



## OSTEOPATHIC INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES' FORUM

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In accordance with the OIA bylaws, the Board Chair has appointed a Nominations Sub-committee to carry out the next elections to the Board of Directors. The committee members are: Dr. Boyd Buser (Sub-Committee Chair), Mr. Charles Hunt (Immediate Past Board Chair), Mr. Stephen Hartshorn, and Ms. Nancy Spence. **It is the charge of this committee to oversee the nomination process, vet the applications and report to the Board.**

**The Full membership will vote on one (1) seats at the Bad Nauheim, Germany AGM on Friday, October 4, 2019.** Each seat's term is three (3) years, limited to two (2) consecutive terms, which begin immediately following the OIA's Annual General Meeting.

The current OIA Full member organisations and their total votes are:

- American Osteopathic Association (AOA) – 8 Votes
- Emirates Osteopathic Association (EOS) – 2 votes
- Institute of Osteopathy (iO) – 3 votes
- Osteopathy Australia (OA) – 2 Votes
- Osteopaths New Zealand (ONZ) – 2 Votes
- Swiss Federation of Osteopaths (FSO-SVO) – 2 Votes
- Swiss Organisation of Osteopathic Physicians (SAGOM) – 2 Votes
- 4 Votes shared among German Delegation:
  - German-American Academy of Osteopathy (DAAO)
  - German Association for Osteopathic Medicine (DGOM)
  - German Osteopathic Association (VOD)

The total votes stand at 25, with no delegation holding more than 33%.

The one (1) Board position that is up for election in October is:

1. Frank Mueller, (Germany), completing his first term

The allocated seat, reserved for the largest Full member osteopathic organisation - currently iO - will be filled by that organisation's designee, Maurice Cheng, according to the bylaws. Mr. Cheng's nomination has been included in this candidate packet for your information.

### Qualification Guidelines

#### Bylaws Excerpt:

#### Article V – Board of Directors – Section 3. Number, Term, and Qualifications.

Two (2) seats on the Board shall be allocated for the nominees of the osteopathic physician or osteopath organisation with the greatest number of members, and one (1) seat on the Board shall be allocated for the nominee of the organisation with the greatest number of members from the other stream of the profession.

Six (6) further seats on the Board will be filled by election at the AGM. No less than six (6) members of the Board shall hold a qualification that makes them eligible to practice as an osteopath or osteopathic physician.

Terms of office for all Directors are three (3) years. All Directors are eligible for re-election or reappointment to the Board but cannot serve more than two (2) terms in succession.

Each Director shall continue to hold office until his or her successor has been elected or appointed.

### **Board of Director List of Competencies**

Every potential Board candidate, who will be a member of an OIA member organisation or lay person, must maintain a high ethical standard in representing and serving the OIA and the international osteopathic community, possess high integrity, and uphold professional conduct. In addition, the person must meet the following criteria:

1. Enthusiasm and willingness to work and provide leadership for the OIA.
2. Expertise in the osteopathic profession.
3. Knowledge and support of OIA programs.
4. Ability to help build consensus and be a team player.
5. Experience working productively with the OIA staff.
6. Understanding of commitment required:
  - a. Understanding of time commitments and support of employer, family, etc...of the necessary time commitments.
  - b. Consider the OIA one of your priority volunteer activities.
  - c. Any perceived or potential conflict of interest identified and plans made to resolve if necessary.
7. Previous membership on an OIA committee, sub-committee or task force (recommended but not required)
8. Expertise in the following areas would be helpful to add value to the OIA Board:
  - a. International, multinational or global experience.
  - b. Membership or knowledge of similar organisations.
  - c. Experience with strategic planning.
  - d. Experience in the osteopathic academic community.
  - e. Demonstrate the capacity to innovate and assess adequacy of resources to implement plans.
  - f. Evaluate plans based on realistic assessments of the future.

The individual nominated must take an active role and contribute to the continuing growth and success of the OIA.

A nominee should be a lay person or representative from a member organisation who can uphold the above criteria.

### **Voting Procedure:**

- Each delegation will be given one ballot for each of their allotted votes.
- Each delegation will check one name on each ballot.

- There can be a total of 24 votes for the open seats on the Board. The candidate(s) who receive 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.

