



Dear OKF Members and Participants,

On behalf of the Ontario Karate Federation, we welcome you all to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that is to be held on September 12, 2020, due to current COVID-19 situation and for safety of participants, this year AGM will be exclusively online and will be held using Zoom (details of meeting will be shared later). AGM will start at 10 am (connection will be allowed at 9.45 am). As you may know, the notice of the Meeting was previously sent and the purpose of this communication is to inform you who is running for each open position on the Board of Directors and proposed Special Members Resolution to modify bylaw.

The Nominations Committee received applications and evaluated each solely for the purpose of making sure each applicant met the objective criteria in the Bylaws and Policies of the OKF. At this AGM, 2 Board positions are up for election and the Board, in line with the Nominations Policy, appointed four members to serve on the Committee. Those persons were Roberto Castro, Alexander David, Shivakumar Vadivelu and Vera Secrieru. The Board appointed these individuals based on their professional experience and knowledge.

The Nominations Committee has determined that the following persons are eligible to run for each of the positions listed below, which each applicant applied for. Voting Members of the OKF will be able to vote at the AGM for the below persons. Please note that according to Section 4.2 of the Bylaws, where there is one candidate for a position, they will be elected by acclimation.

Vice President

Blake Paterson

Membership Director

Nima Arefi



Speaking of the Nominations Committee, the Board thanks the Nominations Committee for their time in evaluating the applications for the AGM in 2020 and will put out a notice for interested parties to serve on the Nominations Committee moving forward and in line with the Nominations Policy.

Finally, Board of Directors proposing for vote following **Special Members Resolution** (As required by Act to amend that part of bylaws):

“To avoid confusion and misuse of Associate Club status, starting from January 1st, 2021 to remove Associate Member status by modifying Article 6.2 of bylaws (and all subsequent documents like Membership Policy) as follow (underscored in text):

6.2 Karate Club

There shall be one class of Members in the Corporation. Membership in the Corporation shall be available only to Karate Clubs (which may also be also referred to as “Dojos” or “Clubs” or “Active Member Clubs”) interested in furthering the Corporations purposes and who have applied for and been accepted into Membership in the Corporation by resolution of the Board or in such other manner as may be determined by the Board. Each Member shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of the Members of the Corporation. No individual may join except through a registered Karate club. To be eligible for membership as an Active Member Club, the dojo must have a minimum of 5 members, one who meets the coaching requirements. Clubs that wish to join but do not meet the minimum requirements, will be allowed to join and will be given 6 months period to meet minimal Active Member Club requirements. During that period club can attend meetings and participate in events. After 6 months if club does not meet requirements, that club will lose their Member Status. A Karate club must register every one of its students and instructors, and be approved by the Board of Directors.”

Again, we look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Sunday September 12, 2020. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board Member.

Respectfully,
Ontario Karate Federation Board of Directors

