

TO ALL MEMBERS OF ISKCON MANAGERS MEETING HAVING INITIATION FROM
SRILA PRABHUPADA:

NOTE: The North American GBC Committee on the request of many Srila Prabhupada disciples is requesting you to participate in a worldwide referendum regarding the status of the Governing Body Commission of ISKCON. There are three choices given below. The first choice is the proposal by the majority of the group of Srila Prabhupada disciples present at our December meeting, who feel there is an unresolvable worldwide crisis of faith in the present Governing Body Commission. Other alternatives have been provided as well. Kindly indicate which of the three alternatives you prefer with an explanation based on sadhu, shastra and guru for your decision. If you prefer, you may write in any other alternative which you feel is representing Srila Prabhupada's desires.

If 75% or more of the ISKCON MANAGERS initiated by Srila Prabhupada choose alternative number one a group of senior Srila Prabhupada disciples chosen from around the world with reconfirm the present GBC members and the remaining members shall form a reconstituted Governing Body Commission replacing the original one. If fewer of the ISKCON MANAGERS CHOOSE first choice then the second or third alternative shall be followed according to which has greater preference.

ALTERNATIVE REFERENDUM PROPOSALS:

ALTERNATIVE ONE:

In consideration of the recent falldowns of senior G.B.C. members, I feel an irrevocable crisis of faith and confidence in the present Governing Body Commission as established by His Divine Grace Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. The only way my confidence can be restored in the G.B.C. is if there is a reconfirmation of the Governing Body Commission by a group of senior Srila Prabhupada disciples. After the creation of this newly reconstituted Governing Body Commission I shall be confident to faithfully follow the G.B.C.

ALTERNATIVE TWO:

In consideration of the recent falldowns of senior G.B.C. men, I feel to re-establish faith amongst the general devotees of ISKCON an indepth analysis and evaluation of the policies in ISKCON regarding the position of the GBC, initiating gurus, sannyasis, Temple Presidents and related matters is urgently required. It should be clearly established the causes for these disturbances and the prevention of future similar crisis. After establishing the causes according to sadhu, shastra and guru, the G.B.C. should take necessary safeguards in this regard. The discussions and analysis should involve senior devotees at different stages to give a broad base and acceptability to the solutions.

ALTERNATIVE THREE:

I feel that ISKCON is a pure spiritual movement, but in the absence of Srila Prabhupada's physical presence some individuals tend to take advantage of their positions and independence. The Governing Body Commission has the difficult task of correcting these deviations and has been gradually improving in this regard as demonstrated by the resignation of GBC members due to spiritual impurities. The GBC should continue to function as Srila Prabhupada has established, adding new members, and taking strong steps to establish a Constitution as Srila Prabhupada had instructed. All devotees should unite and cooperate together to fulfill Srila Prabhupada's desire to see Lord Caitanya sankirtan movement established in every town and village of the world.