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March 1st, 2017

Dear ARA Members,

In April of this year, the Atlanta Retailers Association (ARA) will be electing four (4) new members to its Board of Directors (BOD).

The ARA has striven to promote members' interests in several areas, with a particular emphasis in securing mutually beneficial deals with our vendor partners, providing solutions that enable members to operate their businesses by observing safety and security best practices, and providing nationally recognized industry experts to train members in the proper and ethical operation of Convenience Store/Gas Stations. The foregoing areas form the core of the Association's mandate.

The ARA has also executed projects that benefit the members' and employees' families in the event of tragedies typically associated with our industry, as well as initiatives that improve the members' overall quality of life. It is the objective of the ARA BOD to continue improving the services and benefits that members receive, even as we encounter new challenges within our rapidly evolving industry.

To that end, the ARA is looking for candidates who believe in our core mission and are willing to dedicate their energies to help attain the prime objective of advancing our members' cause. To be successful at this, the candidate will require the capacity to set aside time to perform their assigned tasks and the energy to see them to completion.

If you have the wherewithal and the desire to make a positive contribution to the Association and the members, the ARA BOD invites you to complete the attached documentation and submit it for consideration by the Election Commission. Candidates who are deemed to meet the eligibility criteria, and are voted onto the BOD will have an exceptional opportunity to contribute towards the benefit of our members, as well as learn and benefit themselves during the process.

If there are any questions, please call the ARA office. The attached forms must be filled out completely and received by the ARA office no later than March 20th, 2017 by 5:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Subel Kazani

Chairman
Atlanta Retailers Association



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND RULES FOR ELECTION TERM 2017 – 2019

Eligibility Criteria:

1. A candidate contesting the Election must be a Primary Member * (All ARA correspondence received in that person's name).
2. The candidate's Member store must have completed at least ONE (1) year of membership.
3. The candidate should not have been convicted of any felony in any state or federal court of the United States of America. Additionally, the candidate must not have been involved and/or charged in any criminal offense.
4. In order to preserve and protect the integrity of the association, the Election Commission, at its sole discretion may disqualify a candidate from contesting the election, if in its view there is any perceived criminal impropriety which could cause potential damage to the ARA.
5. The candidate must not be a Coin Operated Amusement Machine (COAM) Master Licensee or have any affiliation with a COAM Master Licensee directly via ownership or indirectly with affiliated ownership or financial benefit. Any misstatement will result in termination from the ARA Board of Directors.
6. Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Rules for Election:

1. A prospective candidate's Nomination form should be post marked no later than March 20th 2017. In person delivery to ARA office should be before 5 p.m. on March 20th 2017.
2. An Election Commissioner, appointed by the Board of Directors, shall scrutinize all Nomination Forms received by the deadline. He/she will be the final authority to accept or reject any Nomination form for failing to meet the eligibility criteria or for any other legitimate reason. Prospective candidate will be notified of the Commissioner's decision at least three (3) days prior to the date of the Election.
3. Election for four (4) Directorial Posts for the term 2017 through 2019 will be held on April 1st, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.
4. All candidates shall send the ARA office a copy their resume, photo and election manifesto printed on one page (letter size) with a personal introduction, educational qualification, vocational and/or technical training and relevant accomplishments and objectives. The resume and accompanying documents must reach the ARA office on or before March 20th 2017 by 5:00pm. The documents collected or received from all the candidates shall be posted on ARA's website. The ARA reserves the right to edit all documents for appropriateness of language and decency.
5. Resume of prospective candidates shall be accurate to the best of candidate's knowledge and, if proven otherwise, the candidate shall be declared disqualified from the election.
6. If a candidate is elected and following the election it is determined that the candidate provided false information, then the Election Commissioner shall have the power to declare his/her election as null and void.
7. The ARA Board Directors reserves the right to expel any Director whose Resume is found to contain false information, even after he/she has been elected and assumed his/her office.
8. In case of disputes, the decision of the Election Commission shall be final and binding on all parties.

