



## 2020 Election Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. When are the OSPE elections taking place?**

A. The Call for Nominations is January 2, 2020 through January 30, 2020. The voting period is from March 23, 2020 through April 10, 2020. The official results will be announced at the OSPE AGM on May 6, 2020.

**Q. Who is eligible to vote?**

A. All Professional, Associate, Intern and Honorary members in good standing of OSPE are eligible to vote in the election. Student members are not eligible to vote.

**Q. How will I receive my voting package?**

Voting packages will be sent via email. If you have not provided OSPE a valid email address or consent to receive information via email, you will receive your voting package via regular mail.

**Q. How will I be able to vote?**

Voting will be conducted online.

**Q. How many positions are open on the Board?**

A. For this election, there are four positions open on the Board each for a three-year Term.

**Q. What is the composition of the Board?**

A. The Board shall be composed of twelve (12) voting directors of which, at least seven (7) must be Professional members.

**Q. Who is eligible to run for election?**

A. All Professional and Associate members are eligible to run for election.

**Q. How many candidates can I vote for?**

A. You may vote for up to four candidates. If more than four candidates are selected, the ballot will be considered invalid.

**Q. Who is BigPulse?**

A. BigPulse is an independent election agency chosen by the OSPE to oversee the election.

**Q. What is the deadline for ballots to be submitted to BigPulse?**

A. To be valid, the online ballot must be submitted to BigPulse by 11:59 p.m., April 10, 2020.

**Q. Is my vote confidential?**

A. Yes. Each member has been randomly assigned a unique Control Number. The number is located directly on the ballot.

**Q. Is my name associated with the Control Number?**

A. No. The purpose of the Control Number is to ensure that members are only able to vote once. BigPulse randomly assigned a number to each member and the OSPE has no way of linking members with their Control Number.

**Q. How are duplicate ballots prevented?**

A. Once an eligible voter has voted online, their unique Control Number is deactivated. This means that further ballots using this number are disqualified.

**Q. When will the new Board take office?**

A. The results of the election will be officially announced, and the new Board will take office immediately following the OSPE Annual General Meeting on May 6, 2020.

**Voting Online:**

**Q. How can I access the online voting mechanism?**

A. Members can access the online voting mechanism by going to the website noted in the email or mail material.