HOPA Nominations & Election Procedure FAQ

This reference document is meant to offer responses to frequently asked questions regarding HOPA’s board of directors nominations process and election procedure.

Who can run for HOPA’s Board of Directors?

Apart from current members of the Nominations Subcommittee, Full Members and Technician Members in good standing are eligible to run for a board position.

Who can and cannot nominate an individual for a board position?

Only Full Members and Technician Members are eligible to nominate a fellow Full/Technician Member for a board position. Current members of the Board and Nominations Subcommittee are not able to nominate an individual for a board position during their term.

Can members working in Industry run for a board position?

Currently HOPA does not have any restriction against individuals working in Industry who are interested in running for a board position. HOPA recommends checking with your employer prior to running as some employers may have policies or other restrictions which may limit the ability to run for a Board position. Additionally, HOPA requires that you submit the approved Employer Support Letter for your employer to indicate that they support your candidacy for the HOPA Board of Directors.

Are nominations confidential?

Yes, currently nominations are kept confidential.

When does a nominee need to inform HOPA/Nominations Committee of any changes to employment or COI?

HOPA/Nominations Committee should be notified of any changes to a nominee or candidate’s COI as soon as possible, but no later than 7 days following changes in accordance to agreement section within the application form.

If there are two open positions for At-Large Member how are those individuals selected through the voting process?

The two individual(s) with the highest number of votes are selected.

Who can vote?
Full Members and Technician Members are eligible to vote. Currently Associate, Resident/Fellow, and Student Members are not eligible to vote.

**When does the call for nominations and election take place?**

Note that specific dates vary from year to year, but below is a breakdown of general time frames. Specific dates can be found on the Nominations page on the HOPA website.

- Call for Nominations: August- First week of September
- Applications Due: Early September
- Committee Review: September- October
- Slated and Non-Slated Candidate Notification: Mid-Late October
- Election: November
- Election Result Notifications: December