

2009 Election FAQ

What do I get to run for?

Representatives from member companies can be elected to the board of directors, to the chair or co-chair of a work group, or to the Interoperability Committee as a work group representative. For full details, see the OpenTravel Procedures Manual posted on www.opentravel.org.

Who do I get to vote for?

Here's a table showing how member companies can vote:

Voting Chart by Member Class and Business Category

Board Ballot					
Member Company is Supplier Class					Member Company is Non-Supplier Class
Business Categories					
Air	Car	Non-Air/Car Transport Supplier	Hotel	Non-Hotel Hospitality Supplier	Non-Supplier
Board Make-up					
Air (2)	X				
Car (2)		X			
Hotel (3)			X		
Non-US (1)	X	X	X	X	X
At Large Supplier (1)		X		X	
Non-Suppliers (4)					X

Work Group Ballot					
Member Company is Supplier Class					Member Company is Non-Supplier Class
Business Categories					
Air	Car	Non-Air/Car Transport Supplier	Hotel	Non-Hotel Hospitality Supplier	Non-Supplier
Work Groups					
Transport	X	X	X		
Hospitality			X	X	
Travel Integration					X
Architecture	X	X	X	X	X

Interoperability Representative Ballot					
Interoperability	X	X	X	X	X

So if your company is an airline, your company could vote for the airline board seats, the non-US board seat, and the chair, co-chair and Interoperability Committee representatives of the Transport and Architecture work groups. If your company is an online travel agency, your company could vote for the non-supplier board seats, the non-US board seat, and the chair, co-chair and Interoperability Committee representatives of the Travel Integration and Architecture workgroups.



Which board of director seats are up for election in 2009?

OpenTravel board of directors terms are for two years, and terms are staggered, so roughly half the board is up for election each year (other factors can affect this, including individual or mid-year turnover). In 2009, the following board seats are up for election:

- Two air carrier representative seats
- One rental car representative seat
- Two hotel company representative seats
- Three non-supplier representative seats
- One at-large supplier representative seat
- One non-US representative seat

Who from my company gets to vote?

When your company applied for membership, it identified a voting representative and a voting alternate. Those two individuals receive election ballots, but only one of them may vote. If you're unsure whom your company's voting representative and voting alternate are, send an email to membership@openttravel.org.

How do I vote?

OpenTravel uses an online voting application. Ballots are created online and an email with a link to the ballot is sent to the voting representative and alternate of each company. Voting online is easy and quick, and votes are automatically tallied in real time.

When do I vote?

The nomination process for the board of directors will begin on June 8 2009. The nomination process for the workgroups, committees and subcommittee will begin on June 29, 2009. See the election schedule posted online for complete information.

I have other questions. Who can I go to for answers?

Contact our executive director Valyn Perini at valyn.perini@openttravel.org or +1 978 263 7606.