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To : **PMA NATIONAL OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS
PMA COMPONENT SOCIETY OFFICERS AND LOCAL COMELEC
ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

From : **PMA National Commission on Elections (COMELEC)**

Subject : **ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE PMA – March 12, 2023**

Date : **March 01, 2023**

The COMELEC hereby announces the conduct of the PMA Election for the National Officers as follows:

1. The election will be held on **March 12, 2023, Sunday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.**
2. Due to the strong clamor from two sectors of registered voters due to the current health condition in the country, the election will be held in two (2) modes, one by the traditional manual elections, and the online or e-Voting system of elections, more particularly as follows:

A. Traditional/Manual Mode of Elections

- a. Voting or polling centers will be put up by the local Comelec in all of the PMA component societies unless the component society chooses the second mode of voting entirely.
- b. All ballots and posters will be sent to all the component societies' local Comelec Chairmen by the 3rd week of February via LBC or any other courier available in the area.
- c. The National COMELEC will also allow each Component Society to put up multiple polling places for more additional venues for the manual voting to decongest the number of doctors who will be voting through the manual method, provided that it will be properly coordinated with our national office secretariat.

B. For Online or e-Voting:

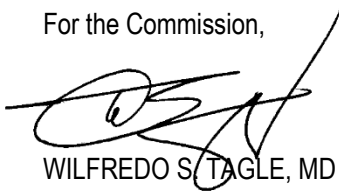
- a. For eligible voters, make sure that you have a cellular phone number or email address registered on our (MCP) Members' Control Panel. You may check your account at <https://mcp.philippinemedicalassociation.org> to verify your registered cell phone number or email address.
- b. Once validated you can no longer change your cellular phone number or email address for the March 12, 2023 election. Only those with verified accounts can receive the link for the online voting platform.
- c. ***The link for online or e-Voting on March 12, 2023, will be sent through the official cellular phones by SMS/text (smartphone or laptop) of the online voters.*** The link will be sent to you an hour before the date of the election.

- d. On the day of the election, steps a & b will be repeated, but this time after validation, you will be shown the candidates to vote for, either via SMS/Text or shown on the monitors of your smartphones or laptop.
 - 1) For the non-smartphones, choose your candidates by clicking the letter or number corresponding to your chosen candidate or as instructed in the monitor.
 - 2) For those who use the smartphone or laptops, cast your vote by clicking your candidates shown on your laptops' monitor or tapping your chosen candidate on the monitor of your smartphones.
 - e. After voting, again, a one-time password (OTP) will be sent to you (thru phone or email) for purposes of final authentication.
 - f. IT support staff will assist you with any unexpected technical glitch.
- 3. For those eligible voters, they can choose either to vote manually or to vote online; HOWEVER, **NO MEMBER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE TWICE** (e.g. voting online and voting manually) otherwise his or her vote will be considered **INVALID** without prejudice to any administrative sanction to be imposed by the Comelec.
 - 4. If you are experiencing difficulty in online voting, your only option is to go to the polling place and cast your vote manually.
 - 5. Voters are encouraged to vote early to avoid congestion in manual voting or glitches in online or e-Voting.
 - 6. For manual voting, the PMA COMELEC assures the safety of the voters during the election process for as long as the voters will observe the basics of preventing Covid-19 infection, **which is: wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, having no physical contact (e.g. handshakes, hugging), avoiding crowds, observing proper handwashing and proper hygiene upon arriving home.**

Thank you for your attention on this matter. Questions may be directed to the National COMELEC thru JOYCE CASTILLO (PMA National COMELEC Secretary) at 09608670258 or philmedas@gmail.com

See you then on March 12, 2023, and exercise your right to vote.

For the Commission,



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