

**ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINE OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY (Foundation), INC.**

**ARTICLE I  
ELECTION CODE**

**Section 1 – NAME**

This code shall be known as the Election Code of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc.

The Election Code shall govern the manner of election of the Society.

**Section 2 – DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES**

1. The right of suffrage is a universal and individual human right. It should be the responsibility of each and every member of the Society that this right is upheld at all times.
2. Membership of the Board of Trustees is both an honor and privilege. Campaigning for the position is undignified. “Let the position seek the man and not the man seek the position”

**Section 3 – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

3.1. Qualifications

3.1.1 Only members in good standing are qualified to vote.

3.1.2 A candidate must be a Fellow and active in the last five (5) consecutive years prior to his candidacy. An active member complies with the attendance requirements of the Society; is not under censure nor under suspension; and is not delinquent in the payment of his financial obligations, as defined in Section 4, Article I, of the By-Laws.

3.2 Manner of Elections

3.2.1 Election of Members of the Board of Trustees

The members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected annually during the Annual Business Meeting for a term of one (1) year. They will automatically assume office on the first of January of the coming year.

### 3.2.2 Election of Officers

The Chairman of the COMELEC shall conduct the election of officers immediately after the election of the Board of Trustees. In case of failure to elect, the election could be postponed provided it shall be held one week after the Annual Business Meeting as provided in the By-Laws.

## **Section 4 - IMPLEMENTING BODY**

This code shall be enforced and administered by an independent body known as the Committee on Elections as provided in Section 3, Article IV.

## **Section 5 - EFFECTIVITY**

This code has been adopted by the Society during Annual Business Meeting of 1979 and took effect immediately thereafter. (Updated 2010, 2011 and 2015).

## **ARTICLE IV CANDIDATES**

### **Section 1 – QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1.1 A candidate must be a Fellow and active in the last five (5) consecutive years prior to his candidacy. An active member complies with the attendance requirements of the Society; is not under censure nor under suspension; and is not delinquent in the payment of his financial obligations, as defined in Section 4, Article I of the By-Laws.
- 1.2 Prospective Nominees who have retired / resigned from their service institution must be given the privilege to choose the sector that he/she will represent provided that there shall be no continuing appointment with the institution previously represented.
- 1.3 The nominee must be an active member in good standing from the region that they are representing
- 1.4 The incumbent members shall express in writing their willingness to run for re-election

### **Section 2 - STATEMENT OF CONFORMITY**

All candidates must sign a statement conforming with all the election rules and regulations of the Society including the Election Code.