MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO: 2022-09-30-16

To : Presidents, Treasurers, and Local COMELEC Chairman of Component Medical Societies of the PMA

From : PMA National Commission on Elections (COMELEC)

Subject : Election of National and Local Officers of the Philippine Medical Association for the term 2023-2024.

Date : September 30, 2022

ELECTION DATE: MARCH 12, 2023, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (Sunday)
Manual and Online Voting (HYBRID)

Kindly be reminded of the following as regards to the coming Local and National Elections of the Philippine Medical Association.

I. Regarding the requirement/s 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 is one “who has settled all financial obligations to the Association and his component society. For purposes of eligibility to vote in the elections of the Philippine Medical Association, it shall mean payment of dues is received on or before September 30 preceding the election,” to be guaranteed the right to vote.

From the list of the members of good standing submitted to the PMA Secretariat, the VOTERS LIST would come 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, as to inclusion and/or exclusion of members in the list.

II. Regarding the requirements in order to run for the NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an Official Certificate of Candidacy form for those wishing to run for National Office. They are required to fill out the form, and together with other required documents, certificates and submitted to the National Commission on Elections on or before November 15, 2022, 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;

- Four (4) passport-size photographs taken within one calendar year of the date prior to the submission of the certificate
- Photocopy of valid PRC license (Front and back)
- Original Certificate of membership in good standing from the incumbent Secretary of the local component society.
- Properly filled and notarized Certificate of Candidacy
III. Regarding the procedure for a PMA Governor when No Candidate filed for the position, at the end of the November 15, 2022 deadline.

In the previous resolution of the PMA National COMELEC, if no candidate for Governor has filed within the reglementary period in one PMA Region, the Regional Council will endorse a Nominee. The endorsed Nominee shall also submit the following requirements:

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

IV. Representative/s of the Component Societies to the General Assembly.

The Commission reminds all local COMELEC Chairpersons that additional Representative/s to the General Assembly must, henceforth, be elected as required by the By-laws; And thus, must be included in the list of Representatives together with the other Representative- 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 JOYCE CASTILLO (PMA National COMELEC Secretary) at 09608670258 or philmedas@gmail.com

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

For the Commission,

WILFREDO S. TAGLE, MD
Chairman

Enclosures: As indicated

CC: PMA National Officers and Governors
Members, Commission on Elections, File