ELECTION TO THE INDIAN OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, Chennai-600014

ELECTION NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given on FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER, 2023 that:-

Election is to be held for the posts of OFFICE BEARERS (President, Two Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and Warden), Women Representative-cum-E.C. Member and 9 (Nine) E.C. Members of the Indian Officers' Association, Chennai - 600 014.

2. The prescribed and authenticated NOMINATION FORM is available in the I.O.A.'s WEBSITE (www.ioachennai.com). In addition to the availability of the NOMINATION FORMS in ONLINE, the Nomination forms may also be obtained from the Office of the Returning Officer (in 4th Floor of the I.O.A. office) FREE OF COST and the filled in Nomination Forms can be FILED as per the ELECTION SCHEDULE issued in the I.O.A. WEBSITE and displayed in the I.O.A. NOTICE BOARD. The Nomination Form will be the same for all posts. The Life members alone are eligible to contest and to vote. A MEMBER may contest for many posts, but should retain ONE Nomination paper only on the LAST DATE OF WITHDRAWAL to avoid REJECTION OF ALL.

3. The List of Valid Nominated Candidates and Final List of Contesting Candidates (after withdrawal date) will be displayed in the IOA Notice Board and in some prominent places in the IOA complex. The same will also be shared in the IOA website for information to all the Life Members.

4. NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL of candidature may be delivered by a candidate in person or through a Representative with an authorisation letter of the candidate with the signature of the Representative along with the candidate's IOA PHOTO IDENTITY CARD Xerox copy attested by the candidate in the office of the Returning Officer and acknowledgement may be obtained from the Returning Officer or his authorised Assistant Returning Officer. Withdrawal of candidature through Representative cannot be accepted <u>WITHOUT THE CANDIDATE'S IOA PHOTO IDENTITY CARD ATTESTATION. THE SIGNATURE OF THE CANDIDATE IN THE AUTHORISATION LETTER MUST BE THE SAME AS IN THE NOMINATION FORM.</u>

5. In the event of Election being contested, the Poll will be held on 2nd October 2023 as a convention. One copy of the Electoral Roll will be kept in R.O's office and will be shared in the IOA website.

6. The ELCTION SCHEDULE for the conduct of Election to the IOA will be issued as annexure to this ELECTION NOTIFICATION.

T.R.K. SURIYAPRAKASH RETURNING OFFICER

ANNEXURE

INDIAN OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION - ELECTION SCHEDULE:-

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(1) On Friday 1 st September, 2023.	Issue of Election Notification with Election Schedule and publication of Authenticated Electoral Rolls in the office of Returning Officer/ I.O.A. office Notice Board /I.O.A. website / IOA WhatsApp as PDF by the R.O. with the help of IOA office staff.
(2) From 11.09.2023 to 19.09.2023 (During working days only)	Issue and filing of Nomination papers during all working days between 11.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs <u>only</u> in the Returning Officer room in I.O.A. office Building for all Eligible Candidates either in PERSON or through any, Life Member. GROUP Representatives may take required number of Specified nomination Papers on request in WRITING. The Members may send nomination papers in prescribed format (available in IOA website) <u>with signatures</u> from the <u>Proposer and Seconder</u> . The <u>contesting post</u> should be clearly mentioned in nomination paper IN CAPITAL LETTERS. IF NOMINATION PAPER IS NOT SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE BEFORE FILING IT WILL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.
(3) 19.09.2023 (Tuesday) (if it is a festival holiday the next working day)	LAST DATE for filing of nomination papers before 15.00 hrs in person (or) through messenger /Representative. Delay in receipt of Nominations will not be considered under any circumstances. Receipt of Nominations may be confirmed with Returning Officer in person or thro' R.O. Cell. No. 7305946682
(4) (20.09.2023) Wednesday.	Scrutiny of nomination papers and display of valid Nominations in I.O.A. Notice Board / important places of I.O.A. and in I.O.A Website at 16.00 hrs. or before. Intimation to all the Valid Nominated candidates will also be sent through E-mail of I.O.A. provided candidates furnished their E-mail I.Ds in the nomination forms/whatsApp mobile number. Etc.,
(5) Saturday 23 rd September 2023 (irrespective of festival holiday/ National holiday due to any reason)	Last date for WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE till 15.00 hrs. in person or thro' authorised Representatives with covering letter to R.O.

