

ARTICLE 8 - Nominations and Elections

**ELIGIBILITY**

- 8.1 Any Voting Member in good standing shall be eligible for election to a term not to exceed two (2) years and shall be eligible for re-election as a Director of the Society.
- 8.1.1 Any accredited Voting Member in good standing of the Society shall be eligible for election to a term not to exceed two (2) years and shall be eligible for re-election once as president of the Society. An accredited member shall be as defined in the Regulations of the National Society.
- 8.1.2 Any Voting Member in good standing of the Society shall be eligible for election to a term not to exceed two (2) years and shall be eligible for re-election to any one of the Offices of president-elect, vice-president, treasurer and secretary.

**NOTICE CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS**

- 8.2. A notice calling for nominations to the Board shall be sent to all Voting Members at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual general meeting.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

- 8.3 Nominations for election to the Board shall be made by a Nominating Committee appointed by the Board, and composed of three (3) past-presidents of any regional Society presently members of the Ottawa Society. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of nominations of Officers and Directors for presentation to the Voting Members. The report of this committee shall be submitted to the secretary at least twenty one (21) days prior to the annual general meeting.

**NOMINATIONS BY VOTING MEMBERS**

- 8.4 Nominations for election to the Board may also be made by at least two (2) Voting Members of the Society. Such nominations shall be made in writing, signed by each of the nominating members and the nominee, and submitted to the secretary at least thirty (30) days prior the annual general meeting.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

8.5 A president-elect may be nominated by the Nominating Committee or by any Voting Member of the Society nominated for election at the annual general meeting. When elected, a president-elect shall take office as president on the completion of the term of the incumbent president

**IMMEDIATE  
PAST-PRESIDENT**

8.6 For one year past the president's term, the immediate past-president will sit as an *ex officio* Officer of the Board.

**NOMINATIONS  
LIST MAILING**

8.7 The list of those persons nominated for election to the Board, plus a copy of ARTICLE 8 of these Bylaws, shall be mailed to all Voting members of the Society with the notice of the annual general meeting, at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the date determined.

**VOTING ON  
NOMINATION  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

8.8 When none other than the list of nominees reported by the Nominating Committee are to be proposed for election, the vote shall be taken on the entire list as presented.

**VOTING BY  
MEMBERSHIP  
BALLOT**

8.9 When the number of persons nominated for election to the Board exceeds the number of positions allowed on the Board, a ballot shall be prepared by the secretary containing the list of nominees and the Offices for which they have been nominated. One copy of the ballot form shall be given to each Voting Member in attendance at the annual general meeting. At the time prescribed on the agenda of the annual general meeting, the ballots shall be marked by the Voting Members present and passed to a committee of scrutineers, appointed prior to the meeting, for the purpose of tabulating the ballots.

**COMMITTEE OF  
SCRUTINEERS  
REPORT**

- 8.10 The report of the committee of scrutineers shall be made prior to the adjournment of the annual general meeting, at a time determined by the president.

**ASSUMPTION OF  
OFFICE**

- 8.11 The newly elected members of the Board shall be introduced to the retiring president at the first regular meeting following the annual general meeting at which time the new president, Officers and Directors shall assume their duties.