scope

Whereas the title of Special Duty Officer (SDO) has been used in the past but was never enacted in ISKCON Law as an official position

**RESOLVED:**

The position of Special Duty Officer (SDO) is established as an official ISKCON position under ISKCON Law. Special Duty Officers may be appointed by the GBC Body or by the GBC EC as required or as requested by Zonal GBC(s). The specific duties of the Special Duty Officer will be established by the GBC Body or GBC EC in conjunction with the Zonal GBC(s). Special Duty Officer assignments may be modified by the GBC Body or GBC EC during the term of service as required or as requested by Zonal GBC(s).

# Section 700: Gurus and disciples

## 701.06: ISKCON Spiritual masters

### [Title] – Plan for dialogue on GBC Resolution 701.6, "Vaisnavi Diksa-gurus — 2019" — 2020

Statement

**RESOLVED:**

That a dialogue on this topic take place as per the request of the ISKCON India Bureau and a number of GBCs during the joint brainstorming session on February 4.

The GBC shall make a final decision on any amendments to resolution 701.6, “ISKCON Spiritual Masters, Vaisnavi Diksa-gurus--2019”, in Pune at the 2020 GBC Mid-term General Meeting.

# Section 800: Appointments

## 802.01: GBC Officers and Members

### [Title] – GBC officers — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

1. HH Ramai Swami is elected GBC Chairman
2. HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami is elected First Vice-Chairman
3. HH Bhanu Swami is elected Second Vice-Chairman
4. HH Gopal Krsna Goswami is elected GBC Secretary

## 802.02: Officers and Members

### [Title] – Govardhana dasa appointed as a GBC Member — 2020

Action order

Whereas the GBC Body authorized the GBC Nominations Committee to vet candidates for GBC Secretary positions

Whereas the referrals and the authorities fully support HG Govardhana dasa Adhikari to fulfill the GBC Secretary role

Whereas HG Govardhana dasa Adhikari fulfilled all requirements of the Nomination Process, including essays, questionnaires, zonal analysis and was fully cooperative during the process

Whereas HG Govardhana dasa Adhikari has a service and occupational track record that proves his eligibility to be an international leader

Whereas HG Govardhana dasa Adhikari’s wife agreed that the applicant can accept the GBC Secretary position if the GBC Body accepts the applicant

Whereas there are no financial conditions that would restrict HG Govardhana dasa Adhikari to become a GBC Secretary

Whereas HG Govardhana dasa Adhikari’s skills and competencies are developed enough to serve in the capacity of a GBC Secretary

Whereas the areas of improvement are not contradictory to the GBC Secretary service

Whereas the Zonal Analysis and Strategy submitted by HG Govardhana dasa Adhikari are fully in compliant with the GBC Body’s strategic plan

Whereas the Nominations Committee voting resulted in a unanimous 11 yeses

Whereas the GBC Nominations Committee proposes that HG Govardhana dasa Adhikari becomes the GBC Secretary for the Southern Africa GBC Area

**RESOLVED:**

1. HG Govardhana dasa (BCAIS) is appointed as a GBC member with zonal responsibilities for the Southern Africa GBC Area.

# 803.04: Zonal and Area assignments

## [Title] – New Area GBCs — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

Acyutatma dasa, Area GBC for Russian Sphere Area One:

Belarus
Russia:
- Arkhangelsk Region
- Belgorod Region
- Bryansk Region
- Chuvash Republic
- Ivanovo Region
- Kaliningrad Region
- Kaluga Region
- Karelia, Republic of
- Komi Republic
- Kostroma Region
- Kursk Region
- Leningrad Region
- Lipetsk Region
- Mari El Republic
- Moscow
- Moscow Region
- Murmansk Region
- Nenets Autonomous District
- Nizhny Novgorod Region
- Novgorod Region
- Oryol Region
- Pskov Region
- Ryazan Region
- Saint Petersburg
- Smolensk Region
- Tambov Region
- Tatarstan, Republic of
- Tula Region
- Tver Region
- Vladimir Region
- Vologda Region
- Voronezh Region
- Yaroslavl Region

Chaitanya Chandra Charan dasa, Area GBC for Russian Sphere GBC Area Three:

Russia:

