

## **Revised Election Schedule**

### **5. Adjustment and Reconstitution of Election Schedule:**

To preserve the statutory election process and ensure that the POEPA general elections conclude within the mandatory biennial period ending on September 30, 2026 (as commanded by Rule 13(b) and Rule 18(19) of TOR 2013) without curtailing the procedural rights of contesting candidates, the Election Schedule for the Executive Committee and Office Bearers for the term 2026–2028 is hereby adjusted to operate as follows:

- i. The process shall recommence with an Emergency Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of POEPA on **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, convened under direct regulatory oversight pursuant to Section 14 of the Act, dedicated exclusively to the lawful appointment of a new three-member Election Commission.
- ii. The newly appointed Election Commission shall formally assume its functions on **Monday, September 14, 2026**, take custody of all nomination files, conduct a de novo scrutiny of nomination papers for all candidates across both Associate and Corporate classes, and display the Initial List of Candidates within twenty-four hours in accordance with Rule 18(11) of TOR 2013.
- iii. Contesting candidates shall have a statutory window of twenty-four hours to file objections against any nomination appearing on the initial list, terminating on **Tuesday, September 15, 2026**, under Rule 18(12).
- iv. The Election Commission shall deliberate upon, hear, and decide all such objections within forty-eight hours, announcing its quasi-judicial decisions on **Thursday, September 17, 2026**, as prescribed by Rule 18(12).
- v. Any candidate aggrieved by the decision of the Election Commission, or in the event the Commission fails to decide within the stipulated limitation, may file an appeal before the Regulator of Trade Organizations within two days, ending on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, under Rule 18(13).
- vi. The Regulator shall afford personal hearings and render final determinations on all such appeals on an accelerated timeline on **Monday, September 21, 2026**.

  
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- vii. Within two days of the Regulator's decision, on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**, the Election Commission shall receive notices of withdrawal of candidature and issue the Final List of Contesting Candidates in accordance with Rule 18(14).
- viii. Polling for the election of members of the Executive Committee (comprising fourteen seats for the Associate Class and fourteen seats for the Corporate Class) shall take place simultaneously across all designated polling stations nationwide on the fifth day following the display of the final list, falling on **Monday, September 28, 2026**, under Rule 18(15).
- ix. The subsequent phase for the election of Office Bearers, including the submission of nomination papers by newly elected Executive Committee members, instantaneous scrutiny, and polling for the offices of Central Chairman, Senior Vice-Chairman, and Vice-Chairman under Rules 18(16), 18(17), and 18(18), shall be conducted on **Tuesday, September 29, 2026**.
- x. The culminating milestone of the election cycle, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of POEPA, shall be convened on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**, for the official announcement of the final election results and the oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected Executive Committee and Office Bearers, thereby securing complete compliance with Rule 18(19) of the Trade Organisations Rules, 2013 on or before the statutory cut-off date.

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