

# MJ Amrit Singh Khalsa Española, NM, USA



## Candidate Statement

### Personal Information

Name:	Singh Sahib Mukia Jethedar Amrit Singh Khalsa
City & State/Country:	Española, NM
Name of Spouse:	Nirbhe Kaur
Occupation:	Property Manager
Length of Participation in 3HO/Sikh Dharma:	45 years
Length of time as an Ordained Minister of Sikh Dharma:	7 years
Are you a KRI certified teacher or trainer? If so, what is your certification level and when did you acquire your certification?	No
Ashram Communities lived in:	Montague & Dorchester MA, Espanola NM
3HO/Sikh Dharma Community Positions:	SSS Corp Board , HGRD Board, Guru Amar Das Corp Board

### Questionnaire

1. Why do you feel called to serve on the SSSC Board?

I am a warrior and the Guru's slave. This is the battle that faces us and if, by Guru's Grace, my skills and talents can be of use, I only exist to serve the Sahd Sangat.

2. What relevant areas of experience and expertise qualify you for this position and will

make you an asset to the board?

Having served 6 years on the SSSC Board gives a wealth of experience that is incalculable. I am currently serving as Finance Committee chair and as a Director on the Akal Global Board.

For eight years in Akal Management, as a team member of Akal's Finance Department, I participated in hundreds of Akal Manager meetings, brainstorming sessions and planning meetings as we engaged in creating and modifying systems to adapt to the constantly changing needs of Akal's business clients.

As a team member of Akal's Finance Department, I had access to all the information and familiarity with all the systems used to run the \$600 million dollar company. I had studied Economics and Accounting in College and have some post graduate study in Accounting.

Having served as Mukia Jethedar of the Espanola Sangat for 35 years also gives a wealth of experience that is incalculable

3. Please summarize your prior and current service to the Dharma. If you have served in leadership positions please note them.

Mukia Jethedar of Espanola Sangat and President of Guru Amar Das Corporation which oversees and manages Siri Singhasnan e Khalsa Gurdwara, Espanola.

Board Member HGRD Corp which guides the Espanola Community.

Eight years in the Finance Dept Akal Security, current Akal Global Board Member. Licesned General Contractor and Property Manager for Legacy of Yogiji Foundation. Six years as an SSSC Board member and chair of the SSSC Finance Committee.

Member of The International Khalsa Council.

Served the Siri Singh Sahib as "my Jethedar" for 2 decades, on call 24/7.

Member of the Siri Singh Sahib's personal security team.

Successfully ran Dharmic businesses in Massachusetts and New Mexico.

4. Please describe your experience of the Siri Singh Sahib as a teacher and your experience of his teachings.

a) Please describe how your personal sadhana and spiritual discipline support

you to keep up.

I cannot imagine a day without the gift of chanting the Guru's Shabd or Kundalini Yoga or without cold showers or any of the technologies the Siri Singh Sahib gave us that keep me healthy and smiling. How could I serve anyone? How could I uplift anyone without these gifts? I can't imagine that life. I am absorbed in this process of life like a drop of water in the ocean.

5. Please describe what the Siri Singh Sahib's saying means to you: "If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all." In practical terms:

- a) How would you apply this saying in your day to day service on the board?
- b) How would apply this perspective to help our community and organizations move forward together?

Guru Ram Das can change a destiny in the blink of an eye. I live to serve this process and there is no pre-qualification. The Golden Temple is open to all. The Guru's Gate in Espanola is open to all. I have taught Yoga in Maximum Security Prison and worked with violent delinquents and junkies. The Soul shines through no matter how bad things seem.

We have been blessed with an intricate and amazing scenario to play out, but trust is earned not bestowed. The actions of this board, by the Grace of Guru Ram Das, will determine if trust is earned. When there is no distrust and suspicion, healing will follow. We are ALL moving forward together. This is the mission of Guru Gobind Singh and it will manifest.

6. What do you understand the Role of the SSSC to be? How do you see the SSSC carrying out that role on a:

- a) Practical level
- b) Spiritual level

The SSSC is tasked with overseeing the non-profit and for profit entities. Data collection and analysis is crucial. Constant communication and idea exchange with all these entities without imposing or demanding is crucial.

