



Garda Representative Association

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Each member: Garda Representative Association

GRA Elections 2026



GRA Elections shall take place in the coming weeks to fill the Association Committees at local and National levels. GRA members in the course of these elections shall decide who runs their Association for the next four years. They will determine the effectiveness and calibre of the Association at every level, and the outcome will be vital to the wellbeing of our members. The procedure and timeframe for elections are outlined overleaf. All of the different stages of the election process are detailed – District Committee, Divisional Committee and Central Executive Committee.

The Association is run, controlled and directed by its members who act through democratically elected District and Divisional Committees, Central Executive Committee and Annual Delegate Conference. It is now clearly in the members' own hands to ensure that colleagues are elected to run the Association at every level. In this era of ongoing violent extremism facing our frontline members; concerns about Garda numbers; industrial relations; discipline/conduct regulations; representation at national pay talks; and the wellbeing/welfare of our members, it is vital that we need a strong, active, vibrant and efficient Association which can only be provided through the prudent and determined electoral process. Members who may not always approve of what the Association is doing get an opportunity every four years to support candidates who will reflect their point of view. Such an opportunity is now presented again, and every member of the Association is exhorted to avail of it. The role of elected representatives is challenging and rewarding, supporting those colleagues in their hour of greatest need.

The future of the Garda Representative Association depends upon the participation of our members. It is important that the Association is renewed and refreshed by a steady flow of representatives, so that the greatest proportion of Association members can be engaged and active for some part of their career. These voices provide fresh thinking, and new ideas generate policy.

There is now an opportunity for a new generation to take up the challenge, step forward and ultimately reap the benefits of their efforts.

The enclosed nomination paper has issued to each member of the GRA in every District. Members interested in the affairs of the Association should be willing to have their names put forward as Candidates. To have an election there should be more candidates than there are vacancies in a District. You will be given full training and support. This will provide many opportunities to have your voice heard; directly with local management and to national level through the structures of the GRA.

You will enjoy the support and comradeship of your colleagues and the protection of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Association and the Garda Commissioner.

This is now your opportunity to shape modern policing in Ireland.

Ronan Slevin, General Secretary

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In accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Garda Representative Association elections to District, Divisional and Central Executive Committees shall now take place for a four-year term. Members of the Association are urged to participate.

PROCEDURE

- A. Completed nomination papers must reach the Association's office, Floor 5, Phibsboro Tower, Dublin 7 by 5 p.m. on Friday, 16 January 2026. Where the number of nomination papers received for a particular District exceeds the number of vacancies, ballot papers will issue by Wednesday, 21 January 2026.
- B. Ballot papers must be returned (envelope will be supplied) to reach our Auditors, Crowleys DFK, 16/17 College Green, Dublin 2 DO2 VO78 not later than 2 p.m. on Thursday, 12 February, 2026.
- C. Newly elected District Committees shall hold their first meeting on or before Tuesday, 17 February 2026.
- D. Newly elected Divisional Committees shall hold their first meeting on or before Tuesday, 24 February 2026. In accordance with Rule 50 of the Garda Representative Association all District representatives may attend for the purpose of nominating and seconding candidates of the Divisional Committee to go forward for election to form the Central Executive Committee.
- E. Notification of nominees for the Central Executive Committee should be forwarded to the Association's office, Floor 5, Phibsboro Tower, Dublin 7 by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 25 February 2026.
- F. Ballot papers for election to Central Executive Committee will issue by Monday 2 March 2026. Ballot papers must be returned (envelope will be supplied) to reach our Auditors, Crowleys DFK, 16/17 College Green, Dublin 2, DO2 VO78 not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday 18 March 2026.
- G. Nominations for the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer should be submitted to the Association's office, Floor 5, Phibsboro Tower, Dublin 7 not later than 2 p.m. on Friday, 20th March 2026. Nominations for election as members of the Standing Orders Committee should be submitted at least fourteen days prior to Conference scheduled to take place on the 21/22 April 2026.
- H. Newly elected Central Executive Committee will take up office at the close of the Annual Delegate Conference on Wednesday 22nd April 2026.

COMPLETING NOMINATION FORM

1. The nomination of candidates for election to District Committees shall be on the enclosed prescribed nomination form. Gardai who are subscribing members of the Association shall be eligible for election provided they are permanently attached to the GRA District in respect of which they seek election in accordance with Rule 36 (a) (i).
2. A member of the Association may nominate another member of the Association from his/her GRA District. A member wishing to do so should enter the name of the member he/she wishes to nominate in Section 1 of the nomination form. He/she should then sign his/her own name and registered number in the same section.
3. It will then be necessary to have another member of the Association from the same District endorse and second that nomination. A member wishing to do this should do so on Section 2 of the nomination form. He/she shall then sign his/her own name and registered number in the same section.
4. The member nominated and seconded in the above manner should indicate his/her acceptance of the nomination by completing Section 3 of the nomination form and should sign his/her name and registered number in that section.
5. It is important to note that to be eligible for inclusion on a ballot paper a nomination form must bear the signature of (1) the nominator, (2) the seconder and (3) the candidate.
6. Duplicate ballot papers will not issue, therefore it is imperative that the Association has details of your current address for correspondence. It is the Association's policy to enfranchise members rather than to disenfranchise members so please ensure that your proper contact details are recorded.