

## **Repolling For Elections held for the post of Vice-president & State Representatives (UP and MP- 2 each) of Indian Orthopedic Association 2018**

As per the recommendation of Executive Committee and verdict of the General Body (GB) of the Indian Orthopedic Association, a repolling is to be held for the above mentioned posts within the next two months. The contestants for all these posts will be the same as for the previous polling provided they abide by the code of conduct.

The timelines for the repolling process and election code of conduct is being outlined hereunder for the information of all contestants and members.

### **Timelines:**

- A window period of nearly three weeks is available to all members to update their contact details including e-mail IDs and phone numbers so that they are able to vote.
- No modification/ alteration of contact details will be permitted after 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 for the current polling process.
- A date for start of online voting will be in decided in consultation with the vendor responsible for online voting and will be intimated to all members
- The online voting site will remain open for a period of 21 days from the start and will close at 5 PM on the last day.
- All the contestants or their representatives will be invited to the IOA House at the appointed hour when the online voting closes and the results will be declared immediately thereafter.

### **Code of Conduct**

All the contestants are strongly advised to strictly adhere to the code of conduct to avoid forfeiting their candidature as decided by GB.

- Every candidate is permitted a total of only three (3) appeals to any member including whatsapps, sms or e-mail. He can choose one or more of any of these as long as the total number does not exceed 3.
- Additional campaigning allowed include **one** hard copy of appeal posted by the surface mail and only **one** telephone call to an individual voter.
- In case there is any written complaint by any member to Election Officer with documentary evidence of harassment or nuisance by any contestant, and is found to be true by the election officer, the candidature of the accused contestant will be forfeited and final result declared without accounting for votes cast in his favor.
- If any candidate writes derogatory or defamatory remarks in emails/Whatsapp or any social media, against the Association or any of its members, he will be disqualified from the election process and disciplinary action will be taken.
- In case any contestant or his representative or assignee is found/proven to have used unfair means (including approaching candidates with laptops or to coerce them in any other way, ask them to vote for any particular candidate openly, or, infringing anyone's privacy), attempted to cast illegitimate vote, usurp identity of any other voter to cast vote on his

behalf or indulge in manipulation of any kind, his candidature will be cancelled and he will be debarred from contesting for any post in IOA for the next 5 year and additional strict disciplinary action will be taken against him.

- Any member indulging in anti association activities and/or smearing its image in public will not be eligible to apply for a constitutional post in the very organization he has chosen to demean. Any member who indulges in these nefarious activities after the elations shall be recommended to be suspended/debarred from the IOA.
- All contestants will be required to sign a statement promising to abide by these regulations before the start of the online voting

Thanks for your faith and support for the democratic process.

(Prof. Rajesh Malhotra)  
President, I.O.A.