

**Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA)**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**Runnymede-on-Thames Hotel –**  
**London, England, UK**  
**4 October 2014**  
**17:00-18:00**

**Full Members Present**

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)–Dr Robert Juhasz, Dr William Burke, Dr Boyd Buser,  
Ms Adrienne White-Faines  
German American Association for Osteopathy (DAAO)–Dr Frank Mueller  
German Association for Osteopathic Medicine (DGOM)–Dr med Johannes Mayer  
Institute of Osteopathy (iO)–Mr Maurice Cheng, Mr Simon Fielding, Mr Stephen Hartshorn, Ms  
Marina Urquhart-Pullen  
Medecins Osteopathes De France–Le Syndicat (ODFS)–Dr Jean-Michel Besnard, Dr Alain Wurtz  
Osteopaths New Zealand (ONZ)–Mr Jonathan Lloyd Paine  
Osteopathy Australia (OA)–Mr Michael Mulholland-Licht, Mr Antony Nicholas

**Associate and Partner Members Present**

American Association of College of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), Carisa Champion-Lippmann  
American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO)–Dr Jane Carreiro  
American Association of Osteopathic Examiners (AAOE)–Dr Geraldine O’Shea  
Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC)–Ms Rachel Portelli  
bvo, Bundesverband Osteopathie e.V. (BVO)–Mr Mathias Hartlep  
Canadian Federation of Osteopaths (CFO)–Ms Gail Abernethy, Ms Chantale Bertrand  
Centre Osteopathique Du Quebec (COQ)–Mr Andree Aubin, Ms Chantal Morin  
Consiglio Superiore d’Osteopatia (CSdO)– Mr Simon Duncan  
Federation Suisse des Osteopathes (FSO-SVO)–Mr Sebastian Byrde  
Forum for Osteopathic Regulations in Europe (FORE)–Mr Gert-Jan Goede  
General Osteopathic Council (GOsC)–Mr Tim Walker  
Japan Osteopathic Federation (JOF)–Mr Yoshiteru Hiratsuka  
Institute of Osteopathic Medicine (IOM)–Dr Irina Egorova  
National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)–Dr Mark Eastman, Dr John Gimpel,  
Dr Gary Slick  
Ontario Association of Osteopathic Manual Practitioners (OAO)–Ms Elizabeth Leach, Ms  
Catherine Cabral-Marotta  
Osteopathic Board of Australia (OBA)–Mr Robert Fendall, Dr Cathy Woodward, Nikole Grbin  
Osteopathic Council of New Zealand (OCNZ)–Ms Emma Fairs, Mr Stiofan MacSuihbne  
Osteopathic European Academic Network (OsEAN)–Mr Raimund Engel  
Osteopathie Quebec (OQ)–Mr Alain Bouchard, Ms Carole Dumais  
Registro Brasileiro dos Osteopatas (RBrO)–Ms Ana Paula Antunes Ferreira, Mr Jacson Nesi  
Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO)–Ms Gail Abernethy  
Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA)–Student Doctor Jimmy DeMeo, Houston Lui,  
Rickey Kalia  
Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation Belgium (SCTF Belgium)–Mr Daniel Ronsmans

Uniform National Register of Osteopaths (UNRO)–Larisa Lasovetskaya

### **Guests**

Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council (AAOC)–Mr Clive Standen  
National Council for Osteopathic Research (UK)–Dr Dawn Carnes

### **Board Members in Attendance**

Mr Michael Mulholland-Licht, Chair  
Dr Jane Carreiro, Vice-chair  
Dr Peter Ajluni, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr William Burke  
Ms Ana Paula Ferreira  
Mr Charles Hunt  
Dr Karen Nichols  
Ms Marina Urquhart-Pullen  
Dr Alain Wurtz

### **Staff**

Ms Linda Mascheri, OIA Secretariat  
Mr Joshua Kerr, OIA Secretariat

### **Chairman’s Welcome**

Mr Mulholland-Licht welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with introductions of the Board members and attendees.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**The Full membership moved, seconded and unanimously approved** *the minutes from the 2013 Austin Annual General Meeting as presented.*

**In Memorium:** Mr Simon Fielding, OBE spoke on behalf of The Board of Directors, notifying the membership that W. Douglas Ward, PhD, one of the architects of the OIA passed away in July. The group held a moment of silence in Dr Ward’s honour.

### **Board Reports**

The Board of Directors presented their annual report to the membership from February 2014 through December 2014.