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ELECTION FOR DIRECTOR'S POST 2017 - 2019

NOMINATION FORM

Name of Store _____ ARA Member # _____

Name of the Primary Member*: _____

Residence Address: _____

Residence Tel. No.: _____

Cell Phone No.: _____

DECLARATION OF NOMINEE:

I, Mr./Ms. _____ have read and accept the Eligibility Criteria and Rules (attached) to contest for Election to the ARA BOD for the duration from 2017 to 2019.

If I am elected to the ARA BOD, I completely understand that I will be expected to contribute on average at least 25 to 30 hours of voluntary service every month during my term. I also pledge myself to work towards the successful completion of any assigned projects in this capacity.

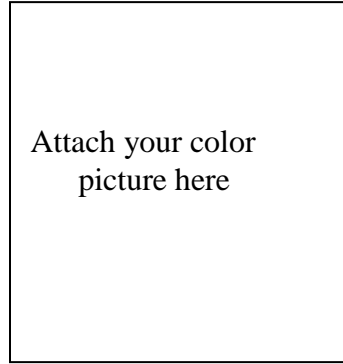
I further state that all information provided on my Nomination and Resume forms is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Full Name of Nominee

Signature of Nominee

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ARA BOD 2017 ELECTION - RESUME FORM



Name: _____

ARA Member #: _____

If you were previously elected to the BOD, please provide the information below:

1st Term: From: _____ To: _____

2nd Term: From: _____ To: _____

If you were previously co-opted to the BOD, please provide the information below:

From _____ to _____

Total years served: _____

Educational Qualifications: (Circle the best applicable qualification)

Associate / Bachelors / Masters

Any Other: _____

Have you been convicted of any felony?

Yes

No

Are you currently involved or charged in any criminal offense?

Yes

No

Full Name

Signature



DISCLOSURE/RELEASE/AUTHORIZATION FORM

1. By this document Atlanta Retailers Association discloses to you that a consumer report may be obtained for employment purposes as part of the pre-screening background check and at any time during your employment or affiliation.

2. This shall authorize the procurement of a consumer report by a credit reporting agency or other sources as part of the pre-screening background investigation. If accepted, this authorization shall remain on file and shall serve as an ongoing authorization for the named employer or its associates or other sources to procure consumer reports at any time during my affiliation or employment period.

3. I also authorize the procurement of an investigative consumer report and understand that it may contain information about my employment and educational background, criminal history, credit, workers comp claims, mode of living, character and personal reputation. I also understand you may make use of the internet including social networking sites.

I understand that I have the right to obtain additional disclosure as to the nature and scope of the investigation upon written request within a reasonable period of time and to obtain a copy of the report upon request. This authorization, in original or copy form, shall be valid for this and any future reports or updates that may be requested.

4. In connection with this request, I authorize all corporations, companies, former employers, supervisors, credit agencies, educational institutions, law enforcement/criminal justice agencies, city, state, county and federal courts, state motor vehicle bureaus and persons to release information they may have about me to the person or company with which this form has been filed if required, or their agent. I further authorize you to secure an investigative consumer report at any time, and any number of times, before, during and after my employment, if in the company's (or its designees) discretion, it has a legally permissible and legitimate business need for the information requested.

I release and hold harmless all parties involved from any and all liability for damages arising from requesting, procuring or furnishing the requested information except with respect to a violation of the Act. I authorize the employer and its agent/credit reporting agency and all associated entities and its clients to receive any criminal history information or credit report pertaining to me in the files of any state or local criminal justice agency.

CA, MN, OK RESIDENTS ONLY: As part of a routine background investigation, we may request a consumer credit report from a consumer credit reporting agency or one of its associated companies. If we do so and you wish them to send you a free copy of this consumer credit report, please check here: _____.

My signature below also indicates that I have received a Summary of rights in accordance with the Fair Credit Rep. Act

Applicant's Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____ Other Names Used _____

Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____ Date of Birth _____

Driver's License # _____ State _____

Current Address _____ City/Town _____

Zip Code _____ Previous address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____