



BRAHMAN SAMAJ OF NORTH AMERICA
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Wyndham Princeton Forrestal Hotel & Conference Center
900 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ 09536
(609) 936-4200; www.wyndhamprincetonforrestal.com

July 3 – 5, 2009

Early Registration by April 30, 2009

Two persons (with 1 night hotel):	\$449*
One person (with 1 night hotel room):	\$299*
Child (5 yrs and older staying with adults):	\$99*
Children under age 5 Yr:	free

Registration after April 30: Add \$50 per person

Registration after May 31: Add \$75 per person

The rate for children remains at \$99 per child

*Rates are listed on per room basis including lodging for Saturday night. Two persons rates are for couples or two adults sharing one room; Child rate: dependent children sharing the room with adults/parents.

- Registration fee includes parking, hotel accommodation for one night (Saturday, July 4th), meals and refreshment for Saturday & Sunday, one registration packet, and admission to all convention programs. Dinner/refreshment included for those guests arriving Friday afternoon and staying Friday night at the Convention hotel.
- Rooms are available for special rate of US\$91 per night (incl. taxes) for three nights before or after the convention if booked at least 35 days in advance through BSNA.
- Only vegetarian food and non-alcoholic beverages are served at the convention.
- Registration starts Friday afternoon. Regular convention programs start with breakfast on Saturday morning and end with lunch on Sunday.
- The business meeting of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and Chapter Presidents is scheduled on Friday late afternoon.
- **Cancellation Policy:** A cancellation fee of \$100 will be charged if notified in writing before May 30, 2009, for each registration. Full credit will be given to BSNA life members toward the registration fee for the next BSNA convention if notified before May 30, 2009.

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Please complete the Registration Form (next page) and mail with your payment to

Dr. Anil Sharma at 12 Sandy Drive, Yardley, PA 19067

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(Visit www.BSNA.org for More Information and Updates)

MEMBER'S NAME: -----

ADDRESS: ----- :

PHONE: -----EMAIL: -----

NAME	Relationship to the member	Age of single children/youth (optional)	Interested in performing in the cultural programs	Interested in helping out at the convention
	Member			
	Spouse			

Please refer to the Convention Announcement (previous page) for the rates, and fill in the fees below as appropriate.

FEE: Adults: [] One: [] Two; US\$ _____
 Dependents(s) over age 5, # _____ X \$99/Child US\$ _____
 Additional Room(s), Number of rooms _____
 Number of nights _____ Dates _____ @\$91/night US\$ _____
 BSNA Membership dues*** US\$ _____
Voluntary donation for the convention: (The convention fee is subsidized. Voluntary donations are requested to offset the deficit.) US\$ _____

TOTAL US\$ _____

***BSNA Membership Rate in US Dollars: \$35 yearly; \$350 life; \$1000 Benefactor; \$5000 Patron.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BSNA, AND MAIL TO:
 Dr. Anil Sharma at 12 Sandy Drive, Yardley, PA 19067
 Phone; (215)-736-1353; Email: sharmaa102@aol.com

COMMENTS _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

BSNA is a Not-For-Profit organization registered in the State of New York, USA

An Appeal from the Convention Organizing Committee and the Editor of Brahma Vani

After thirteen successful, exciting and great volumes of the Convention souvenir magazine *Brahma Vani (BV)*, we are embarking on the 14th edition commemorating the 15th Annual Convention to be held on **July 3-5, 2009 at Princeton, New Jersey**. Our goal is to publish yet another volume that we all can be proud of, and keep it forever for our children to read and cherish. To accomplish this, we need your help in the following areas:

Youth Editorial Board – We need youth volunteers to serve on the youth editorial board, and to solicit articles from the youth group. We publish articles from youth on a variety of topics including their understanding of *Sanatan Dharma*, Hindu scriptures, memorable experience while traveling to India, their accomplishments, etc.

Editorial Board – We need adults who are willing to devote time for reviewing the articles submitted for publication in BV, and also to solicit articles from members and others relevant to BSNA members. If you can assist with the editorial activity, please let us know.

Articles – Please submit articles on the convention theme or topics of interest listed on the convention flyer, or on any relevant topic on Sanatan Dharma, Vedic values, Hindu scriptures and articles of historical significance to BSNA members. Submit the articles early so that the editorial board has enough time to review them. Again, we would like to see articles from our youth. Please plan ahead for the articles. It is very difficult to accommodate the last minute rush. The first preference is given to the theme related articles. If space permits, we would include other articles. Please also submit articles related to reflection, first person types of pieces that make up popular reading, especially from our youth, which could include experiences at our conventions, visit to India, meeting a unique Brahman, or their marriage, etc. Please see the guidelines for submitting articles under a separate heading.