- Altai Territory
- Altai Republic
- Bashkortostan, Republic of (North)
- Chelyabinsk Region
- Kemerovo Region
- Khanty–Mansi Autonomous District – Yugra
- Kirov Region
- Kurgan Region
- Novosibirsk Region
- Omsk Region
- Perm Territory
- Sverdlovsk Region
- Tomsk Region
- Tyumen Region
- Udmurt Republic
- Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District

Madhu Sevita dasa, Area GBC for Western Europe:

- France
- Belgium
- Netherlands
- Luxembourg
- Spain
- Andorra
- Gibraltar
- Portugal
- Italy
- Malta

Badrinarayan Swami, Area GBC for Western North America:

- Arizona
- California (except Berkeley)
- Colorado
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- Oregon
- Utah
- Washington (except Seattle)

Bhaktimarga Swami, Area GBC for Northern North America:

- Canada
- Alaska
- Minnesota
- Montana
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Wyoming

## 804.01: Sannyasa waiting list

## [Title] – Sannyasa waiting list — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

The following are the candidates for sannyasa along with their respective waiting periods:

| | |
|---|---|
| Asim Krishna dasa (RGS) (India) | This year |
| Sundarlal dasa (LOK) (Mauritius) | This year |
| Venudhari dasa (JPS) (Mayapur) | This year |
| Raghava Pandit dasa (GKG) (Delhi/India) | This year |
| Bhaktipada dasa (SRS) (Hungary) | One year |
| Ekalavya dasa (LOK) (India, Middle East, North America) | One year |
| Kamalalochan dasa (GKG) (Mumbai) | One year |
| Radha Shyamsunder dasa (LOK) (Vrindavan) | One year |
| Vanamali dasa (GKG) (Mumbai) | One year |
| Adhoksaja dasa (NRS) (Russia) | Two years |
| Gopendra dasa (BCS) (Vrindavan) | Two years |
| Sankarshan Nitai dasa (JPS) | Two years |
| Vishvavasu dasa (NRS) (Germany/Baltics/Russia) | Two years |
| Savyasachi dasa (JPS) | Two years |
| Valmiki dasa (CCCD) | Two years |
| Atmaram dasa (GGS) | Two years |
| Sutapa dasa (KKS) (UK) | Two years |
| Trailokyanatha dasa (GGS) | Three years |
| Govindanandana dasa (BCS) | Three years |
| Savyasachi dasa (BCS) | Five years |

# 805.01: Reaffirmation of Ministries and Standing Committees

## [Title] – Reaffirmation of Ministries and Standing Committees — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

The following are the Ministry and Standing Committees and their membership assignments for 2020-21:

| | |
|---|---|
| Congregational Development Ministry | Co-Ministers – Jayapataka Swami, Kaunteya dasa (JPS) |
| ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry | Minister – Nrsimha Kavaca dasa (IDS) |
| ISKCON Youth Ministry | Minister – Manorama dasa (SNS) |
| Ministry of Book Distribution | Minister – Vijaya dasa (HDG) |
| Ministry of Communications | Minister – Anuttama dasa |
| Ministry of Cow Protection & Agriculture | Minister – Kalakantha dasa (IS) |
| Ministry of Education | Minister – Sesa dasa |
| Ministry of Fund Development | Minister – Devakinandan dasa (Juhu) |
| Ministry of Health and Welfare | Minister – Prahladananda Swami<br><br>Other member – Bir Krishna dasa Goswami |
| Ministry of Justice | Minister – Sesa dasa |
| Ministry of Justice: ISKCON Dispute Resolution Committee (IDRC) | Minister of Justice, a representative of ISKCON Resolve, the second Vice-Chairman of the GBC, and the Director of the ISKCON Dispute Resolution Office |
| Ministry of Justice: ISKCON Dispute Resolution Office | Director – GBC EC, pending nomination |
| Ministry of Padayatra | Minister – Lokanath Swami |
| Ministry of Sannyasa Services | Minister – Prahladananda SwamiOther members: Bhakti Gauravani Goswami, Bhaktivaibhava Swami, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, Hrdaya Caitanya dasa (SDG) |
| Vaishnavi Ministry | Minister – Radha dasi (MG) (California) |
| ISKCON General Counsel | Devakinandan dasa (MVG) |
| GBC Nominations Committee | Members – Bhakti Caitanya Swami (Chairman), Praghosa dasa (SDG), Gopal Bhatta dasa (Convener), Anuttama dasa, Badrinarayan Swami, Revati Raman dasa (JPS), Radha Krsna dasa (BBGS), Gauranga dasa (RNS), Aniruddha dasa (BJD), Devakinandan dasa (MVG), Kaunteya dasa (JPS), Tapana Misra dasa (BVKS) |

