

OWSD Executive Board Elections

Frequently Asked Questions

This page is constantly updated on the basis of the inquiries that we receive day by day

Where can I find my Membership ID Number?

First of all, you have to [login](#) to your reserved area of the OWSD website. Once you are in your profile page, click on “General Information” on the left bar. The first line in the General Information section, above your Personal Information (Title, Name, Surname etc.) displays your Membership ID Number.

What is the elections procedure?

The last date for submission of applications is 7 April. All online forms will then be screened for eligibility (7-12 April). These forms will then be evaluated by the Nominations Committee who will prepare a list of shortlisted candidates (14 April- 2 May). The candidates for each position will then be contacted and requested to provide a photograph and video (6 -23 May). Candidates profiles will be posted on the OWSD website in the following order (for the full timeline see here):

1) The profiles, vision statements and videos of all candidates shortlisted for President will be posted (24 - 30 May). Voting by full members will then take place online (31 May - 6 June). The new President will be announced on the website (7 June).

2) The profiles, vision statements and videos of all candidates shortlisted for Vice President of each of the four regions will be posted (7-13 June). Only full members from the same region can vote for their regional Vice President (14-20 June). The 4 elected Vice Presidents for each region will be announced on the website (21 June).

3) The profiles, vision statements and videos of all candidates shortlisted for Regional Member of each of the four regions will be posted (21-27 June). Only full members from the same region can vote for their Regional Member (28 June- 4 July). The 4 elected Regional Members will be announced on the website (5 July).

The full new executive board will be confirmed (by 11 July) and members will take up their positions during the OWSD General Assembly (to take place later in the year, date to be confirmed).

I am already a member of a National Chapter Executive Committee, can I also apply to the OWSD Executive Board?

Of course, you are most welcome to. In fact, being an executive member of an OWSD national chapter gives you many relevant skills and experience for being an OWSD executive board member and your insights into how the national chapters function will be very useful. Many of the current executive board members have committee roles in the National Chapters of their own countries.

I come from Bolivia but I have been working in Malaysia for the last 8 years, where I have a permanent appointment as Professor; which nationality should I indicate on the application form?

You are free to identify the nationality where you feel you could best represent OWSD (either your nationality or, if different, your residency). You should choose the place where you have the best and most up-to-date contacts and knowledge of the country. If you choose Bolivia and you run for a

Regional position (Vice President and Regional Member), then you will be automatically assigned to the Latin American Region. If you choose Malaysia you will be automatically assigned to the Asia Pacific Region.

What you can **not** do is change nationality at a second stage: the nationality you select on the application is binding for the duration of the elections.

What happens if the President is elected from the country I have selected as my nationality? Can I still run for Vice President or Regional Member?

Unfortunately no. No two board members (in any position) can come from the same country. Once the President is elected, any shortlisted candidates from the same country shortlisted to stand for Vice President will be excluded. Once the Vice Presidents are elected, any shortlisted candidates from the same country shortlisted to stand for Regional Member will be excluded.

If you have double nationalities, or a long-term residence in a different country, you will have to choose which one to associate with your application and this cannot be changed. So if you applied as Bolivian and a President is elected from Bolivia, unfortunately, you will be excluded from any other role, even if you hold a second nationality from Malaysia.

How many reference letters do I have to submit?

In order to be eligible for evaluation and possible shortlisting you must submit two reference letters written **by OWSD Full Members**.

Should you wish to add more references, these do not have to be from OWSD Members. You can upload a further 3 letters (for a total of five).