**Bylaws Excerpt:**

**Article IV - Meetings of Membership and Quorum**

**Section 3. Participating in Meetings and Voting by Electronic Or Other Means.**

Full Members may cast their ballot through the use of a conference telephone or other interactive technology, including but not limited to electronic transmission, Internet usage, or remote communication (via mail, email or fax), by means of which all Member Organizations participating in the meeting can communicate with each other assuming it is determined to be financially viable by the Board.

**Section 4. Proxy Voting**

Full Members may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Member Organization or by that Member's duly authorized attorney-in-fact seven (7) days before the meeting. A proxy shall be valid for no more than eleven (11) months from the date of its execution.

**Section 5. Quorum**

The presence of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Full Members at a meeting constitutes a quorum. Electronic communications and proxy votes are acceptable and will be included within the quorum counts. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes present and voted shall be the act of the Member Organizations. If no quorum exists, the Delegates can conduct business and have the recommended decisions be ratified electronically by a quorum of the Full Members, if they so choose, at a later date.

**The following are the candidates' applications and supporting documentation, in alphabetical order, submitted to and approved by the Nomination Sub-Committee.**

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**Candidate Information:** Gail Abernathy (Canada)

**Nominating Organisation:** Canadian Federation of Osteopaths

**How the Candidate Meets the Competencies:** Gail has been involved with osteopathy for more than 30 years and has extensive experience in the osteopathic profession and their organizations. Since 2004, she has worked towards organizing and promoting the osteopathic profession within Canada. Gail has worked tirelessly leading and aiding the formation and coordination of professional osteopathic organizations across the country. She has always supported the work, mission, and ideals of the OIA and served on various OIA committees since 2009.

Gail's term on the CFO board expired in November 2018, freeing her up for new challenges. She is therefore free to focus her energies, organizational skills, and Osteopathic knowledge as a member of the OIA BOD.

Her resume below demonstrates her ability to work with and within similar locally national and international organizations, her experience with strategic planning, financial management, and the osteopathic academic community.

**Candidate is a Member of the Following Organization(s):** Canadian Federation of Osteopaths, Osteopathy BC

**Candidate's Reason for Standing:** Gail was a leader in organizing the Osteopathic community both in British Columbia and across Canada. Always looking for ways to develop Osteopathy, she has now maximized her terms on the Canadian Federation of Osteopaths (CFO) BOD. Gail is currently President of Osteopathy BC. She has been a leader in linking Osteopathy across Canada and joining us with the rest of the world. Gail is always seeking ways to promote and grow Osteopathy. For example; Gail has served on the OIA Osteopathic Member Relations Committee, spearheaded the movement to create national standards for Osteopathy in Canada, and mentored Osteopathic leadership in associations across Canada.

### **Summary CV:**

#### **EDUCATION**

Graduated from British School of Osteopathy London, England 1982 with Diploma in Osteopathy, DO Honours.

Continuing Professional Development 25-30 hours per year as mandated by professional associations.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

- Private practice osteopathy 1982-1994 London, England
- Teaching, Osteopathic Diagnosis, British School of Osteopathy 1983-4
- Private practice osteopathy 1995- present Sooke, BC, Canada

- Teaching, Physiology and Surface Anatomy, Canadian College of
- Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM), 1994-2002 Victoria BC
- Developed Surface Anatomy course for the CCAOM and assessed students
- Subject Matter expert in Osteopathy for Private Training Institutions
- Branch of BC government Ministry of Advanced Education, currently

#### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Member of the Register of Osteopaths (UK) 1982 until its replacement by the Statutory Register of the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) in 2003
- Member of the GOsC (UK) 2003-2011
- Founder Member of the Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (Now Osteopathy BC [www.osteopathybc.ca](http://www.osteopathybc.ca) ) 2005
- Board of Directors SPMPPO 2005- present
- Board of Directors of Canadian Federation of Osteopaths (CFO [www.osteopathy.ca](http://www.osteopathy.ca) ) 2010-2018
- Member of the Osteopathic International Alliance member relations committee ([www.oialliance.org](http://www.oialliance.org) ) currently