| | |
|---|---|
| GBC Organizational Development Committee | Gopal Bhatta dasa & Kaunteya dasa (JPS) (Co-chairs) – Anuttama dasa, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, Badrinarayan Swami, Jayapataka Swami, Praghosa dasa (SDG), Revati Raman dasa (JPS), Aniruddha dasa (BJD), Caitanya Avatari dasa (JPS), Devakinandan dasa (Juhu), Devakinandan dasa (MVG), Gaura Krishna dasa (HDG), Gauranga dasa (RNS), Praharana dasi, Subhananda dasa (PSDG), Tapana Misra dasa (BVKS), Tirtharaja dasa (TKG), Vraja Vihari dasa (BJD) |
| GBC Strategic Planning Team | Gopal Bhatta dasa (chair), Vraja Vihari dasa (BJD), Subhananda dasa (PSDG), Deva Madhava dasa (JPS), Adi Kurma dasa (HKS), Kaunteya dasa (JPS) |
| GBC-BBT Team | Members – Badrinarayan Swami (Coordinator), Gopal Krishna Goswami, Madhu Sevita dasa, Praghosa dasa (SDG), Devamrita Swami, Bhaktivaibhava Swami |
| GBC Vaisnava Calendar Committee | Members – Bhanu Swami, Gopalapriya dasa (BVS), Sadasivananda dasa (JPD), Bhaktarupa dasa (Convener) |
| Guru Daksina Committee | Badrinarayan Swami (coordinator), Bhakti-bhusana Swami, Bhanu Swami, Guru Prasad Swami, Niranjana Swami, Praghosa dasa (JPS), Prahladananda Swami, Ramai Swami |
| Guru Services Committee | Members – Anuttama dasa, Prahladananda Swami (Chairman), Virabahu dasa, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, Bhaktimarga Swami, Ramai Swami, Atul Krishna dasa (PVS) (Mayapur) |
| ISKCON Central Office of Child Protection | Director – Kamalesh Krishna dasa (BCS) |
| ISKCON Harinama Sankirtana Ministry | Minister: Lokanath Swami<br><br>Members: Jananda Goswami, Ekalavya dasa (LOK) |
| Global Property Office | Members – Current GBC Executive Committee, Bhaktarupa Das, Devakinandan dasa (MVG), Govardhan dasa (BCAIS), Tapana Misra dasa (BVKS) |
| Justice Development Committee | Prahladananda Swami (Chair), Champakalata dasi (IDS) (Vice-chairman), Devakinandana dasa (MVG), Hansarupa dasa, Kamalesh Krsna dasa (BCS), Radha dasi (MG), Sesa dasa, Praharana dasi, Vraja Vihari dasa (BJD) |
| Sastric Advisory Council | Members: Urmila dasi (Chairperson), Hari Parsad dasa (RGS), Narayani dasi, Adi-purusa dasa (GKG), Sarvajna dasa (NRS), Brijabasi dasa (IDS)<br><br>Associate Members: Giriraja Swami, Krishna Ksetra Swami, Drutakarma dasa, Radhika Raman dasa (HPS), Caitanya-caran dasa (RNS), Gauranga dasa (RNS), Gopinatha-acarya dasa (KKS), Harideva dasa (SRS), |

| | |
|---|---|
| | Bhakti-Vijnana Goswami, Gopal Hari dasa (GKG), Kanai Krishna dasa (RNS), Krishna Abhishek dasa (TKG) |
| Prevention of Leadership Misconduct Office | Director: Champakalata dasi (IDS) |
| GBC Executive Secretariat | Praharana dasi, Srivasa dasa (BTS), Tirtharaj dasa (TKG), Mathuresa dasa (JPS) |

# 807.01: Appointment of auditor

## [Title] – Appointment of auditor — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

Sri Ratnesh Singh Chandel, Rasa Parayana dasa (GKG), Partner, Kothari Chandel & Co Chartered Accountants 219/220 Office No. 2, Murlidhar Apartment, Kelkar Road, Narayan Peth, Pune 411030, is appointed as statutory auditor for the year 2020-21.

