

**SS Sat Bachan Kaur Khalsa
Española, NM, USA**

Candidate Statement



Personal Information

Name:	Sat Bachan Kaur Khalsa
City & State/Country:	Espanola, New Mexico, USA
Name of Spouse:	Hari Jiwan Singh Khalsa
Occupation:	General Manager: Nine Treasures LLC Spiritual Life Coach
Length of Participation in 3HO/Sikh Dharma:	45 years
Length of time as an Ordained Minister of Sikh Dharma:	Since Fall 1979
Are you a KRI certified teacher or trainer? If so, what is your certification level and when did you acquire your certification?	Yes. Level 1 Attained 1999
Ashram Communities lived in:	Toronto Ashram. Los Angeles Sangat. Espanola Sangat

3HO/Sikh Dharma Community Positions:	Receptionist Secretariat Los Angeles 1978-1980. Worked with Dasvandh 1980 GM of the Yogi Tea Company 1991-2 GM of Yoga West Lost Angeles 1992-4 Gurdwara COV, Hacienda de Guru Ram Das Ishnaan Seva, Hacienda de Guru Ram Das
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Questionnaire

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

Wahe Guru ji ka Khalsa! Wahe Guru ji ki Fateh!
'I am the divine - so. my tributes and so m y actions' - nucleus meaning by Yogi Bhajan
I feel called to serve again on the Siri Singh Sahib Corp Board in order to serve a higher calling directed by my teacher. I feel it is my duty to use the knowledge and wisdom I have been blessed to gain over these many years as a student of the Siri Singh Sahib Ji and daughter of Guru Ram Das t perpetrate this duty by serving this mission in this way. I feel I have been graced to have the understanding, wisdom, commitment and experience to aid and further the Siri Singh Sahib Corp's duty to serve the Sadh Sangat and the Siri Singh Sahib Ji's Vision and Mission.

2. What relevant areas of experience and expertise qualify you for this position and will make you an asset to the board?

May the recognition that I experience of the sacredness of the Legacy of Teachings the Siri Singh Sahib Ji gave us, only serve for me to be an asset on this Board. Bur Guru's grace, I have had the the gift of being allowed to serve our teacher and this Dharma on a daily basis. Being so blessed to learn from our teacher for years on a personal level, in class, traveling with him and in life I believe that I have gained great insight into how our teacher operated and what he expected. My prayer is that Guru will use me as a humble Sikh of the Guru to be of help to fulfill his Mission through service to this Board.

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

I have served, as many of us have, in many functions, beginning as a follower and then as a leader. Our teacher told us that in order to lead, one must first follow. It began in 1976 in the Toronto Ashram where I was the Ashram Secretary. Then in 1978, the Siri Singh Sahib Ji placed me in the Secretariat as the Receptionist. While serving in this capacity I headed up Registration for both Summer and Winter Solstices. In 1991 the Siri Singh Sahib Ji, as the CMA (Chief Management Authority) appointed me the General Manager of the Yogi Tea Company during the pivotal time of bringing all the businesses under one umbrella. After Yogi Tea C. was then moved up to Oregon the Siri Singh Sahib Ji placed me as the General Manager of Yoga West, Los Angeles. I have served on the Hacienda de Guru Ram Das Gurdwara Committee for many years and the daily blessing to be able to serve at our Gurdwara. One of my created joys for the last 18 years has been coordinating Ishnaan Seva every Sunday morning with a devoted and committed team of Sevadars. Coaching and supporting my Siblings of Destiny is another aspect on my life as a Khalsa Minister.

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.

The Siri Singh Sahib Ji is my teacher, my father, and my gift. I am his student, his daughter and his servant. He loved me; he loves me and I experience it daily! I know this because he has never let me down and I drive to never let him down. Wahe Guru!

The Aquarian Mantra is "Keep Up and you will be Kept Up!" I experience this with every breath and every step of this graced life on this blessed Path. With the support of the Sadh Sangat we all get to live our destinies and be covered by God and Guru!