Fund Raising - is an important component of BV. Please plan ahead for getting greetings and advertisements. If we make a commitment to sponsor at least a quarter page, we would reach the milestone. You can become a sponsor for the youth section by donating as little as \$50. Congratulatory messages with the photographs of the youth on their graduation and other accomplishments have been quite popular. Please note that the chapters are reimbursed 20% of the advertisement revenue coming from their chapters to support their chapter activities.

The deadline for articles and ads in Brahma Vani is May 16, 2009.

For further information and contribution, please contact Mrs. Anjana Bhargava, **Chief Editor** or any member of the convention organizing committee.

Advertisements and Convention Sponsorships

Brahman Samaj of North America is a non-profit organization, approved under the IRS section 503 (c), as a Social, Cultural and Religious organization. The organization has about 600 members and has been holding its annual conventions during the month of July every year, except in 2007 when the convention was held in May with World Brahman Organization. BSNA is an affiliate organization of WBO, hence, as in the past, several foreign delegates are expected to attend BSNA's annual convention in 2009.

Brahma Vani is published as the souvenir magazine for the BSNA annual convention. The publication costs and part of the convention costs are supported by the advertisements and generous donations from individuals and businesses.

The advertisement rates and/or suggested donations for this year are:

Full page - color	\$
1,000+*	
Full page - black/white	\$ 500
Half page -black/white	\$ 300
Quarter page -black/white	\$ 200

***The color pages start at \$1,000 per page depending on the location.**

Each advertiser will receive a copy of the publication along with a receipt and a letter of acknowledgment.

CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP RATES

SILVER SPONSOR **\$1,500**

- A full-page COLOR advertisement in Brahma Vani.
- Worldwide distribution of Brahma Vani to over 1,000 readers.
- Identification as a Sponsor in media release.
- Opportunity to place gift items in the delegates' gift pack.

GOLD SPONSOR **\$2,500**

- All of the Silver Sponsor benefits plus:

- Free attendance at the Convention for a family of up to five members.
- Free membership for one year.
- Identification as a Sponsor in media releases and the Opening Ceremonies.

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$3,500

- All of the Gold sponsor benefits plus:
- A full-page four-color advertisement: choice of outside back cover/inside front or back/ centerfold/ or another spot, subject to availability.
- Identification as a Sponsor in media releases and the Opening Ceremony.
- BSNA web site hot linked to your site for one year.
- Sign as the Presenting Organization, at the Registration Desk.
- Prominent display of banner, if provided by the sponsor, at the Convention.

EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

Members may sponsor an event at the convention by making donations to defray the cost of the event. Please contact the Convention Director or any member of the Convention Organizing Committee.

*Note: For publication in Brahma Vani, please forward electronically logo or artwork in Word Format by **May 16, 2009**. Late submissions will not be accepted.*

Full page size: 7.5" (width) x 10" (height);

Half page size: 7.5" (width) x 4.5" (height)

Quarter page size: 3.375" (width) x 4.5" (height) (All finished size)

GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZING A SESSION

Proposals are accepted, depending on available time, from members for organizing session on topics of interest to BSNA members. Generally, a session is one-hour long with three to four presenters. The time for each speaker should be distributed accordingly, leaving a few minutes for question & answer. **If you are interested in organizing a session**, please contact the Program Committee Chair, the Convention Director, or BSNA President for further information on scheduling a session **as early as possible but no later than**

April 30, 2009

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN BRAHMA VANI

- The **abstracts** of paper presentations must be no more than one page.

- Use standard fonts (Times New Roman, Century School Book or Arial), size 12.
- For quotations in Sanskrit, Hindi or other languages, please use most commonly used Devanagari fonts or send your font definition. If in doubt, please discuss with the Editor via e-mail or phone.
- Place the title in capital letters on top.
- Author's full name, city, state and E-mail address. (Optional -phone number)
- A brief bio and photo will be published if supplied.
- All of the above should fit in one standard page.
- Full **articles** must not exceed four pages including bio and photo.
- Photographs: Submit electronically. Non-returnable paper prints will be accepted.
- Please review your submissions very carefully for any spelling or content errors.
- Any quotations, citations must include full reference, including URL if extracted from a web site.

Please submit your articles, abstracts and photographs electronically to:

Mrs. Anjana Bhargava
Chief Editor, Brahma Vani
E-mail: abhargava@sco.ca.gov

Deadline: May 16, 2009

If interested in participating in the convention **cultural program**, please contact:

Mr. Hari Sharma, Cultural Program Director
732-409-3523, sharmafam@optonline.com

Deadline: June 1, 2009