

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:** 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.

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

Answer: For their Section a member can run for:

- i. One Officer Position and
- ii. One Delegate position

6. **Question:** I am the Chair of the Section of Residents. I wanted to send out a communication through the OMA during the election but I was told my name can't be on it. Why can't my name be on the communication?

Answer: Our election procedures mandate that the OMA not send out any communication that references, supports or names any candidate in an election from the Close of Nominations until the day after the Election. This rule is in place to ensure all candidates in an election are treated equally by the OMA.

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

Answer: Members can request a paper ballot up until 5:00pm on October 25th, 2019 by emailing elections@oma.org.

8. **Question:** When does the voter list close?

Answer: The voter list closes 5:00pm on October 15th, 2019 which is also the close of nominations. Only Primary members of the Section of Residents as of 5:00 pm will be eligible to vote in the election.

9. **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.

10. **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.