MMS-OMSS FY 2019 ELECTIONS

The Massachusetts Medical Society Organized Medical Staff Section (MMS-OMSS) will conduct its Executive Committee election for fiscal years 2019 – 2021. Section members will have the opportunity to vote to elect members for FY 2019 – 2021 at the next OMSS Executive Committee Annual Meeting.

All current members of the MMS involved with an organized medical staff are eligible to serve on the section’s Executive Committee. The three-year term of office begins immediately after the section elections.

The section’s Executive Committee is currently made up of eleven representatives elected by the MMS membership. The committee holds a minimum of four evening meetings each year, at Society headquarters and via online and teleconferencing services. Additionally, executive committee members also serve as delegates to the American Medical Association (AMA) OMSS Assembly at their annual and interim meetings.

Executive Committee meeting attendance is important to the proper functioning of the committee and thus is a requisite to EC service.

Election Process Information:

a. Nominations and short biographies must be submitted in advance of the meeting.
b. Ballots and candidate information will be distributed to each attendee.
c. Voting will be restricted to onsite attendees.
d. Eleven committee seats will be elected from a field of up to 20 candidates.
e. The top eleven candidates with the most votes will be elected.
f. In the event of a tie, run-off ballots will be completed for tie votes only
g. Once the EC elections are completed, the new EC will convene in Executive Session for leadership elections.
MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY
ORGANIZED MEDICAL STAFF SECTION (MMS-OMSS)
ORGANIZATIONAL GUIDELINES

CHAPTER I - PURPOSE

1. ORGANIZED MEDICAL STAFF SECTION. There shall be a section of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) known as the Organized Medical Staff Section (OMSS) for physicians who are members of the medical staff of a licensed Massachusetts acute care hospital, other health-care delivery facility or an emerging delivery system, to be addressed hereafter in these bylaws as organized medical staffs.
   A. PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to provide a forum to discuss the needs and concerns of physician members of organized medical staffs.
   B. PARTICIPATION. Participation in the section’s activities shall be open to all physicians who are licensed to practice medicine in the state of Massachusetts.

CHAPTER II - OFFICERS

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Organized Medical Staff Section to direct the programs and activities of the section, subject to the approval of the MMS House of Delegates.

   There shall be a total of eleven members of the Executive Committee: Four (4) members consisting of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Delegate of the OMSS to the MMS House of Delegates; and seven (7) voting members-at-large. Each of these positions shall be elected at the Section’s annual business meeting as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the MMS and the Organizational Guidelines of the OMSS.

2. OFFICERS. The officers of the section shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
   A. CHAIR. The Chair shall direct the activities of the MMS-OMSS. The Chair shall preside at the business meetings of the MMS-OMSS and all meetings of the Executive Committee.
   B. VICE CHAIR. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair and preside in the absence of the Chair or at his or her request.
   C. SECRETARY. The secretary shall maintain such records as may be necessary or advisable for the conduct of the activities of the section. The secretary shall supervise the certification of the voting representatives of the MMS-OMSS.
   D. DELEGATE. The Delegate shall represent the members of the OMSS in the MMS House of Delegates.

3. TERM. With the exception of the Delegate who shall serve for one year, Executive Committee members shall serve a term of three year beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they were elected or appointed. The term of the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary shall be three years. Three-year terms end at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting three years hence or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

4. VACANCIES. Any vacancy occurring of the offices of Vice-Chair, Secretary or Delegate shall be filled for the remainder of the term(s) by a majority vote of the remaining members of the
Executive Committee at their next meeting. Vacancy in the office of the Chair shall be filled by
the Vice-Chair. The Chair shall appoint replacements for any vacancies of members-at-large
until the next annual business meeting.

CHAPTER III - BUSINESS MEETINGS:

1. BUSINESS MEETINGS. An Interim meeting may be held for members of this section prior to
each Interim meeting of the MMS House of Delegates. There shall be an Annual meeting of the
section, to be held prior to each Annual Meeting of the MMS House of Delegates.

A. VOTING REPRESENTATIVES. The physician members of the organized medical staff
section may vote at any business meeting of the OMSS. The voting member must be an
MMS member who is an active member of the organized medical staff section.

B. RULES OF ORDER. The deliberations of the MMS-OMSS shall be conducted in
accordance with parliamentary usage as prescribed in Sturgis Standard Code of
Parliamentary Procedure.

C. PURPOSES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING. The purposes of the business
meetings shall be to:
   1. Hear reports or presentations.
   2. Consider and vote upon such matters as may properly come before the meeting,
      including resolutions submitted by members of the section.
   3. Elect candidates to fill the open positions for MMS-OMSS Chair, Vice Chair,
      Secretary, Delegate, and at-large representatives as defined in Chapter II of these
      organizational guidelines.

CHAPTER IV - ELECTIONS

1. NOMINATIONS. Any member of the MMS-OMSS may be nominated for any of the four (4)
elective offices or seven (7) at-large positions. Only members of the MMS-OMSS may
nominate candidates.

2. NOTIFICATION. MMS-OMSS members will be notified of nominations received at least 30
days prior to the annual business meeting. Nominations may be made after the 30 day deadline
but will not be circulated in advance of the business meeting, and nominations may also be
made from the floor.

CHAPTER V - AMENDMENTS

1. METHODS OF AMENDING. These organizational guidelines may be amended at any
Executive Committee meeting of the MMS-OMSS by a majority vote of the representatives
present at that session, provided that proposed amendments shall have been distributed to all
MMS-OMSS members at least thirty (30) days prior to the MMS-OMSS business meeting at
which they will be considered.

A. APPROVAL OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES. Any provision in the organizational
guidelines adopted by the members at the business meeting of the MMS-OMSS will be
subject to the approval of the House of Delegates of the Massachusetts Medical Society
prior to implementation.