

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR CANVASSING

A. PURPOSE

- (i) The purpose of the model code of conduct is to conduct **free and fair elections** of the office bearers of the MSBIRIA. A visible and rigorous enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct enhance the credibility of the election and gives confidence to the election committee, candidates and voters.
- (ii) The model code of conduct comes into operation from 1st October of the election year, when the Election Officer publishes the election notification.

B. GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES FOR CANVASSING:

- (i). Canvassing within the limits of normal tolerance for the members is welcome. Now normal tolerance means telephoning the members once or twice, sending letters/e-mails. However, any efforts more than these would certainly cause irritation to most of the members, leading to unwarranted efforts. However, any foul play or anti-feeling words or lobbying should not be tolerated and the guilty must be punished. All the members of MSBIRIA should behave like civilized people, doctors and first- class citizens of a country.
- (ii). All candidates must submit a letter of affidavit along with his/her candidature form stating that he/she will be contesting election with all ethics and will not indulge in any unfair means. If found doing so, his/her candidature will be cancelled. The Election Committee of MSBIRIA would monitor this in case of any misconduct by candidate and take necessary action as it may deem fit. The decision of the election committee would be final and binding to all.
- (iii). The brief bio data of all the candidates (one page only) shall be uploaded on the website of MSBIRIA after thorough scrutiny by the election committee.
- (iv). The candidate shall not question the procedure of election being conducted by the Election Officer along with election committee. If he/she does so, he/she shall not be replied by the election committee.

- (v). Candidates must not try to collect votes by himself/herself or by his/her friends or supporters or any agency. Any such activity will be viewed very seriously by the Election Committee and any action taken therefore, will be binding on the candidates and people concerned.
- (vi). The candidate in the election shall not be the organizer of any IRIA/MSBIRIA funded CME or IREP program in order to avoid unduly influencing the members/voters. The ex-officio members of Organizing Committee are excluded.
- (vii). If a candidate has been convicted by a Court for the contravention of any law, he/she should not be allowed to contest any election.
- (viii). The candidate(s) shall not spread rumors/false information about other candidates. If found doing so, the election committee shall take suitable action as it may deem fit including termination of the candidature of that candidate.
- (ix). Any candidate shall not use the office machinery for canvassing, if he/she is holding any office in state or center.
- (x). If the candidate is holding any office in the state or center, he shall not use his/her designation in his/her emails/sms/letters social media or any other stationery meant for canvassing in order to influence the members/voters. Also, he/she shall not use office letter heads and stationery for his/her canvassing.
- (xi). Election Committee of MSBIRIA including its ex-officio members shall not do any kind of canvassing for any of the Candidates in the election.
- (xii). A member of the association contests for any post as per his/her eligibility as it is laid down in Bye Laws. Only a candidate can do his/her canvassing.