**Strategic Plan Update:** Mr Mulholland-Licht presented the OIA’s 2014-2016 Strategic Plan. The following OIA projects were developed as member benefits in 2014:

- Speaker’s Bureau: past OIA Board members were invited to launch the Bureau
- Greater review of governance and financial structure
- Research Network and resources
- Expanded membership
- Additional member resources

All member resources can be found on the OIA’s website, including:

- The Global Osteopathic Reports 1 & 2

- 1 - International Osteopathic Healthcare Week materials for each member to use to promote
- 2 this event,
- 3 - OIA's Speaker's Bureau where members can invite a member of the Bureau to present at
- 4 their meetings,
- 5 - International Osteopathic Research Network resources to encourage continued research
- 6 pertaining to the profession, and
- 7 - The OIA Twitter account where members can follow the events taking place within the
- 8 OIA.

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10 Ms Carolyn Taylor, outside consultant, facilitated a new strategic planning session at the London  
11 meeting. Highlights from this session include a discussion of the definition of culture and how  
12 to build a culture within the Board and members that will strengthen the organisation and  
13 ultimately the profession.

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15 Mr Mulholland-Licht emphasized the importance of embracing the two streams of the global  
16 osteopathic global profession. He stressed speaking in one voice to promote excellence and  
17 advocating for quality in training and practise. The Board welcomes the diverse culture of its  
18 members and the range of practise within the global osteopathic profession.

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20 **Membership Committee:** Dr Carreiro reported that as of October 2014 there are 77 members of  
21 the Alliance comprised of the following:

- 22 - Ten (10), Full members
- 23 - Nine (9) Associate members, and
- 24 - Fifty-eight (58) Partner members.

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26 **New Member Applications:** Dr Carreiro reported that since the Austin Annual Conference, there  
27 have been 13 applications: 7 have been approved, 4 have were unsuccessful and 2 applications are  
28 pending further review. The following organisations have been approved for membership:

- 29 - Full Member: Osteopaths New Zealand (ONZ)
- 30 - Partner Members:
  - 31 o American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI)
  - 32 o European Federation of Osteopaths (EFO)
  - 33 o Forum for Osteopathic Regulations in Europe (FORE)
  - 34 o Instituto Brasileiro De Osteopatia LTDA (IBO)
  - 35 o Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic
  - 36 Medicine (OSUCOM), and
  - 37 o Osteopathic Sports Care Association (OSCA)

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40 **Change of Full Member Organisation Names:** The following Full member organisations have  
41 changed their names:

- 42 - The Australian Osteopathic Association has become Osteopathy Australia (OA)
- 43 - The British Osteopathic Association has become Institute of Osteopathy (iO)

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45 **World Health Organisation:** OIA leadership met with Dr Zhang at the World Health Assembly in  
46 Geneva in May and saw the publication which included data from the OIA's Global Osteopathic  
47 Report 2. WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy, 2014-2023. The Traditional Medicine Strategy was

1 approved by the member states. The OIA is now considered to be in a working relationship with  
2 the WHO.

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4 **Member Relations Committee:** Mr Hunt, chair, reported on the following highlights of the annual  
5 membership survey:

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7 - Members noted they would like to see the OIA's next big project to focus on:  
8     o A report on cost effectiveness in osteopathic care, or  
9     o A report on best osteopathic practises.  
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11 - Members would like the OIA to support increased awareness by:  
12     o Continued involvement in world events such as Olympics and Paralympics,  
13     o Publishing/indexing scientific work/research standards, and  
14     o Social media campaigns.  
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16 - Members suggested using videos and webinars through social media to raise awareness about  
17 International Osteopathic Healthcare Week:  
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19 - 89% of the membership indicated they receive enough information from the OIA, and  
20 - 92% of members felt that the OIA is representative of both streams of the osteopathic  
21 profession.  
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23 **International Osteopathic Healthcare Week:** Mr Hunt noted that 19-25 April 2015 has been  
24 designated to promote the osteopathic profession. Member resource materials can be downloaded  
25 from the OIA's website, and members were encouraged to use these materials to educate the public  
26 about the profession and to donate money to care to organisations or patients in need during this  
27 time.  
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29 **External Affairs Committee:** Dr Burke reported that the 2014 Annual Country Survey is now  
30 available online and additional updates will be made when received.  
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32 **International Osteopathic Research Network:** Dr Burke explained that this network was created  
33 from members requests and first met at the Austin conference. The goal of this network is to foster  
34 collaboration, coordination and knowledge exchange as a means to promote rigorous international  
35 research efforts on osteopathic principles and practises and to promote the translation of  
36 osteopathically relevant research into practise to optimize patient care.  
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38 **Conference Organising Committee:** Dr Nichols welcomed attendees and reported that 77  
39 members have registered for the London conference.  
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41 **2015 Montreal Conference:** Dr Nichols invited all attendees to mark their calendars for the 2015  
42 Montreal Conference to be held 25-27 September in partnership with Osteopathie Quebec. This  
43 conference will focus on special interests in Paediatric osteopathy and raising student involvement.  
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45 **2016 Conference:** Dr Nichols noted that the 2016 conference location and date will be announced  
46 during the Sunday afternoon programme.  
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1 **Secretary-Treasurer Report:** Dr Ajluni reported that the OIA has a positive revenue balance and  
2 highlighted a few points, including.