"Slave Nanak yearns for the dust of the feet of those who have woven the Lord's Name into their hearts." (Siri Guru Granth Sahib p 317-8) This is the line I repeat every morning when I bow to touch the "santo Dhur" - the Dust of the Saints' Feet - at the threshold of our beautiful Gurdwara at Hacienda de Guru Ram Das. It so expresses my gratitude and joy for this lifestyle and the Company of the Holy. I thank God and Guru for allowing me the exalted gift of Sadhana and Gurdwara on a daily basis. By Guru's Grace and Siri Singh Sahib Ji's example, I am supported to live with nobility,

grace, courage and commitment. My daily Sadhana and spiritual disciplines have awakened in me the love of Bana, Banis, Seva and Simran making them all an indispensable and intimate part of my life. I love this line I saw at Solstice "Eat, Sleep, Sadhana, Repeat!" It is my greatest longing to live this spiritual path with honesty, devotion, and humility so that Guru Ram Das can work through me and help me grow far beyond my nature. My prayer and faith is that Guru will continue to bless me with ongoing experience of guidance, protection and blessings so that I can keep serving all in His Name.

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?

This saying, which the Siri Singh Sahib Ji had on the back of his "business card" means that we are all part of God Who is Everywhere and Everything.

"Wherever I look, the Lord is there; He is the string, upon which all hearts are strung."

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It also reminds us as the Siri Singh Sahib Ji said: "The other is you." By truly living this in thought, word and deed, one's presence creates compassion, understanding, healing and hope.

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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

- a) The Siri Singh Sahib Corp as a whole represents the consciousness of the Siri Singh Sahib Ji. through His Grace, the Siri Singh Sahib Corp will serve as a visionary body which sets the direction and vision and consciousness for our Dharma through the entities it governs.
- b) Through example, motivation, inspiration, direction and humble service, the Siri Singh Sahib Corp sets the tone and the goals. The job of the Boards is to deliver these goals. It is my prayer that every member of the Siri Singh Sahib Corp will constantly strive for excellence, to be better than themselves and in constant harmony with the Guru's Mission. Living this, we will all continue to grow and prosper in infinite ways that will amaze us all!

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?

- a) I would like to see more transparency. and communication between the Board and the Sadh Sangat.
- b) Once again I look to our teacher's example He leaned on God and Guru Ram Das. Our teacher's vision is fully defined through the Siri Guru Granth Sahib . Our mission and mine is to follow that direction.
- c. I always begin with looking inward. Prayer and the recitation of the Banis have always helped me find a balance so that I can respond with calmness, hope and faith. "Your faith is fully rewarded" . Sukhmani Sahib

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 familiar with all of these practices of good governance after watching the Siri Singh Sahib Ji perform them on a daily basis. By nature, I am a person who highly values open communication, inclusion and teamwork.

I shall be fully accountable for all my actions in this position on the Sadh Sangat's behalf. For me this accountability extends to the Guru's needs, in the recognition that His Will prevails for the best interests of our Dharma.

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?

As the Siri Singh Sahib Ji said, "We must be known for our Service' Our For-Profit entities must demonstrate and accomplish Profit and Goodwill. Our businesses must represent us leading the Aquarian Age by serving humanity as well as generating profitability so they can also support our Non-Profits. The Mission for the Non-Profits must be motivated by Goodwill alone; serving our Sadh Sangat, our extended family and all of humanity through the experience and direction of consciousness.

Our three greatest challenges are unity, keeping up through all odds and evens, and growing deeper inner commitment to universal service and love. These challenges are not unique to just our organization but any spiritual organization. Each challenge must be met with commitment, discipline and delivery on a daily basis. God's Infinite Mercy and Vastness is available to us all through our faith, our Sadhana and our love. My steady, soulful, deep prayer and projection is for the realization of our shared Destinies so that we can be of a hopeful and healing service to the world and fulfill the vision and of Guru Gobind Singh and the Siri Singh Sahib Ji.

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 don't see any real difficulties in meeting these requirements. I have kept up for the past five years on this Board, with a consistent record. I have been blessed to have my faith carry me through difficult circumstances. Forty-five years on this path have confirmed this over and over again that God and Guru are unchange and He takes care of his devotees always. I have already faced difficult changes oaths Board and have relied on Guru Ram Das to guide me. My life is a sacrifice to the Guru's Mission. I give my all to performing whatever is necessary, and more by His Grace, but I leave the conclusion of any crisis up to the Guru.

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?

My daughter ,Hari-Amrit Kaur Khalsa is a Board Member on the KIIT Board.