

**Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA)
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Anaheim, California
18 September 2016
15:00-16:45**

Board Members in Attendance

Dr Jane Carreiro, Chair
Mr Charles Hunt, Vice-Chair
Dr William Burke, Secretary-Treasurer
Ms Ana Paula Ferreira
Dr John Gimpel
Mr Stephen Hartshorn
Mr Antony Nicholas
Dr Alain Wurtz
Dr Karen Nichols

Guest

Mr Michael Mulholland-Licht

Staff

Ms Chasati Allen, OIA Staff
Ms Amy Byerwalter, OIA Staff

1 **Highlights from the Annual General Meeting**

2 **Chairman's Welcome**

3 Dr Jane Carreiro welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with introductions of the Board
4 members and attendees, and a brief overview of the Board composition and allocations.

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6 **Approval of Minutes**

7 **The Full membership moved, seconded and unanimously approved** *the minutes from the 2015*
8 *Montreal Annual General Meeting as amended.*

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10 **Chair's Report**

11 Dr Carreiro introduced Ms Amy Byerwalter as the newest member of the OIA Secretariat.

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13 **Secretary-Treasurer Report**

14 Dr Burke reported that the OIA remains in a positive financial position. The agreement between the
15 AOA and OIA in regards to management services will be reviewed and renewed on an annual basis.
16 He also informed the membership that there will be a \$5,000 increase in 2017. The total income
17 from membership revenue to-date is \$90, 952 and conference revenue totals \$14,075 and the reserve
18 balance is at \$81,328.

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1 **Member Relations Committee:** Mr Nicholas reported that the annual membership survey will be
2 sent to the membership in mid-November and will include feedback from the morning's Member
3 Open Session.
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5 **Goals of the Member Survey:**

- 6 • Seek ways of improving communication with our members
- 7 • Find out members opinion on different topics like information dissemination
- 8 • Larger OIA projects
- 9 • Increasing osteopathic awareness and members benefits
- 10 • Report on best osteopathic practices
- 11 • Report on cost effectiveness in osteopathic care

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13 **International Osteopathic Healthcare Week:**

- 14 • More than 30 member organisations participated and shared their activities during the 2016
15 IOHW
- 16 • Activities included: brochures, videos, podcasts, interviews, press releases and information
17 cards
 - 18 • The activities are available on the OIA website

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20 **Future IOHW Weeks:**

- 21 – 16-22 April 2017
- 22 – 15-21 April 2018

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24 **OIA Membership:** Dr Burke reported that the OIA has 82 organisational members representing
25 32; 10 Full, 8 Associate and 64 Partner members.
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27 **New Members**

28 The following Associate member was ratified:

- 29 • **Russian Osteopathic Association (ROsA)**

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31 The following Partner members were ratified:

- 32 • **Registro Degli Osteopati D'Italia (ROI)**
- 33 • **Korean Osteopathic Institute (KOI)**
- 34 • **Madrid School of Osteopathy (MSO)**

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36 **Conference Organising Committee:** Mr Hunt welcomed attendees.

- 37 • **2017 Anaheim Conference:** Mr Hunt invited all attendees to mark their calendars for the
38 2017 New Zealand Conference. The AGM will be held on 8 September followed by the
39 OIA's programme scheduled for 9-10 September in partnership with Osteopaths New
40 Zealand.
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- 42 • He announced that the Committee is accepting proposals to co-host the 2018 and 2019
43 conferences. Host Proposals Form is posted on website under Events.
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1 **External Affairs:** Dr Gimpel reported that the OIA is sustaining a positive and healthy
2 relationship with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Jacson Nesi provided an update on
3 the 2016 RIO Olympics.
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5 **Governance:** Mr Hartshorn led the discussion and facilitation of the bylaws changes. All Full
6 Members voted unanimously in favor of the proposed changes. All Full Members also voted in
7 favor of the Proposed Dues Ballot. The new bylaws will be posted on the OIA website.
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9 **Candidates' Forum:** Dr Nichols explained the election procedure, noting that Mr Hartshorn
10 will maintain the seat allocated to the largest Full member organisation, according to the bylaws and
11 therefore is not part of the election process. The remaining seats will then be filled by the election
12 of one (1) representative of the four (4) remaining candidates.
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14 **2016 Board Election Results**

15 Dr Frank Mueller was elected to the OIA Board for a three-year term, replacing Dr Alain Wurtz
16 who completed his first term. Ms Ana Paula Ferreira re-was elected to the OIA Board for a three-
17 year term. Mr Stephen Hartshorn was elected by acclamation by Institute of Osteopathy, the largest
18 osteopath member organisation. Mr Charles Hunt also stepped in as Chair of the Board of
19 Directors.
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21 **Outgoing Directors:** On behalf of the OIA Board, Dr Carreiro, OIA Chair, thanked Dr Alain
22 Wurtz who rotated off the Board at this meeting, and presented a plaque acknowledging his years of
23 dedication and service, not only to the OIA but to the entire osteopathic profession.
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25 Dr Carreiro thanked the membership for its continued support of the Alliance and attendance at the
26 Anaheim Conference. She acknowledged the partnership and work of the American Osteopathic
27 Association for making this conference a success.
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29 The 2016 Anaheim Annual General Meeting was adjourned.
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