Welcome to the Osteopathic International Alliance’s Annual General Meeting 2013

AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA
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Vision and Mission

- Vision: “Osteopathy, through its distinct perspectives and practices, will make an important contribution to improving integrated quality health care worldwide.”

- Mission: The OIA advances the philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine and osteopathy worldwide.
Today’s Programme

- Welcome and Introduction
- Approval of 2012 AGM Minutes (pages 4-17 agenda)
- Reports
  - Approval of new member organisations
- Proposed Bylaws Change
- Strategic Plan & Member Benefits Discussion
- Candidates’ Forum
- Board Elections
- General Q&A
- Adjournment
Board Report

- **Current Membership**
- **As of 1 January 2014, there are 71 members of the Alliance.**
  - 9 Full members – AOA-US, AOA-AU, BOA, DAAO, DGOM, FSO/SVO, OFSD, SAGOM, VOD
  - 9 Associate members – SBO-SBO, CFO, CSdO, JOF, NAO, RBrO, ROB, ROR, UNRO
  - 53 Partner members – 34 schools, 17 national/regional organisations and 2 international organisations

- **Since the Paris meeting, the OIA has added 4 new Partner members and 1 Full member has converted to Partner status. One Full member was dissolved.**
Board Report, Cont’d

- Status Report on Osteopathy, Stages 1 & 2
- Stage 1 and Annexes available on www.OIAlliance.org

The OIA has now completed Stage 2, *Osteopathy and Osteopathic Medicine: A Global View of Practice, Patients, Education and the Contribution to Healthcare Delivery*, which will be unveiled to you all tomorrow morning. Be sure to join us!

- The document describes the current state of osteopathy and osteopathic medicine globally and how these disciplines interact with national health systems across a range of countries.
Since the consultation we hosted with the WHO at the Paris conference, the OIA has expanded our relationship with the WHO.

OIA leadership met with Dr Zhang at the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May.

Provided highlights from the Stage 2 document to Dr Zhang, which were published in the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy, 2014-2023.

OIA attended the launch ceremony for the TM Strategy in Macau, November 2013.

Considered in a working relationship with WHO.
Secretary-Treasurer Report

- Statement of Financial Activities (handout P22)
- MOU with AOA-US
  - Staffing and staff travel; IT and telecom services; office occupancy costs for the day to day functions of the OIA
  - Website revision is part of the in-kind contributions
  - Renewable on an annual basis; the Board agreed to raise the payment from USD $18,000 to $25,000 in 2014 then $5,000 per year to $35,000 in 2016.
Final costs for the development of the document and accompanying publications totaled US $32,054.
Governance Committee

- The committee was charged with reviewing the bylaws and policy and procedures manual for updating
- The proposed change was approved by the Board and sent to the membership for consideration at the Austin AGM (pp. 31 in your book)
- If approved, the change to the required Board make up will be implemented with the London Conference
Membership Committee

Since the Paris AGM

- 4 new Partner members and 1 Full member converted to Partner membership – all have been approved by the Board
- 2 applications are still awaiting further documentation
- 1 Full member dissolved
**Membership – New Members**

- **Partner member:**
  - Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC)
  - IMT – Instituto de Medicina Tradicional (IMT)
  - Ontario Federation of Osteopathic Professionals (OFOP)
  - Osteopathy Board of Australia (OBA)

- **Change from Full to Partner Member:**
  - General Osteopathic Council (GOsC)
Member Relations Committee

- **International Osteopathic Healthcare Week**
  - 2013: 14-18 April, several members participated by providing their members and patients with information about the osteopathic profession and its benefits
  - 2014: 13-19 April, we encourage members to educate about the profession and donate money or care to organizations or patients in need. More information will be coming in the next few weeks
  - Mark your calendars for 13-19 April!
External Relations/WHO Editorial Committee

- Covered in WHO Update, see AGM book pp. 19 for more information
Conference Organising Committee

- Austin Conference – implemented basic outline for conferences to be used for future meetings

- London Conference: 3-5 October in partnership with the BOA

- Montreal Conference: 25-27 September 2015 in partnership with Osteopathy Quebec
The Nominating committee received and approved 5 nominations to stand for the 3 positions on the board that are up for election:

- Ana Paula Ferreira DO (BR), nominated by the General Osteopathic Council from the Registro Brasileiro dos Osteopatas (Associate member)
- John R. Gimpel DO (US), M.Ed., nominated by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (Partner member)
- Craig Hilton PhD, nominated by the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand from Unitec New Zealand (Partner member)
- Marina Urquhart-Pullen DO (UK), nominated by the British Osteopathic Association (Full member)
- Alain Wurtz MD, DO (FR), nominated by the Ostéos de France/Syndicate (Full member)
2014-2016 Strategic Plan

