

Election Procedure of the GMOA

In terms of clause 16 (d) of the GMOA Constitution, a panel of Seven (7) members Elections Committee shall be elected at the Annual General meeting from among its members for the purpose of conducting elections of office bearers. Three (3) will form a quorum and members of the Elections Committee shall not be eligible to contest to any post in the elections conducted by them. Majority decision of the elections committee shall be final.

The Elections Committee shall decide on the appointment of a Returning officer for a particular election and he will announce the final results. The name of Dr. Maithri Chandraratne was unanimously decided to appoint as the Returning Officer. Further, in the absence of any authorized Elections Committee member, the administrative officer of the GMOA is empowered to accept the nominations or any documents related to the Election.

The Secretary or, in his absence the Acting Secretary or any assistant secretary nominated by the executive committee shall furnish all necessary information to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee will formulate the procedure in terms of clause 16(k)(II) of the GMOA Constitution regarding the conduct of elections such as calling for nominations, issue of postal ballot papers, closing date for nominations, request for postal ballots, withdrawing of nomination, Closing of Postal Ballot and the conducting of elections at the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination for Election to Executive Committee and General Committee

Nominations shall be obtained for the election of the Executive Committee (Sixteen (16) members elected by members- One President, Four Vice-Presidents, One Secretary, Six Assistant Secretaries, One Treasurer, One Editor, Two Assistant Editors) as defined by the clause 16(a)(i) as per the amendment of the GMOA Constitution and election of 35 members to General Committee as defined by the clause 16(b)(ii).

Tendering Nomination

Nominations should be tendered according to the specimen form attached herewith as Annexure 1 and must reach the Chairman, GMOA Election Committee/ Returning Officer, 275/75, Professor Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07, by 4.00 p.m. of the closing date for applications notified by the Election Committee., but at least fourteen days notice should be given about the closing date of the nominations.

Every candidate, together with the nomination, must tender an Affidavit according to the specimen attached herewith as Annexure 2 to the effect that he/she is not a member/office bearer of any other Trade Union or Association registered under the Trade Union Act, that the candidate shall abide by this procedure, and the candidate is not subject to any disability stipulated under Clause 14 (h) of the Constitution.

Nomination papers must be signed by two members of the GMOA (i.e. Proposer and Seconder), and shall contain the candidate's consent with his/her signature.

The nominations should be tendered according to the specimen form given by the Election Committee and must reach the Chairman, GMOA Election Committee/ Returning Officer, on the given date, at the given time and to the GMOA Head Office, OPA Center, 275/75, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mw, Colombo 07.

It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to furnish correct and complete information.

Election Committee will not undertake the responsibility of rectifying any incorrect /incomplete information furnished by any candidate. Any application which does not contain the required information stipulated herein shall be rejected.

The following information must be furnished on the nomination form by all candidates and following information will be circulated to the entire membership

1. Full name (block capitals)
2. GMOA membership number
3. Departmental designation
4. Year of Qualifying
5. Period of membership in GMOA
6. Posts held in GMOA

Any member applying for the post of the President GMOA at an election should have at least 10 years of continuous membership of the GMOA by the date of closing of nominations. Any member who is already elected as the President GMOA for two consecutive terms, is not eligible to apply for the President GMOA post for a consecutive third term.

Any member applying for the post of Secretary at an election should have at least 5 years of continuous membership of the GMOA by the date of closing of nominations. Any member who is already elected as the Secretary GMOA for two consecutive terms, is not eligible to apply for the Secretary GMOA post for a consecutive third term.

Any member applying for a post in the Executive Committee (other than the posts of President and Secretary) at an election of the GMOA should have at least 3 years of continuous membership of the GMOA by the date of closing of nominations.

A member cannot contest for more than one post in the Executive Committee.

Nomination paper should be received on or before a date fixed for the acceptance of nomination at the Head Office -GMOA. Only original nomination papers will be accepted. No photocopies or forms sent through any electronic media will be accepted. Election committee shall accept the nomination paper unless it is rejected with giving reasons for any such rejections.

All the accepted nominations and aforementioned particulars of the candidates will be displayed on the notice board of the GMOA, Members Area of the GMOA website www.gmoa.lk and also will be sent by post to all membership.

Withdrawal of Nomination:

A candidate who wishes to withdraw his/ her nomination must inform the Chairman, GMOA Election Committee/ Returning Officer of such withdrawal in writing or in person up to two hours from the time of closing of nominations.

In the case of possible delay in sending letters/papers on time, a copy of letter could be faxed / emailed to GMOA Office office@gmoa.lk and to the Returning Officer, Dr. Maithri. Chandraratne 0777307175/0718096989, email : maithri.chandraratne@yahoo.co.uk by contestant himself by his/her personal email or phone.

Objections for the nominations should also be handed over to the Chairman of the Election Committee within two hours from the time of closing of nomination on the given date.

If valid number of candidates exceed the number of post for a particular post the election will be conducted for particular posts only.

