



2019 OPRA Board of Directors Election Process

I. Filling New Board of Directors Vacancies

1. All board positions are elected to three (3) year terms.
2. All incumbents of the Board of Directors shall serve staggered terms and shall remain in office until their successors are elected and installed.

II. Confirmation of Candidates and Timelines

1. The Organizational Development Committee Chair shall openly request nominations and applications from the general membership for the open Board member positions as per the adopted election schedule each year. Nominations and applications shall be returned to the OPRA principal office no later than the day and time as stated in the election schedule to be considered valid. There shall be no fewer than thirty (30) consecutive days established for accepting nominations and applications.

Request for nominations begins February 11, 2019

Nominations close March 15, 2019

2. The Organizational Development Committee shall prepare a slate of eligible candidates from the nominations and applications received. This slate shall be submitted to the Board for approval prior to commencement of voting by the membership of the Association.

Slate approved by Board of Directors March 18, 2019

3. The Organizational Development Committee shall provide ballots accessible to all voting members of the Association as per the election schedule. Each ballot shall state the names of the approved candidates and provide space for the names of additional candidates, which may be written in.

Voting opens March 25, 2019

4. Ballots must be returned to OPRA principal office no later than the day and time as stated in the election schedule to be considered valid. There shall be no fewer than thirty (30) consecutive days established for receiving the ballots from voting members.

Voting closes May 10, 2019

5. The candidate(s) receiving the largest number of votes cast shall win the election. In case of a tie, a coin toss will determine the winner.
6. The report of the election results shall be submitted to the Board at the first scheduled Board meeting following the voting process. At this meeting, the Board shall acknowledge the validity of the election process.

Results certified by Board May 17, 2019

7. Newly elected Board members shall be sworn in following the Board's acknowledgement of the validity of the election process. Swearing in ceremony will take place at the **June 27, 2019 Board meeting.**