



Information Regarding Board of Dentistry Election

Board Districts 6, 7 and 8

The Oklahoma Board of Dentistry is a constitutionally created agency. Prior to statehood, the Board of Dentistry existed as the Territorial Board of Dentistry. The Board of Dentistry along with the Pharmacy Board, the Health Board and the Pure Food Commission was one of four (4) State Agencies, created at the State Constitutional Convention in Guthrie in 1906. The Board has eleven (11) Board members, eight (8) dentists elected from all licensed dentists in the State by District. One hygienist is elected by all licensed hygienists in the state and two lay members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.

Please review the statutes as listed in 59 O. S. §328.7 and the rules as listed at 195:2-1-2. Your official address is the address you listed on the most recent renewal form as your official registration address. To run for office, you must have ten (10) original signatures from currently licensed dentists in good standing that also have an official registration address in that district. A form with original signatures must be physically received by closing time (4:30 p.m.) at the State Board of Dentistry located at 2920 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite B, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or they will not be valid. Please review the rules that state the petition must be personally delivered or delivered by certified mail, therefore NO FAXES OR EMAILS are allowed. Please be advised that the Board reviews the signatures for certification according to our official records and in the past we have had persons on petitions that were not officially registered in the district so we recommend you obtain at least twelve (12) signatures and turn it in early so that we may notify you if there is an issue.

Ballots will be sent from the Board to every licensed dentist in the district as listed by the Boards official records. All ballots must be received back to the Board by April 14th, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. All ballots shall remain sealed and will be opened the following day at the official State Board of Dentistry Meeting located at the Cox Convention Center, 1 Myriad Gardens, Room 15, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Candidates whose names appear on the ballots, and their representative, are invited to be present when the seals are open and the votes are counted. The Board will only accept official ballots as mailed and will not accept copies or any reproduction of ballots. All ballots must be returned to the Board in the official Board of Dentistry envelopes provided. This is necessary to ensure that they are recognized as official ballots and not opened by staff prior to the meeting. Please call the Board staff if you have any questions. (405) 522-4844