(6) Saturday 23 rd September, 2023	At 17.00 hrs. display of Final List of Contesting Candidates in I.O.A., Notice Board and in I.O.A. website and to all the Contesting Candidates if they have already furnished their whatapp numbers to the Returning Officer.
(7) Saturday 23 rd September, 2023	Ballot Papers printing orders at 18.00 hrs.
(8) From Monday 25.09.2023 (After 12.00 Noon) till Thursday 28.09.2023.	Sale of Authenticated Electoral Rolls and <u>printing process of ALL</u> <u>contesting posts BALLOT PAPERS</u> actually required including 20 DUMMY Ballot Papers without Serial Numbers for each post.
(9) Friday 29 th September, 2023	100% Scrutiny of Serial Numbers of Printed Ballot Papers by R.O. Staff in R.O. office only.
(10) 25 th to 28 th September, 2023	Issue of Polling/Counting Agents passes to all the contesting candidates (4/8 per group) from 11.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs only. Independent candidates will also be given separate polling/counting passes.
(11) 25 th TO 27 th September, 2023	Procurement of Major Election materials and placing of orders for erecting shamianas for required polling stations. Checking of Election expenditure incurred and further funds may be obtained if necessary from I.O.A. Office.
(12) Thursday 28 th September, 2023 (At 16.00 Hrs)	Final instructions of R.O. to the contesting candidates and to their Election/Counting Agents about the places of Poll and number of polling stations to be set up, procedure for canvassing in I.O.A. campus as Election Campaign and the code of conduct to be maintained on Polling DAY/Counting DAY, Canvassing at the entrance of the Polling stations is prohibited. The polling/counting Agents must be I.O.A. Members.
(13) Friday 29 th September, 2023	Procurement of additional Election materials such as Folders for winning candidates to keep certificates of Election etc and preparation of Ballot boxes and counting trays with labels, locks & keys, Results statements etc.
(14) Saturday 30 th September, 2023.	Preparation for setting up of required polling stations, Two or Three Shamianas, Tables, 500 chairs, Wooden Voting compartments, Rain protection Tarpaulin shelters in front of polling stations for uninterrupted voting.

(15) Day 1 st October, 2023.	Pasting of Dummy Ballot Papers on all the Ballot Boxes of all contesting posts. Display of WAY-IN, WAY-OUT slips in front of ALL Polling Stations, setting up of seating arrangements to Polling staff/Agents, Fixing Voting compartments, keeping Tables for Ballot Boxes. Checking of Shamiana arrangements to Polling stations/ Voters and handing over of polling materials to the concerned PRESIDING & Polling OFFICERS.
(16) Day 2 nd October, 2023 (Morning)	At 7.00 a.m. keep the Ballot Boxes in polling stations and keep security personnel to watch the Boxes. At 8.00 a.m. after Breakfast by the Polling personnel assign the duties to them and hand over the polling materials (like Ball pens to be kept in Voting compartments (without Cap), Indelible INK, Voters signature Register (with RED Ball pen), Marked copies of Electoral Rolls and Ballot Papers allotted to each Polling Station. BALLOT PAPER account STATEMENT etc
(17) Day 2 nd October, 2023 (Around Noon)	POLLING will commence at 10.00 A.M. or after the Annual General Body Meeting is over. Poll will be concluded at 17.00 Hrs. Counting of votes will be taken up from 18.00 Hrs. Results of the counting will be declared after counting process of each post.
(18) Day 3 rd October, 2023.	At 17.00 Hrs. Issue of Certificates of Election to all the Elected Candidates.
(19) 10 th October, 2023.	Settlement of Election Accounts with all vouchers to I.O.A. office and obtain Acknowledgement by the R.O. from newly elected Joint Secretary/ Treasurer.
(20) Day 15 th October, 2023.	Handing over of ALL Election Related Records and sealed Ballot Boxes with R.O. signature on Lock and key and on Top of the Ballot Box to I.O.A. Office under acknowledgements. This Box should not be opened by anyone without the knowledge of the R.O. and General Secretary till the last week of December of the year of the Election under any circumstances.

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T.R.K.SURIYAPRAKASH RETURNING OFFICE