#### **NON PROFIT BOARD EXPERIENCE**

- 1978-1990 Founder member and chair of Nottingdale Housing Cooperative, London UK  
Legally registered group as a housing co-operative. I oversaw identification and purchase of six houses in London for the co-op, arranged mortgage financing and contracts and permits for conversion into multi person dwellings for members. This involved co ordination with local government, public funding authorities, architects and members.
- 1996-2003 Various positions on the board of the East West Medical Society Victoria, BC Canada  
This board directs the Canadian College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, a non-profit College and the oldest established school of its type in Canada. During my time on the board the college underwent rapid expansion and moved to new larger premises. As chair of the building committee, I oversaw the purchase of strata property and building of a new school. This involved complex financial, legal and real estate dealings as well as oversight of the design and building process.
- 2004- present Founder member and currently director of Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (now Osteopathy BC)  
This board is the professional body for osteopathic practitioners in British Columbia. My jobs on this board have included lobbying for membership in the OIA, overseeing the running of the Society and liaison with provincial, national and international groups and government departments.
- 2010- 2018 Member of Board of Directors of Canadian Federation of Osteopaths, and president from 2014-2016. This involved coordination of a national organization of osteopathic associations, overseeing committees and finances.



**Candidate Information:** Maurice Cheng (United Kingdom)

**Nominating Organisation:** Institute of Osteopathy (iO) – **ALLOCATED SEAT**

**How the Candidate Meets the Competencies:** At the iO, Maurice has striven to encourage and enable collaboration in the development of the profession, working closely with the regulator, the colleges, regional groups of osteopaths and the National Council for Osteopathic Research to fund and deliver pan profession development programmes. Since he came into post in 2013, the iO has been rebranded from the British

Osteopathic Association, represents the UK profession with the National Health Service as a recognised Allied Health Profession, and provides the secretariat for the pan profession Osteopathic Development Group, the Osteopathic Sports Care Association (OSCA), and the European Federation and Forum for Osteopathy (EFFO). The iO also now has the stewardship of a £2.5m charity, The Osteopathic Foundation, which funds the development of the profession for the improvement of public health.

Maurice has served on the OIA Conference committee, helping to arrange speaker programmes and delivering a number of presentations, as well as being the main liaison with the OIA for the joint OIA/iO Conference in 2014 in the UK. He is also a member of the External Relations Committee, and has also worked to support Stephen Hartshorn, OIA Board member, with some aspects of the current WHO programme.

His experience in guiding osteopathic development has further broadened over the last year, with his appointment as Chief Executive of the EFFO, and as Chair of the UK National Council for Osteopathic Research (NCOR).

We believe that Maurice brings many of the skills and qualities that would greatly assist the OIA in its goal of strengthening osteopathy as a thriving global profession. He is known for his enthusiasm; he manages one of the largest osteopathic associations in the world; he has a good track record of working to support OIA programmes, with OIA staff and Board members, and has always demonstrated good teamwork. He is fully aware of, and very keen to deliver, the time commitment required to play a meaningful and effective role on the OIA Board, and brings a range of experience and skills in international osteopathy, project delivery, strategic planning, and organisational management which will be of use to the world community of osteopaths.

**Candidate is a Member of the Following Organization (s):** Institute of Osteopathy

**Candidate's Reason for Standing:** Maurice comes from a background of education marketing and professional association leadership, currently with over six years' experience as Chief Executive of the Institute of Osteopathy (iO) in the UK. He has a track record of effective strategic and business planning, stakeholder management, organisational development and project delivery, and understands the osteopathic market well both in the UK and internationally. We believe Maurice will be an asset to the

OIA, and will bring additional marketing, organisational management and strategy development experience to the Board.

### Summary CV:

#### Core Skills

- Chief Executive with successful record of strategic organisational development
- Developed inspirational vision and strategic development plans
- Successful experience of commercialisation in not for profit enterprises
- Expertise in stakeholder management with government, media and commercial partners
- International experience across Europe, North America, Pacific Rim
- Extensive experience of public speaking and media relations

#### Career & Key Achievements

2019 - Chief Executive, European Federation and Forum for Osteopathy

2013 - Chief Executive, The Institute of Osteopathy

*Professional association for osteopaths*

- Established new Vision, Mission and strategy, working with Council and stakeholders
- Built relationship with NHS England for osteopaths as Allied Health Professionals
- Formed collaborative coalition of osteopathic stakeholder organisations
- Increased membership growth, improved member engagement, grown revenues
- Acquisition of The Osteopathic Foundation as charity arm to fund development

2013-6 Interim Chief Executive, Association of Costs Lawyers

*Professional association for regulated costs lawyers*

2008 - Consultancy engagements

- Strategy development at the General Optical Council and the Bar Standards Board
- Consulted for Skillsmart Retail (Sector Skills Council for Retail) on new funding models

