

OPhA Bylaws - Under Article IV – Officers- Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy

4. Election of persons to the eligible list for membership on the State Board of Pharmacy shall be held in the following manner:

A. Each OPhA district shall select two (2) nominees at its annual meeting. Nominators and nominees shall be OPhA members and residents of the district in which the nomination is made except on petition to the Executive Council, which may grant exceptions. Any nominee for the eligible list for appointments to the State Board of Pharmacy shall be a graduate of an accredited college or school of pharmacy and shall meet the qualifications specified in the Oklahoma state law. Each Executive District may adopt its own method of selecting its nominees, either by a nominating committee report, or by its own mail ballot system, or by another means that shall be pre-approved by the Executive Committee; voting shall be carried out prior to their annual meeting. It is suggested that balloting on the nominees be done by secret ballot and that each qualified elector vote for only one (1) candidate with the two (2) nominees receiving the greatest number of votes considered the said district's nominees. Nominations shall be open to all association member pharmacists in the district. There will be two (2) nominees from each of the six (6) OPhA districts, plus two (2) from OSHP, two (2) from PPOK, two (2) from the Oklahoma Chapter of ASCP and two (2) from the Oklahoma Association of Chain Drug Stores. This would make a total of twenty (20) nominees. No pharmacist shall be a nominee from more than one (1) organization or district. If a district uses a mail ballot system to select their nominees, all pharmacists in the district will be given the chance to vote on their district's nominees.

B. Each nominee shall submit in writing, a brief biographical sketch giving qualifications to the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association within ten (10) days of receiving notification of nominee status. These qualifications will be made known to members of the profession upon request.

C. The names of the nominees shall be forwarded to the Executive Director at the conclusion of the district meetings.

D. Ballots shall be prepared and distributed or an electronic-Internet voting system shall be placed on the association's website no later than March 1 each year in the manner and form prescribed for the election of officers of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association, except that no provisions shall be made for write in votes and none shall be counted. Only those ballots with ten (10) names selected shall be counted. All other ballots shall be considered invalid. Voters shall include all Oklahoma pharmacists that are residents of the state.

E. Ballots or a Webmaster's computer-generated voting report shall be received by the Executive Director by the date specified on the ballot, which shall be at least a minimum of thirty (30) days after the original mailing date to the voter. The tabulation and counting procedures of said ballots shall either be tabulated by electronic means or be placed in the hands of a committee appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Council. It is further provided that any ballots appearing to be invalid shall be segregated and designated as such.