

ELECTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Question:** What do delegates and alternates do?

Answer: Delegates attend OMA council meetings and vote on behalf of their members. If a Delegate is unable to attend the alternate attends council and votes in their place.

2. **Question:** Can someone other than the delegate and alternate vote at Council?

Answer: No, only elected delegates and alternates, or positions that are delegates by virtue of position (such as District Chair), can vote at Council.

3. **Question:** I am a Section Chair. Am I automatically a delegate for my Section?

Answer: No, Section Chairs are not delegates by virtue of position. Therefore, the Chair must put his or her name forward in the online nomination system for both the Chair position and the delegate position if they would also like to be a delegate.

4. **Question:** I have been attending Council for the last ten years as a delegate of my Section. I heard that the OMA now has term limits. Do I have to take a break?

Answer: You do have to take a two-year break from representing your specific Section or District at Council; however, you can represent a different constituency at Council (i.e. you can choose to run for delegate in your District or Section election). The ten year limit focuses on representing a specific constituency for ten years.

5. **Question:** I heard there is a 20-year limit attending Council. What is that about?

Answer: Regardless of which constituency or constituencies you have represented, you can only attend Council as a voting delegate for 20 years.

6. **Question:** My group has a slate of candidates we would like to put forward. Can the OMA send out the slate?

Answer: No, the election procedures prohibit the OMA from distributing a slate. In order to be fair to all members running, a preferred slate of candidates cannot be distributed through the OMA.

7. **Question:** Can I run for more than one position in an election?

Answer:

- a. For their District a member can run for:
 - i. Director and
 - ii. One Officer Position (i.e. Chair or Secretary or Treasurer) and
 - iii. One Delegate position

Please note only District 11 currently has a District Treasurer position.

- b. For their Section a member can run for:
 - i. One Officer Position and
 - ii. One Delegate position

8. **Question:** How do I submit a nomination?

Answer: The member, who would like to be the elected representative, must put their name forward in the nomination system. They then must choose three or more members who are in their same constituency to nominate them. The member will enter in the nomination system their colleagues' CPSO and email information. Their colleagues will be sent emails asking for them to nominate the member.

9. **Question:** Can two nominees act as nominators for one another?

Answer: Yes, two nominees can use one another as their nominator. Both must either be primary members of the same Section or in the same District (depending on which constituency unit they wish to run for). Each must individually add the other as their nominator in the nomination system.

10. **Question:** Can one person nominate more than one candidate?

Answer: Yes, there is no limit to the number of nominees that a member can nominate. Each Nominee must select that individual to be their nominator in the nomination system. The nominator must also be a primary member of the same section or in the same District as the nominee.

11. **Question:** How do I check the status of my nomination?

Answer: Log onto the online nomination system using your OMA log on credentials. Under the menu icon select My Nominations, where you can see the status of all your nominations.

12. **Question:** I really do not want to submit my name through the online nomination system. Can I just submit the old paper form?

Answer: No, all nominations must happen through the online nomination platform. Members will now be able to see who has put their name forward online so there is a more transparent process. As well, position statements are also to be submitted online.

13. **Question:** What if a member does not want to vote online?

Answer: Members can request a paper ballot up until 5:00pm on January 18th by emailing elections@oma.org.

14. **Question:** When does the voter list close and why is it important?

Answer: The voter list closes 5:00pm on December 15th which is also the close of nominations

The close of the voter list is important because changes to the following must be done by the close of the voter list in order for the member to be able to vote in their new constituency during the single election period:

- i. Primary Section Changes
- ii. Practice Address Changes (or changes to residential address if the member does not have a practice address)
- iii. MIG Changes

15. **Question:** Do I automatically become a primary member of a Section?

Answer: A member must proactively choose which primary Section they want to belong to. They can do so by logging onto My Account on www.oma.org. If you require assistance with updating information on My Account, please email the OMA Membership Department at membership@oma.org, or call 1.800.268.7215, ext. 2987, or 416.340.2987.

16. **Question:** Why are vote receipts important?

Answer: Members can see their vote receipt at the end of their voting session. A member's vote is confidential. Election staff do not know how a member voted and cannot access a member's vote receipt. If a member had a concern their vote was accurately captured in the system, they could supply the vote receipt to election staff and staff could trace it back to the election system.

17. **Question:** I heard during voting members will vote for all of their constituencies in an election at one time online? Can I start my voting session and then come back?

Answer: Yes, a member can choose to vote in a constituency, skip the remaining elections they are eligible to vote for, log back in before the end of voting and vote in the remaining constituencies.

18. **Question:** I still have more questions. Who can help me?

Answer: General inquiries regarding the upcoming election can be directed to the OMA via email (elections@oma.org), or call 1.800.268.7215, ext. 6189, or 416.340.6189.