

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominations for the Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Board of Directors (Board) must be received in the OCA office by 11:59 p.m. on October 1. Late nominations will not be accepted. Online nomination forms will be posted on the OCA website.

Director Qualifications - To be nominated and to remain a director, a Member shall comply with all the following requirements: has met and continues to meet Member eligibility requirements (engaged in cattle production), has timely paid Member dues, has acted in support of the Association's purposes and objectives, and has been a Member in good standing (has met the three preceding qualifications) for at least 12 months. In addition to the qualifications set forth in 5.05(c) of the Code of Regulations, the OCA Board has the following expectations of persons accepting the position of director:

OCA Board of Director Position Description

1. Represent the grassroots OCA members from within the director's district.
2. Serve a term of three years, and if re-elected, serve a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms.
3. Regularly attend all OCA Board meetings. Any member of the Board of Directors unable to attend a meeting shall notify the President or the Executive Director and state the reason for absence. If a director is absent from three consecutive meetings for reasons which the Board finds unacceptable, resignation will be deemed to have been tendered and accepted. If a director notifies the Board of the director's resignation, the President shall appoint a person from within the same district to fill the remainder of the director's term, if a district director, or from at large if an at-large director. Approximately six OCA Board meetings are held annually, the dates of which are set at the beginning of each year.
4. Actively participate in OCA legislative, membership recruitment, and educational activities.
5. Regularly attend county cattlemen's association activities in every county within the director's district and coordinate local meeting(s).
6. Serve as the two-way communications link between county, district, and state.
7. Approve an annual OCA operating budget.
8. Set direction for implementation of grassroots Member established policies.
9. Determine association policy issues that come up between annual meetings.
10. When asked, serve as an officer or chair of association committees and councils.
11. Advise and assist the President in carrying out his/her executive duties.
12. Advise and assist the Executive Director in carrying out his/her duties.
13. Serve as the board of trustees for the Ohio Cattlemen's Foundation.
14. Delegate to the Executive Committee, subject to approval of the board, special projects and problems that need immediate attention or urgent policy matters.
15. Carry out special assignments upon request of the President.

District Directors - The Board shall solicit nominations for district directors from the Members. Each Member has the right to nominate one candidate for director for the Member's district. The nominee must agree to have his or her name placed in nomination. District Directors must be a resident of the district from which they are nominated. The nominating committee shall review nominees for eligibility as provided in the OCA Code of Regulations.

District Elected Staggered Terms:

2025 – districts 3, 6, 9, 12 & one at-large director

2026 – districts 1, 4, 7, 10 & one at-large director

2027 – districts 2, 5, 8, 11 & one at-large director

At-large Directors - The nominating committee shall nominate at-large directors. The nominating committee shall review nominees for the same eligibility requirements as provided in the OCA Code of Regulations.

Ineligible Nominations – If the Nominating Committee determines a nominee does not meet the qualifications to serve as a Director, the chair of the Nominating Committee shall notify the ineligible nominee in writing by authorized electronic communications, facsimile, personal delivery, or by other means for which delivery can be confirmed.

Terms - The term of office of each district director and at-large director is 3 years. A director shall not serve more than three terms in succession, unless appointed to fill a vacancy for a partial term or elected by the Board to serve as president or vice president. Each director will hold office until a successor is elected.

Nominating Committee - The President shall appoint a nominating committee of five total members: two Members and three past presidents, as provided in the OCA Code of Regulations. The President shall appoint one of the past presidents to chair the committee, as provided in the OCA Code of Regulations. The nominating committee will convene in October, following the deadline for director nominations, to review the nominees' qualifications and eligibility to serve as directors.



ELECTION PROCEDURES

Voting – Voting will take place online through the OCA Memberclicks membership platform or by mail ballot. OCA members with an email address associated with their account will vote online. All OCA members who do not have an email address or prefer a paper ballot will receive a printed ballot in the mail.

Ballots will be distributed in November to every OCA member eligible to vote as of the immediately prior August 31, the record date for establishing voting eligibility. The nominating committee will set a deadline for voting online and the return of ballots to the OCA office or to an independent third party, as may be authorized by the Board of Directors. All ballots received after the deadline will be deemed void and will not be counted. Each voting member's ballot will contain the slate of nominated directors for the voting member's district and all nominees for the at-large director position.

The nominating committee shall certify that the nominating ballots and the tally sheets of the elections are correct and proper and that OCA's governing documents and policies have been followed.

The elected directors will be seated at the OCA reorganizational meeting in December.