3 **Memorandum of Understanding:** The OIA has a renewable memorandum of understanding with  
4 the AOA to continue its support of the operations of the organisation. The Board agreed to raise  
5 the payment to \$25,000 in 2014, then \$5,000 increments per year until it reaches \$35,000 in 2016.  
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7 **2014 Membership fees:** Currently, the OIA has collected USD \$83,000 in dues.  
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9 **Austin Conference revenue:** The OIA realized USD \$21,000 in conference revenue.  
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11 Reserve funds: The Board agreed to set aside USD \$100,000 for future special projects.  
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### 13 **Candidates' Forum**

14 Dr Ajluni explained the election procedure, noting that Dr Nichols will maintain the seat allocated  
15 to the largest Full member organisation, according to the bylaws and therefore is not part of the  
16 election process. The remaining seats will then be filled by the election of two (2) representatives of  
17 the six (6) remaining candidates. He provided the following update of the current Board members'  
18 terms of office:  
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20 Board member terms expiring:

- 21 - Peter Ajluni DO (US), Secretary-Treasurer, Second consecutive term, nominated by the  
22 AOA (Full member),
- 23 - Jane Carreiro DO (US), Vice-chair, First term, nominated by the AAO (Partner member),  
24 and
- 25 - Karen Nichols DO (US), First term, nominated by the AOA (Full member-allocated seat)  
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27 Current Board members (terms not expiring this year):

- 28 - Michael Mulholland-Licht DO (AU), Chair, nominated by the OA, (Full member)
- 29 - William Burke DO (US), nominated by the AOA (Full member – allocated seat),
- 30 - Charles Hunt DO (UK), nominated by the iO (Full member) and GOsC (Partner member),
- 31 - Ana Paula Ferreira DO (BR), nominated by the GOsC (Partner member),
- 32 - Marina Urquhart-Pullen DO (UK), nominated by the iO (Full member-allocated seat), and
- 33 - Alain Wurtz MD, DO (FR), nominated by the Osteos de France/Syndicate (Full member).  
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35 Introduction of Nominees: Dr Ajluni introduced the nominees on the ballot. The nominees each  
36 gave a brief statement:

- 37 - Jane Carreiro DO (US), nominated by the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO)  
38 (Partner member),
- 39 - Simon Duncan DO (UK), nominated by the Federal Osteopathic Association (BVO)  
40 (Partner member),
- 41 - John Gimpel DO (US), M.Ed., nominated by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical  
42 Examiners (NBOME) (Partner member),
- 43 - Stiofan Mac Suibhne B.Sc. (Hons) Osteopathy, nominated by the Osteopathic council fo  
44 New Zealand (OCNZ) (Partner Member),
- 45 - Frank Mueller MD DO –DAAO (DE), nominated by the German Association of  
46 Osteopathic Medicine (DGOM) (Full member), and

- 1 - Antony Nicholas, nominated by the Institute of Osteopathy (iO) (Full member) & General  
2 Osteopathic Council (GOsC) (Partner member).  
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4 Process: Each delegation received one ballot for each of their allotted votes. Each ballot should be  
5 completed by checking 2 names for a total of 21 notes for the open seats on the Board. The  
6 candidates who receive the largest number of votes will be elected. In the event of a tie, a re-vote  
7 will occur until there is one clear winner.  
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9 Dr Ajluni noted the following voting delegates:

- 10 - Australia: Antony Nicholas, 2 votes  
11 - France: Alain Wurtz, 2 votes  
12 - Germany: Johannes Mayer (DGOM), Frank Mueller (DAAO), VOD proxy, 3 votes (shared)  
13 - New Zealand: Jonathan Lloyd-Paine, 2 votes  
14 - Switzerland: Sebastian Byrde FSO-BVO and SAGOM proxy, 2 votes (shared)  
15 - United Kingdom: Simon Fielding, Stephen Hartshorn, 3 votes  
16 - United States: Robert Juhasz, Adrienne White-Faines, 7 votes  
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18 Outgoing Directors: On behalf of the OIA Board, Mr Mulholland-Licht thanked those Board  
19 members who rotated off the Board at this meeting, noting their years of dedication and service, not  
20 only to the OIA but to the entire osteopathic profession.  
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22 Board election results: Dr Ajluni presented the election results with Dr Carreiro being reelected and  
23 Dr Gimpel elected to his 1<sup>st</sup> term.  
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25 Mr Mulholland-Licht thanked the membership for its continued support of the Alliance and the  
26 London Conference. He acknowledged the partnership and work of the iO for making this  
27 conference a success.  
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29 The 2014 London Annual General Meeting was adjourned.