- Board of Directors held a strategic planning session at their October Chicago meeting (in lieu of meeting during the AAO Convocation in 2014)
- Developed a totally new Strategic Plan (pp. 23 in AGM book), based on comments and input provided by member organisations’ comments and suggestions
- Draft plan sent out for comment in November; discussed further at Member Open Forum yesterday
Member Benefits

- All OIA Members have the ability to:
- Make an impact on the global osteopathic profession
- Connect with more than 70 organisations representing over 110,000 practitioners in nearly 30 countries
- Apply to host OIA Annual Conferences
- Nominate individuals for the Board of Directors
- Receive quarterly OIA Newsletter
- Access to the Status Report Stages 1 & 2
- Benefits of the OIA partnership with the World Health Organisation
- Full chart available in your book, pp. 27
The OIA has created a new website that has been developed by the Board of Directors and the Member Relations Committee.

Please provide any comments to OIA@osteopathic.org
Proposed Bylaws Change

- The OIA Governance Committee proposed, and the Board of Directors approved for vote by the Full membership, changes to bylaws **Article V, Board of Directors: Section 3. Number, Term, and Qualifications**

- See the AGM Book for the proposed change. P31.

- Because this is an approve/disapprove vote, each Full member will receive only 1 ballot
Current board composition

Three designated seats for largest DO/O groups

At least three elected full members

Up to three elected associate or partner members

Between one and three lay members
Proposed board composition

Three designated seats for largest DO/O groups

Six elected members from any category of member

No less than six osteopaths or osteopathic physicians
Board Elections – Current Board Terms

- **Board member terms expiring:**
  - Simon Fielding DO (UK), OBE, Nominated by AOA-US, Lay member (no organisational representation)
  - Johannes Mayer MD, DOM (DE), Nominated by the DAAO from the DGOM
  - Tim Walker, Nominated from the GOsC

- **Current Board members (terms not expiring this year):**
  - Michael Mulholland-Licht DO (AU), Chair, Nominated from the AOA-AU
  - Jane Carreiro DO (US), Vice-chair, Nominated by the AAO
  - Peter Ajluni DO (US), Secretary-Treasurer, Nominated by the AOA-US
  - William Burke DO (US), nominated by the AOA-US (Full member - guaranteed seat)
  - Charles Hunt DO (UK), nominated by the BOA and GOsC from the BSO (Partner member)
  - Karen Nichols DO (US), nominated by the AOA-US (Full member-guaranteed seat)
Candidates’ Forum

- **Nominees on the Austin ballot:**
  - Ana Paula Ferreira DO (BR), nominated by the General Osteopathic Council from the Registro Brasileiro dos Osteopatas (Associate member)
  - John R. Gimpel DO (US), M.Ed., nominated by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (Partner member)
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The GOsC designated seat being vacated by Mr Walker will be filled by the BOA designee (Ms Urquhart-Pullen), according to the bylaws.

The OIA bylaws state “the maximum number of Directors shall be 9, as established by resolution of the Board. Representatives of all member organisations in good standing shall be eligible for election as directors. 6 positions shall be allocated for Full members, and the remaining three can be filled by Associate, Partner or lay members.” Dr Carreiro and Mr Hunt come from partner members, leaving one available seat that can be filled by an associate, partner or lay member.

In order to remain in compliance with the OIA bylaws, Dr med Wurtz is allocated a seat to maintain the requirement of six board members nominated from OIA Full member organisations.

The remaining seat will then be filled by the election of one of the three remaining candidates (Ms Ferreira, Dr Gimpel or Dr Hilton).
Board Elections Process

- Procedure: Each delegation will be given one ballot for each of their allotted votes.
- Each delegation will check one of the provided names on each of the provided ballots.
- There can be a total of 18 votes for the open seat on the Board. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes will be elected.
- In the event of a tie, a re-vote will occur until there is one clear winner.
Voting Ballot

Sample Ballot:

Votes per Delegation:
Australia: 2 votes
France: 2 votes
Germany: 3 votes (shared)
Switzerland: 2 votes
United Kingdom: 3 votes
United States: 6 votes
18 Votes Total per Seat
Voting Delegates

- Australia: Antony Nicholas
- France (ODFS): Alain Wurtz
- Germany: Johannes Mayer, Marina Fuhrmann, Frank Mueller
- Switzerland: Sebastian Byrde (proxy, if needed, granted to BOA), Bernhard Hugentobler (proxy, if needed, granted to Johannes Mayer, DGOM)
- United Kingdom: Marina Urquhart-Pullen, Maurice Cheng
- United States: Norman Vinn
Thank you to those Board members who are rotating off of the Board this year. They have shown years of outstanding dedication and service to the OIA and the entire osteopathic profession.
Election Results

- And your new Board members are...
General Q&A

- Questions?
Thank you for your attendance!

- Thank you
- ...To our membership for your continued support of the Alliance and for coming to Austin!
- ...And to AAOE and the OME Conference for making this conference a success!
- We hope to see you again in October in London!