

# OSTEOPATHIC INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE



## Important Updates

### 2016 OIA Anaheim Conference & Annual General Meeting

The 2016 Conference and AGM will be co-hosted by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA-US) in conjunction with their annual convention. The AGM and conference are scheduled for 18-20 September in Anaheim, California (USA).

**Conference Programme** include Geriatrics, Sports Care & Olympic, and Paediatrics Special Interest Groups; 2017 Conference Preview; Education, Regulation, Association Leadership & Membership and Research Pillars. [REGISTER NOW!](#)

**OIA Proposed Bylaws Changes:** Bylaws changes will be voted upon at the 2016 AGM, to be effective in 2017. Please [visit the OIA website to review and obtain full details of the changes](#). These changes will be presented for ratification by Full members at the AGM in Anaheim.

**Nominations for 2016 AGM:** The Full membership will vote on two (2) seats – with one (1) additional allocated seat – at the AGM. The allocated seat, reserved for the largest Full member osteopathy organisation, will be filled by that organisation’s designee, according to the bylaws. [Visit the OIA website to view a list of nominees.](#)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## IJOM—Discounted Subscription

The International Journal of Osteopathic Medicine (IJOM), published by Elsevier, is offering all members of the OIA individual discounted subscriptions to the journal. All members should state that they are members of the Osteopathic International Alliance. [Learn more.](#)

## Chair’s Report: *Looking Forward*



Dear Colleagues,

It has been over ten years since the concept of an international organization representing the global osteopathic profession was first explored. The OIA has evolved and grown since its inception, and with the assistance and guidance of individuals such as yourself, there has been significant progress on many of the Alliance’s early goals and strategic initiatives.

The OIA enters its second decade with expanded membership in all categories; burgeoning relationships with many other professional organizations and boards; a different Board make-up; and new staff and secretariat. With that in mind, the OIA Board of Directors recently met to discuss the future of the Alliance and the next phase in our growth and development. One outcome of these meetings and thoughtful discussions is the proposed bylaws changes, which the Board believes will better safeguard the OIA. The other outcome is reflected in the updated vision, mission and strategic plan. In both of these proposals, the Board has attempted to keep the spirit under which the OIA was originally founded while addressing the challenges and opportunities ahead.

We are suggesting bylaws changes focusing on membership definition, board make-up and transition, and officer duties. We believe that the updated mission, vision, and strategic initiatives better address the challenges and opportunities facing us and will guide the OIA in the coming years. In all our endeavors, the OIA Board of Directors looks for member input, opinions, and guidance and we hope you will provide yours in the coming months. Please [visit the OIA website to review and obtain full details of the bylaws changes](#). These changes will be presented for further discussion at the Members Open Session and ratified by Full members at the AGM in Anaheim. You may access the strategic plan documents via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRX8TKK>. Over the next months, please share your feedback, perspectives and suggestions on the electronic forum in the members sections of the OIA website via <http://wp.oialliance.org/2017-2019-strategic-planning-feedback>. We hope to hear from all of the membership. There will be time at the Members Open Session in September for face-to-face discussion and further work on this important strategic plan. The Board anticipates finalizing this strategic plan for approval at the 2017 AGM in New Zealand.

Again thank you for your time, commitment and support to the global osteopathic profession.

Sincerely,

Jane E. Carreiro, DO  
Chair, Board of Directors

## Highlights from the Spring Board Meeting

### The Board of Directors:

- Conducted its three-year strategic plan
- Reviewed the 2016 and 2017 budget
- Discussed new research opportunities
- Confirmed activities for 2016 International Osteopathic Healthcare Week (IOHW)
- Approved the following new Partner Members:
  - ◆ Korean Osteopathic Institute (KOI) - Republic of Korea (March 2016)
  - ◆ Madrid School of Osteopathy (MSO) - Spain (March 2016)

## Board Decisions & Actions Over the Last Quarter

### April 2016

- ◆ The Board agreed to include information cards, posters and PowerPoints as part of the marketing material for 2016 International Osteopathic Healthcare Week
- ◆ This content was exclusive to members in order to promote the week as well as the profession
- ◆ The Board discussed and finalized registration fees, events and sessions for the Anaheim conference
- ◆ A new format was created to report the OIA monthly financial statements. Three line items were added to display special projects, in-kind contribution and reserve funds

### May 2016

- ◆ The Governance Committee was charged with reviewing the language in the bylaws; legal counsel reviewed the recommendations and the bylaws changes were approved by the Board
- ◆ The Board discussed the OIA's position and agreed to work to provide support of the 2020 Olympics in Japan
- ◆ The Board developed a survey containing the revised mission, vision, core values and primary strategic areas at the spring meeting; the survey was electronically sent to the Past Chairs of the OIA Board for comments and review
- ◆ The Board created a timeline spanning from 2016 – 2017 for strategic planning to be finalized at the 2017 AGM

### June 2016

- ◆ Dr Carreiro provided an explanatory statement to accompany the new direction of the strategic plan
- ◆ The Board decided to have an open forum on the OIA website for members to provide feedback on the new strategic direction
- ◆ Research opportunities were discussed by the Board however, the strategic plan is priority and once finalized, will drive the direction of the OIA's role in research
- ◆ Once the new strategic plan is finalized, the Member Relations Committee will review the member's survey and revise the content to align with the new direction

## Get Involved & Stay Informed

### 2016 International Osteopathic Healthcare Week: A Success!

Thank you to all of our members for a successful 2016 IOHW!

Please [notify us](#) about your organisation's involvement in IOHW, as well as media and public relations exposure so that we can share and expand the impact of the week across the globe.



### Interested in Hosting the 2018 AGM and Conference?

The Board of Directors invites your organisation to apply to host the 2018 Annual General Meeting and Conference! Visit the website for more information on hosting a conference with the OIA. If interested, please [download and complete the application form](#) and return to [oia@osteopathic.org](mailto:oia@osteopathic.org).

### Update Your Organisation's Contact Information

We want to be sure that your contact information and communication preferences are correct.

If you would like to notify us of any changes, please [complete our Member Contact Information form](#).

