

2025 Revised Edition

ELECTION CODE



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. (POGS), hereinafter referred to as the POGS Foundation.

The Election Code shall govern the manner of election of the POGS Foundation.

Section 2: DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 The right to vote is a universal and individual human right. It shall be the responsibility of each and every member of the POGS Foundation that this right is upheld at all times.
- 2.2 Membership to the Board of Trustees (BOT) is both an honor and a privilege.

Section 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

3.1 Qualifications

The right of a member to vote and to be voted upon is inherent in one's status as an active member.

3.2 Election by the Members of the POGS Foundation

The exercise of the right to vote shall be subject to the rules as embodied in this Election Code.

3.3 Election of Members of the Board of Trustees

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

3.4 Election of Officers

The Chair of the Committee on Elections (COMELEC) shall preside, in the presence of its members, over the election of Officers immediately after the proclamation of the new members of the BOT. In case of failure to elect for reasons beyond control, the election shall be held at the soonest possible time.

Section 4: IMPLEMENTING BODY

This code shall be enforced and administered by an independent body known as the COMELEC.

Section 5: EFFECTIVITY

This code shall take effect upon ratification by the general membership.

ARTICLE IV CANDIDATES

Section 1: QUALIFICATIONS

- 1.1 A candidate must be an active Fellow in the last five (5) consecutive years prior to one's candidacy.
- 1.2 A prospective nominee who has retired / resigned from one's service institution shall be given the privilege to choose the sector that one is to represent provided there shall be no continuing appointment with the institution previously represented.
- 1.3 An incumbent member of the BOT shall express in writing one's willingness to run for re-election.
- 1.4 A Past President shall not be eligible for any elective position.

Section 2: DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.1 All candidates shall disclose any business, financial or professional relationships that could influence their decision-making within the POGS Foundation.
- 2.2 All candidates shall sign the Pledge of Divestment. (See Appendix II)

Section 3: STATEMENT OF CONFORMITY

All candidates shall sign a statement conforming with all the election rules and regulations of the POGS Foundation, including the Election Code. (See Appendix III)