



To: All OMA Members
From: OMA Elections
Subject: Notice of Election – 2019 OMA Elections

The 2019 OMA Election Period will open on November 15th, 2018 and we'd like to bring your attention to changes that have been made to the Election process for this year:

Shortened Nomination and Voting Period

Board has approved of Nomination Dates from November 15 – December 15 and Voting Dates from January 15 – January 30.

Note: a date that falls on a weekend or statutory holiday shall be deemed to be the next business day after that date

Removal of Nominating Committee Path

Many members did not see the value of the nominating committee now that nominees must put their own name forward for election. Nominating Committee members were often unclear on their duties and many constituency groups didn't have a functioning nominating committee. Eliminating this path will ensure that all nominees have the support of three of their colleagues to run for a position. Nominating Committees that functioned as recruitment bodies can still continue to do so, they will just not approve nominations.

Nominating Sub-Committee (NSC)

Members running for the position of District Director have the option of being nominated by the Nominating Sub-Committee OR the 3 nominator path. Candidates who choose the NSC route are required to submit a CV and Letter of Interest to the Nominating Sub-Committee, who is responsible for reviewing the candidates' qualifications. How to do so will be indicated on the nomination platform.

OMA elections will be held on January 30th, 2019 at 2:00 pm*.

The process to become a candidate, the nomination process, voting period and other matters are described below.

CANDIDATES:

If you wish to run in this election, you must log into the online nomination system, choose the position you would like run for, and submit your name through the online nomination system.

NOMINATION PATHS:

Three Nominators

Your colleagues (nominators) will have until 5:00pm on December 17th, 2018 to nominate you. You can choose up to ten colleagues as potential nominators in the online nomination system. You only need three completed nominations before the nomination deadline to become a candidate.

If you wish to nominate a colleague, you will have until 5:00pm on December 17th, 2018 to nominate the member through the online nomination system. You will receive an email if a member requests you to nominate them which will have a link to the online nomination system. Alternatively, you can log onto the nomination system and under the menu icon click "Nomination Approval of Other Members" to view pending nomination requests from other members.

Nominating Sub-Committee – *This path is only available for District Director Positions*

If you chose to be nominated by the Nominating Sub-Committee, the Nominating Sub-Committee has until 5:00pm on December 6th, 2018 to nominate you. If you are not nominated or have not received a response from the Nominating Sub-Committee, you can change your nomination route to be nominated by three of your colleagues instead. Your colleagues will have up until 5:00pm on December 17th, 2018 to nominate you.

The link to the nomination system can be found below. A member can log on using their OMA log on credentials.

www.oma.org/Nominations

The nomination period for the 2019 OMA Elections is from 9:00am on November 15th, 2018 until 5:00pm on December 17th, 2018.

When a member logs on to the online nomination system the first page they will see is the Available Positions page. They can click on their constituency links to see the positions available. If a member does put his or her name forward for a position, they can always view the status of their nomination by going to 'My Nominations' under the menu icon.

Please note all nominations must be submitted online and the member who would like to be an elected representative must have an email on file with the OMA.

The OMA will post each nomination received in the online nomination system once it has been validated as being compliant with the Election Procedures and OMA by-laws.

POSITIONS A MEMBER CAN RUN FOR:

Members can run for more than one position, but there are restrictions. Please see below:

- a. For their District a member can run for:
 - i. Director and
 - ii. One Officer Position and
 - iii. One delegate position
- b. For their Section a member can run for:
 - i. One Officer Position and
 - ii. One Delegate position
- c. For a Medical Interest Group a member can run for:
 - i. One Officer Position

VOTER LIST:

The voter list will be fixed as of 5:00pm on December 17th, 2018. What this means is any changes/corrections to practice address (or residential address if the member does not practice), changes to primary Section membership or changes to which medical interest group a member belongs to must be made by 5:00pm on December 17th, 2018 if the member wants to vote in that constituency in the 2019 OMA Elections. Members are encouraged to go to [My Account](#) to review their information to ensure it is correct. Any questions around your contact information, or what Section, District, Riding or Medical Interest Group you belong to can be sent to membership@oma.org or by calling 1.800.268.7215, ext. 2987, or 416.340.2987.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS:

When an election is required for a position, each candidate may submit a candidate statement in the online nomination system by 5:00pm on January 4th, 2019 which may include written text (max 3000 characters including spaces, not PDF) and a photograph of the candidate. Please note the photo cannot contain others in the picture or cartoons or caricatures. If the position goes into an election, the position statement and photograph will be displayed in the online voting system once voting commences.

VOTING PERIOD:

A "Notice of Voting" will go out via email to members on January 15th, 2019. The Notice of Voting will state the voting period which is from 9:00am on January 15th, 2019 to 2:00pm on January 30th, 2019. It will give instructions on accessing the voting website and each candidate's statement, as well as how the member will log onto the voting site. Since the Notice of Voting will be distributed via email, a member must have an email on file in order to receive it. Members are encouraged to have an email on file in order to get the Notice of Voting. If a member would like to request a paper ballot they have until 5:00pm on January

18th, 2019 to request one by emailing elections@oma.org or calling 416.340.6189 or 1.800.268.7215 ext. 6189. Please note a paper ballot will be mailed if requested; however, the candidate statements will only be available online.

Should a candidate drop out of an election during the voting period, the OMA will remove their name from the online ballot. Members who voted for the candidate will not be allowed to recast their vote.

SUMMARY OF KEY DATES:

- November 15th to December 17th – Nomination Period
- December 6th at 5:00 pm – Deadline for Nominating Sub-Committee to approve online nominations
- December 17th – Close of **ALL** Nominations and Voter List Frozen
- December 18th – Acclaimed Positions announced
- January 15th to January 30th – Voting Period
- January 18th – Paper Ballot request deadline
- January 30th, 2019 at 2:00 PM – Close of Voting and results are announced
- February 6th, 2019 – Any ties are resolved and final results are announced (posted on oma.org)

OMA COMMUNICATIONS:

From December 15th until the end of the Voting Period, the OMA will not disseminate to members of the Clinical Section by any means communications that support any candidate, such as candidate campaigns and candidate support communications.

TIE VOTE:

Per the OMA election procedures, in the event of a tie vote, the Board Chair shall, in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer, break the tie by a coin toss.

RESULTS:

Election results will be posted on www.oma.org/elections once they become available.

QUESTIONS:

Questions can be sent to elections@oma.org or by calling 416.340.6189 or 1.800.268.7215 ext. 6189.

* All references to time are Eastern Standard Time.