

Section 18 – Procedures for Elections

The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the membership via electronic mail in ample time to execute elections according to the timeline laid out in this section. The candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee shall also be posted on a designated OCA website page clearly navigable from the home page, with a statement of purpose from each candidate.

Following the report of the Nominating Committee, additional nominations for Board members may be made from the membership via a letter of nomination and recommendation from any member in good standing, to be sent to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. After ensuring that the nominee: 1) meets the required criteria, 2) has agreed to serve if elected, and 3) has signed the Board of Directors Code of Leadership (see Section 1), the Nominating Committee shall add the names and statement of purpose from each of the member-nominated candidates to the OCA website page.

The voting shall be by secure online ballot for each office separately, to commence no less than 14 days after the Nominating Committee report has been sent to the membership. The ballot shall include: 1) the names of only those candidates endorsed by the Nominating Committee, and 2) blank space for member nominations as write-in candidates for regular Board members.

Electronic voting shall be open for no less than 7 days (14 days recommended), and shall be completed no less than 14 days before the summer quarterly Board meeting.

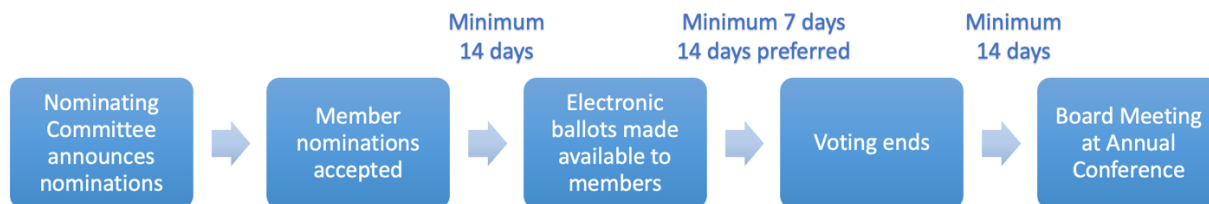


Figure 1. Nominations for Directors and Officers to be announced to the membership at least 6 weeks before the OCA Annual Conference.