

OSMA Election Guidelines

These rules shall provide the greatest opportunity for potential candidates to run for election to OSMA office without regard to personal, county or district resources. There are no prerequisites other than to be an OSMA member in good standing for at least two years. Candidates must be properly nominated pursuant to the OSMA bylaws.

All Candidates:

All candidates shall submit to the OSMA a short biography and a personal statement (400 words or less) and headshot photo 90 days prior to the House of Delegates HOD. All candidates must also provide their current CV in three pages or less.

All candidates may submit a short video (5 minutes or less) to be posted to the OSMA website 90 days prior to the HOD. If any candidate needs assistance producing a video the OSMA staff will make two dates available for a basic video to be taped at the OSMA headquarters.

Candidates for President Elect:

Upon written notice to the Executive Director, candidates for the office of President-Elect may communicate his/her candidacy to the members of the OSMA (HOD) no more than two (2) times prior to the opening of the HOD in the year in which the election occurs. During the meeting of the HOD, the candidate may provide the members of the HOD with buttons, coins, stickers, or other low cost campaign memorabilia that cost no more than \$1 each. No other memorabilia or gifts are permitted. No more than two posters outside the HOD meeting room and one piece of campaign literature may be distributed during the OSMA House of Delegates. Total spending for campaign memorabilia for the HOD should not exceed \$500.

Candidates, County Medical Societies, Specialty Societies, colleges or other friends are not permitted to sponsor meetings, parties, receptions, or other gatherings that have as their primary purpose the election of a candidate.

The Immediate Past President shall be available to review any alleged election campaign violation with the OSMA Council and the Council may authorize presentation of the alleged violation to the OSMA House of Delegates prior to the vote for the office, if needed. Complaints will be reviewed upon receipt and a decision will be provided within 24 hours.