

House of Delegates

Election and Position Frequently Asked Questions

What type of time commitment is involved in serving as a member of the House of Delegates (HOD)?

The term for a member of the OSB House of Delegates is three years but the overall time commitment is minimal. Each delegate is expected to attend the annual meeting in person each fall. This meeting typically lasts a half day to one full day. Additional one-hour regional meetings are held prior to the annual meeting but these meetings are optional and participation can be done via phone.

Travel time is a factor for delegates practicing outside the Portland metro area as the annual meeting is normally held at the OSB Center in Tigard.

What are the duties required of a member serving on the HOD?

The House of Delegates is a governance forum for the membership through elected and ex officio representatives. The House will debate and decide matters of bar policy as provided in the House of Delegates Rules of Procedure, the Bar Act, the bylaws and other rules and regulations of the bar. The business of the House will be conducted much the same as in the "town hall" membership meeting format, except that voting will be by representative delegates instead of individual members.

A quorum, consisting of a majority of the total number of delegates, is required to conduct business during the annual meeting. All delegates are expected to attend this meeting in-person.

Reimbursement of up to 400 miles round-trip is provided for delegate attendance at the annual meeting.

What are the eligibility requirements for serving on the HOD?

Delegates are elected from in-state regions established by the Board of Governors and an additional region comprised of all areas outside the state. A delegate must be an active member of the bar and maintain their primary office address in the region they were elected to represent.

For a map of the OSB regions go to <http://www.osbar.org/leadership/hod/>.

How many openings are there on the HOD?

The number of vacant seats varies each year. For details on this year's vacancies including the number of positions and the regions they represent, go to <http://www.osbar.org/leadership/hod/>.

Are there any conflicts that would prevent me from running or serving on the HOD?

An elected delegate may not also serve as a member of the Board of Governors, as a section chairperson, or as a county bar association president during their term as a HOD member.

How do you run for election to the HOD?

Members interested in running for a seat on the House of Delegates must submit a completed candidate statement before the statutory deadline. Appropriate forms and deadlines are available at <http://www.osbar.org/leadership/hod/>.

Who can I contact to find out more information about serving on the HOD?

For more information contact Danielle Edwards, Director of Member Services, dedwards@osbar.org or 503-431-6426.

HOD meetings are open to the public. Interested candidates may wish to attend a meeting or contact one of their current HOD representatives for further information. A current roster for the HOD is available online at <http://www.osbar.org/leadership/hod/>.