Postal Ballot

A member, who are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting can request a Postal Ballot Paper. The closing date for which will be decided and informed by the Election Committee. The date shall be not more than 30 days and not less than 14 days before the elections. Ballot paper will be posted to him/her, subject to Clause 14 (h) of the constitution.

In addition to information related to posting of Ballot Papers applied by members will be informed through a paper notice published in two English newspapers and website of the GMOA. The Election Committee will inform the date, time and place of closing postal ballots.

Ballot applications should be forwarded individually to the Chairman, GMOA Election Committee/ Returning Officer, GMOA Office 275/75, Professor Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07 to reach him by 4.00 p.m. the latest on the date fixed for it. The originals of filled and signed applications will only be accepted and such applications must be sent by post or by courier or delivered by hand to the Returning Officer/ Chairman, GMOA Election Committee on or before the given date and time to the given address. Applications should be accompanied by a typed or clearly written self-addressed envelope (9”X4”) The application form for a Postal Ballot Paper will be attached to election notification letter. In addition, the application form can be obtained from GMOA website - members area. Incomplete request forms will be rejected without any further notice. No collective applications will be entertained.

Postal ballot papers will be posted to all members who have made prior requests, on or before the fixed date. Marked postal ballot papers should reach the GMOA Office by 6.00 p.m. on the day before election.

In terms of Clause 14(h), members whose subscriptions are in arrears for two years or over shall not be entitled to vote at General Meeting or the Annual Election. If a member is in arrears of subscription to GMOA for two years or more, he/she will not be issued postal ballot paper.

In such an event, once the due arrears in subscription is paid such person can vote in person at the election.

Incomplete applications that do not contain the requisite annexures mentioned in the election notice stipulated herein shall be rejected by the Election Committee.

Conducting Election

The election shall be conducted at the place, time and venue as informed and decided by the Election Committee. The selection of candidates for the respective posts will be done after counting the postal ballots and ballots cast in person.

If any post in the Executive Committee and/or General Committee is contested, voting in person shall be conducted at a venue on a date and time as decided by the election Committee. Production of an identification document acceptable to the elections committee at the poll is mandatory. The accepted documents of identity are the National Identity Card, passport, driving license, and SLMC Identity Card.

Members are requested to verify from the GMOA office over the phone (0112580886/0714999555), in writing or by emailing to office@gmoa.lk whether their subscriptions are up-to-date.

The election will be held concurrently with the Annual General Meeting subjected to clause 14(h).

Counting of all votes will be conducted at the end of voting time. The decision of the Election Committee shall be final and conclusive

The Election Committee should submit a report to the General Committee within thirty (30) days of conducting an election.

Election Procedure

Relevant clauses to election procedure as mentioned in the GMOA Constitutions are follows; Clause 14 (h), 16 (a), 16 (b) ,16 (d), 16 (e) , 16 (i) and 16 (k).

Dr. Maithri Chandraratne
Chairman, GMOA Election Committee
01.04.2024

GMOA NOMINATION FORM
ANNUAL ELECTION 2024/2025

***Must be in block capitals and mandatory**

Chairman/Returning Officer,
 GMOA Election Committee,
 275/75, Professor Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha,
 Colombo 07.

We propose the name of Dr.....
 (GMOA membership number)for the post of

*Name of Proposer:
 (GMOA membership number) Signature

*Name of Seconder:
 (GMOA membership number).....Signature

CANDIDATE: I consent to my nomination to the above-mentioned post and the following particulars as required by the procedure of election prepared in terms of Clause 16(k)(ii), which to the best of my knowledge and belief, are true and accurate:

- 1) *Full Name:
- 2) GMOA Membership No:.....
- 3) Departmental designation with the present station:
- 4) Year of Qualifying:
- 5) Period of membership in the GMOA:
- 6) Previous posts held in the GMOA, if any, with dates:
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 3.
 4.
 5.
 6.

Address and contact Telephone Numbers:

***Must be in block capitals and mandatory**

Signature of Candidate

This table is for official use.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **(name)** (holder of National Identity Card No.) of (address) in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, being a **Buddhist/Hindu/being of Islamic faith (being a Christian)**, do hereby solemnly sincerely and truly **declare and affirm (swear and make oath)**[Please delete as appropriate] and state as follows:

1. That I am the **Affirmant/Deponent** above named.
2. That I am a member of the Government Medical Officers' Association.
3. That I am not an Office Bearer and/or member of any other Trade Union or Medical Association registered under Trade Union Ordinance No. 14 of 1935.
4. That I am not subjected to any disability stipulated in Clause 14(h) of the Constitution of Government Medical Officers' Association.
5. That I will abide by the Procedure of Election prepared in terms of Clause 16(K) (ii) of the GMOA Constitution.

Foregoing having being read over and explained by me to the within named **Affirmant/ Deponent** and **he/she** having appeared to have understood the same, **affirmed/sworn** [Please delete as appropriate: Christians should swear] and set **his/her** hand unto on this day of at

BEFORE ME**JUSTICE OF PEACE/ COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS**