MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (COMELEC) 2012-0905-018

Date: September 5, 2012

MEMORANDUM TO: Presidents, Treasurers, COMELEC Chair
Component Medical Societies of the PMA

RE: Election of National and Local Officers of the Philippine Medical Association for the term 2013-2014.

ELECTION DATE: March 10, 2013 - 8:00am –5:00 pm (Sunday)

The provision in the Election Code states that a member of good standing “who has settled all financial obligations to the Association and his component society, which for purposes of eligibility to vote in the elections of the Philippine Medical Association shall mean payment of the said dues on or before September 30 preceding the election” has the right to vote. (Pls. refer to the attached COMELEC Resolution)

You will also receive a copy of the official Certificate of Candidacy for those wishing to run for national office, they are required to fill out and submit to the national Commission on Elections. Please take note that the forms you will receive with this memorandum have been revised for this election and that the old certificate forms are no longer appropriate.

The deadline for submission of certificates of candidacy will be 5:00PM of October 31, 2012, at which time all forms and attachments should have been received by the Secretariat of the PMA.

Other requirements to be submitted together with the certificate of candidacy:

- Four (4) same passport size photographs taken within one calendar year of the date prior to the submission of the certificate
- Valid PRC license
- Original Certificate of membership in good standing from the incumbent Secretary of the local component society.
CME Certificate issued by the Incumbent Secretary concerned in compliance with the requirement of the PMA-CME Commission. (For Strict implementation on the 2009 Election)

Properly filled up application form.

Also, All candidates to be endorsed by the Regional Council Must also submit the following requirements:

- Curriculum Vitae with passport size photo taken within one calendar year
- Valid PRC license
- Original Certificate of membership in good standing from the incumbent Secretary of the local component society.

The Commission reminds all local COMELEC Chairperson that additional representatives to the General Assembly must, henceforth, be elected as required by the By-laws, thus must be included in the list of nominees together with the other candidates for the officers of the component society. As quoted from the Administrative Code “The General Assembly shall be composed of officers and members of the Board of Governors and the representatives of component medical societies and one representative from the specialty divisions. The number of representatives from each component society shall depend on the number of members in good standing of the society. The president of the component society shall automatically be the chief and, if the society has less than one thousand members in good standing, the only representative of the society. If the society has more than one thousand members, and for every fraction greater than 499 thereof, an additional representative shall be elected by the members of the component society as part of the same process instituted to elect the officers of the local society, and shall not qualify to represent the component society unless so elected.
The Commission will welcome comments from presidents, COMELEC Chairperson and other PMA members regarding any aspect of the election process, particularly if these comments/suggestions can result in a more efficient election more truly reflective of the wishes of the electorate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

For the Commission,

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Chairman, COMELEC

Enclosures: As indicated

CC: PMA President
    National Officers  Board of Governors
    Members, Commission on Elections, File