

2009 Election Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When are the OSPE elections taking place?

A. The Call for Nominations is January 5 through February 2, 2009. The voting period is from March 16 through April 16, 2009. The official results will be announced at the OSPE AGM on May 5, 2009.

Q. Who is eligible to vote?

A. All Professional, Associate-Resident, Intern and Honorary members in good standing of OSPE are eligible to vote in the election. Associate Non-Resident, Student members and PAL's are not eligible to vote.

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 and one position open for a one year term.

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 Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions?

A. Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions is an independent election agency chosen by the OSPE to oversee the election.

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

A. To be valid, the online ballot must be submitted to Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions by midnight, April 16, 2009. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked no later than April 16, 2009.

Q. Is my vote confidential?

A. Yes. Each member has been randomly assigned a unique 12-digit 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. Broadridge 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 by mail or 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 Tuesday May 5, 2009.

Voting Online:

Q. How can I access the online voting mechanism?

A. Members can access the online voting mechanism by going to:
www.proxyvotecanada.com

Q. What is Proxyvotecanada?

A. Proxyvotecanada is an online voting site of Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions who are the independent election agency chosen by OSPE to oversee the election.

Q. Why am I being asked for a PIN number?

A. The PIN number is for *e-mail ballots* only and does not apply to OSPE's election process. Only the control number is required for our members to vote.

Q. I never received a notification by e-mail.

A. OSPE is not using e-mail notification for the election. The election notification was sent to all members by postal mail.

Voting by Mail:

Q. How can I ensure my vote is confidential?

A. Mail ballots are received and handled by the independent election agency only. There is no mail ballot tabulation database that includes links to individual member voting records.

Q. Does OSPE see the ballot?

A. No. The ballot is mailed directly to Broadridge to ensure complete confidentiality.