

Addendum to by-laws – OCGSL Election Procedures as of 6/24/24

Approved Election Procedures for 2024/2025 Board Terms and moving forward for future Elections for participation on the OCGSL Board.

Elections will be held in the months of June/July as determined by the board of directors.

Voting rights- any current board member has voting rights.

Members- all players, their parents, guardians and interested adults of the community can also vote, with a limit of one vote per household.

Before the election process, each participant must be deemed eligible to vote per our bylaws.

Voting procedure:

Positions will be open for election in the order of open positions as they are listed on the Orange Canyon Girls Softball League website and league bylaws. Executive board positions will be skipped if they are in the middle of a two-year term. Exception: A board member is elected to a higher role. The vacated role will be added to the queue of open positions.

Eligible Executive Board Member in mid-term years of an existing role, may apply for a role higher, not lower than the listed order in By-laws and as listed on the OCGSL Website.

Board member can only move up- not down. In order to apply for another position lower than their current, active, executive board role, the board member must resign from their current role prior to the elections. Resignation from a role prior to an election can be evaluated as context for approval to any role that member applies for. General board members can apply for any general board role, or open executive board roles, with priority going to participants with at least one year of service for executive board roles per our bylaws. A vote of no-confidence for members with at least one year of participation on the OCGSL board must occur before considering another candidate for an executive board position. Condition for approval for another role on the OCGSL board, is commitment to transitioning/training of their replacement, and/or overseeing that role if vacant if that role cannot be filled during the election process.

If member does move to a higher position, the vacated position would be added in queue for the remainder of the term as listed in our bylaws. Typically, this would be a one-year commitment of a two year term in these circumstances.

Candidates will be able to present to all present board members and voting members. After presentation, all applicants will leave the meeting until voting has been complete. The voting committee can also invite a candidate back in to the voting room for further questions based on the presentations of each candidate. After applicants leave the room, all additional questions from the voting committee amongst the candidates have been answered, members can then have the opportunity to discuss each candidate, or single candidate, prior to the vote.

The votes will be recorded by the two (2) highest ranking present E-Board Members (Note, this is the current board members, and not members just voted into a position.)

If there are not two (2) E-board members present to reconcile the vote, the highest General.

Board member will take the responsibility of this with a minimum of (2) members to ensure integrity of the vote.

Once the vote is complete, they will join the other applicants so voting can continue. They will be informed before returning to the room by the 2 board members who counted the vote. The disclosure will be simply the outcome, and not the total votes, or who voted for whom.

After we go over all vacant roles and positions, we will repeat the process until we have done.

our due diligence to fill all roles. This could be done once, twice, or up to 3 times to fill as many positions as possible.

Once roles have been filled, we can duplicate and/or add additional positions to help the Orange Canyon Girls Softball League- i.e.: webmaster II, field manager-by location (OUSD/Peralta), social media. After all existing positions have been filled, interested participants will have an opportunity to speak on how they can support OCGSL. All the remaining applicants will leave the room, and the board will determine if there is an additional fit for a position on the board for OCGSL, each interested member will exit the voting area during this time, all the applicants will be discussed one by one. A final decision of an offer of a position will be made, requiring a 50% vote for a vacant position that is currently unclaimed after the voting process, a duplicative support position for an existing role (i.e., Webmaster 2, Field manager 2, etc.), or a newly created role deemed appropriate by voting committee.

If a position is offered during this time, the applicant has until the end of the next calendar day, to accept, or decline the position on the OCGSL board.

A single applicant for an open role, does not guarantee placement in that role.
A vote of 50% or more will be needed to secure a role of approved votes

During each vote, a vote can be submitted anonymously if preferred to the (2) board members collecting the vote.

General board members may fill multiple positions, but more specifically, can serve as a division agent in conjunction with another OCGSL general board member position. However, participation in multiple roles does not increase voting rights. Each member whether serving in one role, or multiple, receives one vote.

Voting conversation is to remain professional and appropriate at all times. Absentee ballots will be accepted from active general board members unable to attend the election, only if the missing votes could potentially turn the vote from one candidate to another or disqualify or qualify a single candidate for an open position. In this circumstance, a summary of the presentation or opportunity to speak to all candidates prior to voting must be accommodated in order for the vote to allow for informed voting from absent board members. Due to the size of membership and participation at OCGSL, this applies to active General Board members only. Non board member parents and/or other interested parties may apply in order to be included in absentee voting. This will require approval from the OCGSL board, and will only be provided in circumstances where the amount of votes received from the present voting committee, absentee votes from non-present board members, create a possibility of a change in outcome of the current vote. In order to apply for absentee voting rights as a non-general, or executive board member, you must email the executive board at eboard@ocgsl.org to be approved. Members in any circumstance must be able to be reached during the election, if unable to be reached, the member will be unable to participate in the vote.

Applicants for open positions will also be considered by emailing interest forms to the OCGSL executive board for consideration, along with a prepared statement of interest to be presented to the voting committee. You do not need to be present to apply for an open board position.

At adjournment of elections, the results will be final. Exiting board members must turn over any league property, documents, contacts, or any other pertinent data to their successor by the end of their term, 07/31 of the current year. Terms for elected officials begin 08/01 after completion of elections, unless an exiting board member is unable to complete their responsibilities through 07/31. Or the position was vacant prior to elections. In these circumstances, the elected member will assume all responsibilities of their role immediately.