MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO: 2021-10-06-022

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

RE: Election of National and Local Officers of the Philippine Medical Association for the term 2022-2023.

ELECTION DATE: MARCH 13, 2022, 8:00AM – 5:00PM (Sunday)

The Commission approved that the PMA National Election for March 13, 2022 will be conducted through Online and Manual Voting. Kindly be reminded of the following as regards to the coming Local and National Elections of the Philippine Medical Association.

I. As regards the requirement to be a "MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING" in order to vote and be voted upon.

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.

From the list of the members of good standing submitted to the PMA Secretariat, would come the VOTERS LIST duly approved by the PMA Membership Committee and National COMELEC. Thus, it is incumbent upon the Local COMELEC to carefully review the voter’s list and when necessary, make recommendations therefore, as inclusion and/or exclusion of members.

II. As regards the requirements in order run for NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an Official Certificate of Candidacy for those wishing to run for national office. They are required to fill out this form, and together with other required documents and certificates, submit to the National Commission on Elections on or before November 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM.
Kindly 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.

Other requirements to be submitted together with the Certificate of Candidacy:

1. Four (4) passport size photographs taken within one calendar year of the date prior to the submission of the certificate
2. Photocopy of valid PRC license (front and back)
3. Original Certificate of membership in good standing from the incumbent Secretary of the local component society.
4. Properly filled and notarized Certificate of Candidacy

III. As regards to the procedure of having a Board of Governor when no candidate filed his candidacy at the end of the November 15, 2021 deadline.

As per previous resolution of the PMA National COMELEC, if no candidate for Board of Governor was filed within the reglamentary period, the Regional Council will then endorse a candidate. The candidate endorsed shall 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.

IV. As regards the representative/s of the Component Societies to the General Assembly.

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.

Questions may be directed to the National COMELEC thru MS. TRACY G. SALCEDO (PMA National COMELEC Secretariat).

Thank you for your attention on this matters.

For the Commission,

ARLENE S. BESA, MD,MHM
Chairman, 2021-2022

Enclosures: As indicated

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