# 808.02: Other appointments

## [Title] – Reappointment of Director for Prevention of Leader Misconduct Office — 2020

Action order

Whereas Champakalata devi dasi (IDS) was appointed as the Director of the ISKCON International Office for the Prevention of Leader Misconduct (PLM Office) for a period of two years from March 2018 to February 2020

Whereas her term of office has thus ended

**RESOLVED:**

Champakalata devi dasi's term of office is extended for two years.

# 809.01: Appointment of Zonal Supervisors

## [Title] – Appointment of Zonal Supervisors — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

The following devotees are appointed as Zonal Supervisors:

| | |
|---|---|
| Tarakanatha dasa (SRS): | Wales & SW England |
| Vrinda dd (GKG): | Canada, Alaska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming |
| Syamananda Krsna dasa (GKG): | Pakistan |
| Vraja Pran dasa (JPS): | Mathuradesh |
| Jaya Krsna dasa (SNS): | Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC, Eastern Pennsylvania, Illinois and Missouri |
| Aniruddha Gopal dasa (JPS): | Krsnakatha Desh |

## 810.01: Appointment of Global Duty Officers

### [Title] – Appointment of Global Duty Officers — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

That the following devotees are appointed as Global Duty Officers:

Asitaradhya dasa (VVPS), Financial Analysis
Shyamananda Krishna dasa (GKG), Environment

## 810.02: Appointment of Global Duty Officers

### [Title] – Reappointment of Global Duty Officers — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

That the following Global Duty Officers are reappointed for a further one-year term:

| | |
|---|---|
| Chaitanya Avatari dasa (JPS): | ISKCON Initiated disciple's database/CD |
| Devakinandan dasa (Juhu): | International Projects masterplan development — Sridham Mayapur and Jagannath Puri |
| Radheshyam dasa (RNS): | Training and making devotees from/in the West |
| Vaisesika dasa: | One World Book Distribution Team/Books are the Basis Training |

# Section 900: Financial and legal

## 901: GBC annual budget

### [Title] – GBC Budget — 2020

Action order

**RESOLVED:**

The GBC Budget for 2020-21 is (in INR):

| | |
|---|---|
| Annual General Meetings | 595,000 |
| Cow Protection & Agriculture | 350,000 |
| Child Protection Office | 700,000 |
| Dandavats | 427,800 |
| Deputies –Travel for Assistant | 70,000 |
| Deity Worship Ministry | 980,000 |
| Emergency Fund | 280,000 |
| Legal & related expenses | 700,000 |
| Executive Committee Travel | 210,000 |
| Finance & Bank Charges | 35,000 |
| GBC Strategic Planning Team | 770,000 |
| GBC Corresponding Secretary | 462,000 |
| GBC EC Secretary | 462,000 |
| GBC Executive Secretariat | 350,000 |
| GBC 50th Anniversary Films | 210,000 |
| ISKCON Congregational Development Ministry | 210,000 |
| ISKCON Temple Database | 98,000 |
| ISKCON Mayapur's Ethics, Standards & Compliance Office (ESCO) | 175,000 |
| ISKCON Law Book | 175,000 |
| ISKCON News | 308,000 |
| ISKCON Resolve | 560,000 |
| ISKCON Sannyasa Ministry | 210,000 |
| ISKCON Connection | 140,000 |
| Prevention of Leader Misconduct Office | 350,000 |
| Legal Committee | 140,000 |
| Mayapur GBC Office | 434,000 |
| Ministry of Education | 441,000 |
| SABHA (Spiritual Advisors Bhagavata Assembly) | 560,000 |
| Sastric Advisory Council (SAC) | 280,000 |
| Swami Productions (Bhaktimarga Swami) | 140,000 |
| Vaisnava Calendar Website | 35,000 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Vaishnavi Ministry | 105,000 |
| Youth Ministry | 105,000 |
| **TOTAL** | **11,067,000** |