This Dharma is the mission of Guru Gobind Singh and Guru Ram Das is steering the vessel. We need to incorporate some recurring group process, beyond the cerebral, that brings us back, or through, or toward the Siri Singh Sahib/Guru Ram Das/Guru

Gobind Singh's Mission and brings us to the feet of our Guru, clears the mind and clears the path.

7. As an SSSC Trustee you are accountable to the Sangat. Describe:

- a) How you would like to build and enhance the relationship between the Sangat and the SSSC?
- b) How you will personally deal with the pressure of accountability while maintaining your spirit of service?
- c) How do you traditionally respond in a crisis or high tension situation?

Personally, my wish and hope is to represent the will of the Sadh Sangat in this process and my prayer is that Guru will guide me totally and completely in that mission. More communication and feedback from the Sangat will be possible when the veil of secrecy imposed by ongoing litigation is lifted. I look forward to that eventuality.

I don't anticipate anything more or less difficult than what I do now and what I have done for many years, crisis and tension included. Guru has always covered me and always will.

8. The SSSC practices inclusion, transparency, and accountability.

- a) What experience do you have incorporating these practices into your personal and professional life, and
- b) How would you incorporate them into our Organizations?

I am one of the principle architects of the Hacienda de Guru Ram Das Corporation, which while anchored in the Guru's Seva is totally inclusive, transparent and accountable to the Sangat. These principles are no longer choices to be made; they are mandates to be adhered to.

Constant vigilance is required to ensure these principals are included in our organization especially at the SSSC level.

9. How do you see the 3HO/Sikh Dharma family of Nonprofit and For-profit organizations serving humanity in these times?

- a) What do you see as the three (3) greatest challenges facing the Dharma (Sikh Dharma-3HO and the family of For-profit and Nonprofit entities)? What would you do as a Trustee to overcome these challenges?

b) What skills, tools, and techniques can you bring to the SSSC Board of Trustees to help us move toward the vision you described above?

Managing global expansion while maintaining standards.

Acquiring and managing the vast sums of monies needed for this expansion.

Remembering that all things come from God through the Grace of the Guru and maintaining a high level of Gratitude.

As a member of the Constituent Board Services Committee, which vets and recommends candidates for the non-profit boards and the for profit KIIT board, I try to ensure that all recommended candidates for board positions have deep understanding of our mission and the importance of our timeless , boundless legacy , for now, and untainted for the future.

As Chair of SSSC finance committee, I try to bring a high level of business acumen to all financial issues. As an Akal Global Board member I am participating in the ground floor discussions for the creation of new business and revenue streams as Akal Security transitions.

10. Board service regularly requires 10 to 20 hours per month (or more) in evening and weekend board and committee meetings. These meetings are generally held at 8:00 pm Eastern time (20:00 hours). In addition, there are three Face-to-Face meetings per year (two in New Mexico following the International Khalsa Council Meetings (end of April and end of September) and a third in January or February in Los Angeles or one of our Ashram communities). The Face-to-Face meetings are two days in April and September and three days in January/February. *Note: One day of each Face-to-Face meeting period is always on Monday.*

a. Can you fulfill these requirements?

b. If so how will you balance these requirements with your other personal and professional responsibilities?

c. What do you anticipate being the most difficult part of serving as a Trustee on the SSSC Board?

I have fulfilled these duties for 6 and a half years and will continue to do so if chosen to serve on the SSSC Board for an additional term.

11. Are you related by blood or marriage to an officer, director, employee, or paid contractor of any of the constituent organizations (nonprofit or for-profit) including all subsidiaries?

- a. If yes, to whom are you related, how are you related to them, and what is their position?

Sukhwinder Singh, CEO Akal, East West Tea Company board member, KIIT Renewable Energy CEO, and KIT India board member - Brother in-law

Gurujohn Kaur, KIIT Board, Sister in-law

Nirbhe Kaur, wife, part time Nivas manager for LYF and Sikh Dharma New Mexico board member