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Election Circular 2026

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Dear IADVL Maharashtra State Member,

Namaskar from the IADVL Maharashtra Secretariat!!

We are happy to inform you that nominations are invited for the election of the IADVL State Executive for the year 2026-27:

i. **Junior Vice President:** 1 Post

ii. **Honorary Secretary:** 1 Post

iii. **Honorary Treasurer:** 1 Post

iv. **Joint Secretary:** 2 Posts

Important Dates in Connection with Election

i. 02/11/2026: Cut-off date for Electoral role for eligible members.

ii. 15/11/2026: midnight (11.59 pm): Last date for filing nominations.

iii. 17/11/2026: Last date for withdrawal of nominations.

iv. 19/11/2026: Announcement of valid candidates.

v. 21/11/2026: Last date of submissions of objections (if any).

All timelines are till 11:59 pm (Midnight) of the date mentioned and not beyond.

Election If No Applications:
If there is no applicant for a position on 15/11/2026, the announcement will be repeated on 16/11/2026, with 20/11/2026 being the last date for application.
In case there is no applicant for the posts, the election will be conducted on the floor of the AGBM of the year.
The entire process will be under the supervision of the Election Officer.

Announcement of valid candidates:
The decision of the Election Officer is to be considered final.
The disqualified candidate will have the right to appeal against the decision of the Election Officer to an Arbitration Committee, which shall be constituted by the President as per the provisions of the Constitution. The Arbitration Committee shall give its decision within one week and that decision will be final and binding.

Applications for particular posts:

1. Life Members of Maharashtra intending to contest should complete the nomination process before midnight of 15/11/2026.
2. The completed applications (Email & Postal) with annexures must be sent to
    a. **Dr. Jay D. Gupte**, Returning Officer & IADVL Maharashtra Honorary Secretary within the above-mentioned timeline.
3. A duplicate set has to be sent simultaneously to **Dr. Haresh Timbadia,** the Election Officer, so as to reach him by midnight of 15/11/2026.
4. Applications received after the deadline will be rejected.
5. An existing EC Member will not be eligible to file nominations for any of the posts before the end of their current tenure.
6. An existing EC Member can file for nomination only during the next period elections, after a moratorium of one year.

Conditions of Eligibility:

i. Junior Vice President:

A member who has been elected as Vice-President shall be designated as the Junior Vice-President for the first year & thereafter, as the Senior Vice President or President Elect for the second year.

1. To be eligible for the post of Vice President, the member should have worked a full term either as the Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, or Joint Secretary, or have been a member of the State Council for a period of at least five years on the last date fixed for receipt of the application for the post.
2. He/She shall be a member of the association for last 10 years, with good standing & with no outstanding indebtedness to the association.
3. He/She shall be exclusively engaged in the practice, teaching &/or research associated with the speciality.
4. He/She should declare any conflict of interest.
    i. Disclosures of conflict by candidates: Each type of conflict- other association/ organization, pharma- needs to be declared explicitly in a separate form.

ii. Honorary Secretary: Tenure 2 years

1. To be eligible for the post of the Secretary, the member should have worked as a Joint Secretary or a member of the State Council for a period of at least two years on the last date fixed for receipt of the application for the post.
2. He/She should have been a member of the association for last 5 years with good standing & with no outstanding indebtness to the association.
3. He/She shall be exclusively engaged in the practice, teaching &/or research associated with the speciality.
4. He/She should declare any conflict of interest.
    i. Disclosures of conflict by candidates: Each type of conflict- other association/ organization, pharma- needs to be declared explicitly in a separate form.

iii. Honorary Treasurer: Tenure 2 years

1. To be eligible for the post of Treasurer, the member should have worked as a member of the State Council for a period of at least two years on the last date fixed for receipt of

the application for the post.

2. He/She should have been a member of the association for last 5 years with good standing and with no outstanding indebtness to the association.
3. He/She shall be exclusively engaged in the practice, teaching and/or research associated with the speciality.
4. He/She should declare any conflict of interest.
    i. Disclosures of conflict by candidates: Each type of conflict- other association/ organization, pharma- needs to be declared explicitly in a separate form.

iv. **Joint Secretary: Tenure 2 years**

1. To be eligible for the post of Joint Secretary, the member should have worked as a member of the State Council for a period of at least two years on the last date fixed for receipt of the application for the post.
2. He/She shall be a member of the association for last 3 years with good standing & with no outstanding indebtness to the association.
3. He/She shall be exclusively engaged in the practice, teaching and/or research associated with the speciality.
4. He/She should declare conflict of interest.
    i. Disclosures of conflict by candidates: Each type of conflict- other association/ organization, pharma- needs to be declared explicitly in a separate form.

Procedure For Elections of Office Bearers:

1. The Electoral Roll will consist of all life members of the Maharashtra State Branch Association and who have no outstanding indebtedness to the Association.
2. The Nominated candidate shall be duly proposed and seconded by members in good standing who have no outstanding dues to the Association.
3. The application should bear the candidates' willingness and signature.
4. **Withdrawal Of Nominations**:
    a. The last date for withdrawal of nominations will be 17/11/2026.
    b. Non-receipt of a letter of withdrawal from the candidate by the Honorary Secretary shall be considered as acceptance of the nomination by the member.
5. **Valid Nominations:**
    a. The Honorary Secretary shall send a list of nominated members to the Election Officer on 18/11/2026, after ascertaining the withdrawal of nomination by any candidate.
6. **Process of Elections:**
    a. The mode of election shall be by direct secret ballot election at the time of AGBM, which shall be held on 06/12/2026 in Pune during CUTICON Maharashtra 2026.
7. **Objections:**
    a. Any candidate who has any objections about any other candidate or about the process of election in any way, should intimate the same to the Election Officer by 21/11/2026.
    b. No objections either about candidature or election process or any other issue shall be entertained after this date.
8. **Declaration Of Election Results:**
    a. The Official Declaration of the election results will be on 06/12/2026, during the AGBM 2026 by the Election Officer, Dr. Haresh Timbadia.

9. **Complaints:**
    a. All complaints should be made by email. These need to be sent to both, the Election Officer & the Returning Officer.
    b. On receipt the Returning officer will acknowledge within 24 hours.
    c. A decision will be taken within 72 hours & communicated.
    d. If the decision is not possible in that time, the same will be communicated to the complainant, mentioning more time is needed.

Disrespect towards the Election Officer &/or the Returning Officer:

The election officer can take the following actions against a candidate or member:

1. Warning privately.
2. Warning publicly.
3. Removing him from all official communication groups.
4. Recommending any of the following actions to be taken by the AGBM:
    a. Barring him/her from casting his vote.
    b. Barring him/her from holding any position in any committee.
    c. Barring him/her from contesting elections for any period of time.
    d. Suspension from membership.