MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO: 2016-08-22-009

To: PMA Component Society Presidents and Treasurers
From: PMA National Commission on Elections
Subject: COMELEC Timeline and Submission of Local COMELEC Composition
Date: August 22, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings from PMA Commission on Elections!

As provided for in the Article 5, Section 1 of the Election Code of the PMA, “The local Commission on Elections shall be established in every component society composed of at least three (3) members (kindly indicate their corresponding designation, mailing address, contact number/s and signature). It shall be the duty of the President of the component society to appoint the local COMELEC for the term of two years without reappointment, subject to the confirmation of the executive council, board or similar equivalent body of the component society. The President of the society shall report the composition of the local COMELEC to the National COMELEC not later than September 30 of the current year. If you have not yet done so, please comply with this provision at the earliest possible time. In this connection, please be reminded that the president of the component society cannot be elected or appoint himself as a member of the local COMELEC.

Also, please be reminded of the following:

- **September 30, 2016** - Deadline of payment for membership dues to be submitted to PMA in order to vote and be voted upon. *(The Code specifies a Deadline of September 30 of the preceding year of the Elections for a member to settle his/her financial obligations to be in good standing and thus, all payments must be remitted to PMA National Office.)*

- **November 15, 2016 (5:00PM)** - Deadline of filing of the Certificate of Candidacy.

- **December 30, 2016** - Deadline for the component society local COMELEC to submit their request for any inclusion or exclusion of names of the qualified voters in their society.

- **March 12, 2017** - Date of the PMA National and Local Election.

For the Commission,

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