

Call for Nominations for 2024 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 7, 2024 at the COTA BOD meeting in Washington D.C. during the 2024 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 2024 COTA BOD Election Committee that consists of the following members:

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The 2024 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 Friday, November 17, 2023.

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 2023 COTA Membership annual dues by October 1, 2023. 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. Associate Member, 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 Wednesday, November 22, 2023. The election will be held online from November 27 through December 11, 2023.

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

Guohui Zhang, Shanjiang Zhu, Jianwei Wang, Haizhong Wang, and Lijun Sun
2024 COTA BOD Election Committee