

Call for Nominations for 2022 COTA Board of Directors Election

Dear COTA members:

The Board of Directors (BOD) of Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA) is seeking highly qualified candidates to fill in four regular positions and one student position on the BOD. The new positions will take effect on January 9, 2022 at the COTA BOD meeting in Washington D.C. during the 2022 TRB Annual Meeting. If you would like to be part of our BOD with strong commitment to contributing to the continuing success and growth of COTA or if you know someone who fits this description, please submit your self-nomination or nomination information to the 2022 COTA BOD Election Committee that consists of the following members:

Jianming Ma (Chair): mjiming@gmail.com

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Jianwei Wang (Member): wjwish@gmail.com

The 2022 BOD Election Committee is supported by the following staff:

Ken Yang (Online Voting Manager): kyang2005@gmail.com

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All nominations must be received by midnight worldwide (12:00AM (UTC -11)) on **Monday, November 1, 2021**.

Each nominee must obtain endorsements from at least three active COTA Members, including at least one current BOD Member who is NOT serving on the election committee (http://www.cota-home.org/Organization_Board_Officers.html). Each nomination submission must include a written statement (no more than 2 pages) stating his/her qualifications, envisioned commitment and a headshot.

To be an eligible candidate for election, the nominee shall have maintained his/her COTA Membership in the last two years and have paid his/her 2021 COTA Membership annual dues by October 1, 2021.

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For other eligibility requirements, please refer to COTA Bylaws (http://cota-home.org/About_ByLaws.html).

According to COTA Bylaws 4.1.1, “No more than one (1) candidate from the same organizational entity is permitted to run the election at one time. No candidate is allowed from an organizational entity that currently has an active BOD member who will continuously serve after the election. Association, at the judge of the BOD, is not eligible for election.”

The nominee will be informed whether he/she is eligible and becomes a candidate for the election by Monday, November 8, 2021. The election will be held online from November 15 through December 4, 2021.

For questions regarding the nomination or election, please feel free to contact the Election Committee.

Jianming Ma, Wei Fan, and Jianwei Wang

The 2022 BOD Election Committee

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