



12. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

12.01 Eligibility to Vote

A Member is entitled to vote in an election if,

- (i) on election day, the Member is a registered Member of the College;
- (ii) on the one hundred and twentieth day immediately preceding the election,
 - (a) the Member practices or resides in Ontario, and
 - (b) the Member's registered address is in the electoral district for which the election is being held; and
- (iii) no fees are owing by the Member to the College on the day that the ballots (or equivalent if voting is done electronically) are distributed.

12.02 Disputes

Disputes as to whether a Member is entitled to vote in an election shall be determined by the Registrar.

13. NOMINATIONS

13.01 Eligibility to Run for Election

A Member is eligible to run for election to the Council for an electoral district if,

- (i) the Member is entitled to vote in the election;
- (ii) at all times between the one hundred and twentieth day immediately preceding the election and the election;
 - (a) the Member's registered address continues to be in the electoral district, for which the election is being held,
 - (b) the Member is not in default of any obligation to the College under a regulation or the by-Laws,
 - (c) the Member is not the subject of proceedings for incompetence, professional misconduct or incapacity,
 - (d) the Member's certificate of registration is not subject to a term, condition or limitation other than one prescribed by regulation,
 - (e) the Member is not bankrupt or a subject of a consumer proposal, and has not declared bankruptcy or made a consumer proposal over the past five (5) years,
 - (f) the Member is not, and has not for a period of at least one (1) year been, a director, officer or employee of any Professional Association relating to denturism,
 - (g) where the Member has not been disqualified from sitting on the council under article 21.01 during the previous six (6) years;
- (iii) the Member's certificate of registration has not been revoked or suspended at any time in the six (6) years immediately preceding the election; and
- (iv) if the Member has previously served as an elected Council member for nine (9) consecutive years, at least three (3) years have passed.

13.02 Disputes

Disputes as to whether a Member is eligible to run for election shall be determined by the Elections Committee. If an Elections Committee has not been appointed, the Registrar shall determine disputes.

13.03 Notice of Election and Nominations

At least ninety (90) days before the date of an election, the Registrar shall notify every Member of the date of the election and of the nomination procedure, including the deadline for submitting nominations to the College.

13.04 Nomination Deadline

The nomination of a candidate for election as a member of Council shall be in writing and shall be received by the Registrar at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the election.

13.05 Signed Nominations

The nomination shall be signed by at least three (3) Members who are entitled to vote in the election and who support the nomination, and shall also be signed by the nominee as a signal of his or her consent to the nomination.

13.06 Candidate Must Advise if Becomes Ineligible to Run for Election

A candidate for election to the Council shall advise the Registrar immediately in the event that he or she becomes ineligible to run for election.

13.07 Completing Declaration

The Registrar shall request every nominee to complete and return a declaration form which, among other things, sets out that the nominee:

- (a) understands the public protection mandate of the College,
- (b) is not aware of any potential conflict of interest, and
- (c) agrees to campaign only in accordance with the public interest objects of the College as set out in the Code.

Any nominee who fails to complete and return the declaration by the deadline set by the Registrar and in a form acceptable to the Elections Committee shall not be eligible for election.

13.08 Personal Statement

The Registrar shall invite every nominee to provide a biography and personal statement by the deadline established by the Registrar, and any biography and personal statement that is not submitted by the deadline set by the Registrar and in the form acceptable to the Elections Committee, shall not be included with the materials sent to Members under article 16.01.

13.09 Withdrawal of Candidacy

A candidate in an election may withdraw his or her candidacy by notifying the Registrar of the withdrawal in writing. If the notice in writing is received at least thirty-five (35) days before the date of the election, the candidate's name shall not be placed on the ballot (or equivalent if voting is done electronically). In all other cases, the Registrar shall make reasonable efforts to notify Members eligible to vote that the candidate has withdrawn from the election.

13.10 Conduct

Each candidate shall conduct themselves during the election with honour and dignity. No candidate shall engage in conduct during the electoral process that would tend to bring the profession into disrepute or would tend to taint the electoral process. No candidate shall make verbal or written election statements that are inappropriate or unprofessional.

13.11 Consequences for Inappropriate Conduct

If it appears to the Elections Committee, after appropriate investigation, that a candidate is not conducting himself or herself appropriately during the election, the Elections Committee may take action that it deems appropriate to ensure that the election is as fair as possible, including warning the candidate about his or her conduct and notifying Members entitled to vote about apparently incorrect or inappropriate statements that may have been made. However, the Elections Committee is not required to take corrective measures.