2005-8 Chief Executive, The Institute of Payroll Professionals

*Lead body for pay & benefits professionals*

- Transformed organisation in terms of Vision, branding, structure, and core purpose
- Developed strong policy relationships with HMRC, Treasury, DWP and BERR
- Reorganised governance structure; staff organisation; education syllabus and CPD frameworks; marketing and communications channels; relaunched Institute brand
- Aligned key external stakeholders behind common goal of building the profession

2003-4 (Turnround) Chief Executive, Institute of Healthcare Management

*Professional body for NHS & independent healthcare managers*

- Established recovery strategy, winning support from the Department of Health, Royal College of Nursing, Royal College of Physicians, BAMM, NHS Confederation, leading health management universities, and commercial pharmaceutical partners
- Established new position for membership by gaining wide support for common competency framework for Health Managers
- Negotiated £450k new investment from sponsors and new business partnerships
- Stabilised steep membership decline from 17% annual lapses to near zero

- 2000-2 Director, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants  
*Lead body for management accountants in the UK*
- Reengineered CIMA Council strategic planning process
  - Established CIMA Enterprises Ltd as commercial subsidiary to drive profitability
- 1998-9 Interim management assignments for Heidrick and Struggles
- 1993-8 Wolters Kluwer Professional Training  
Krauthammer International: Responsible Marketing International  
*European market leader in leadership training/HR consultancy*  
The Financial Training Company: Director, ACCA & CIMA Professional Training  
*UK market leader in accountancy and City qualifications training*
- Implemented pan European corporate relaunch to revive growth for Krauthammer
  - Set up high growth and profitable AAT/CIMA/ACCA training business (17,000 students)
- 1980-93 Senior management and board roles in the market research industry, at Mintel, NOP, and Industrial Market Research Ltd

## Non Executive Appointments

- 2019 - Chair, National Council for Osteopathic Research  
*Centre of excellence for osteopathic research in UK*
- 2015 - Trustee, Research Council for Complementary Medicine  
*Centre of excellence for complementary medicine research in UK*
- 2011 - Board Trustee and Chair of Remuneration Committee, North London YMCA  
*Charity and Housing Society working with disadvantaged young people*

## Education

- 1976-80 Keble College, Oxford  
Exhibitioner, MA, BA Honours (Literae Humaniores)
- 1969-75 Bedford School, Bedford  
11 O Levels, 4 A Levels, S Level; County Scholar; Major Scholar





**Candidate Information:** [Laura Lee Kamppila \(Finland\)](#)

**Nominating Organisation:** Norsk Osteopatforbund (Norwegian Association of Osteopaths)

**How the Candidate Meets the Competencies:** Laura is a graduate of the Metropolia University of Applied Sciences in Helsinki and is about to graduate from the Women's Health 2- year post graduate programme of Molinari Institute of Health in London. Laura has followed the working of the OIA for several years due to her interest in international politics of osteopathy. She works as a part of a co-operative that she runs, which allows her to concentrate on her work she does for the Finnish Osteopathic Association. She has been a board member of the association since 2016 and the president of the association since 2018. She has done a lot of lobbying and promoting of NORSK OSTEOPATFORBUND osteopathy in Finland, and in her short time of being president of the Finnish association, hugely contributed to improving the national regulatory framework.

Laura has a dual nationality (USA-Finland) and has lived in Holland and Belgium for many years. Prior to studies in osteopathy she worked six years in an arts administration in Brussels, and speaks Dutch, English and French in addition to Finnish.

As the president of the FOA Laura works closely with the principals of the osteopathic schools in Finland. She has just presented the new strategic plan for the Association for the next three years. Laura is the representative of Finland for the EFFE and works actively together with the other Nordic presidents from Norway, Sweden, Iceland and Denmark.

Without having had previous positions within the OIA, one could argue that she needs more experience before taking on a task like this. I would say that her enthusiasm, engagement and thoroughness could bring new perspectives and ideas to bring the OIA forwards.

Laura brings energy and positiveness to any process, and I do believe she would be a great asset for the global osteopathic community as a board member of the OIA.

**Candidate is a Member of the Following Organization(s):** No

**Candidate's Reason for Standing:** Laura has a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards promoting, supporting and advancing the position of the osteopathic profession in Finland and internationally. She has a strong passion for osteopathy, which has a very central role in her life. Laura has shown good leadership qualities in Finland and within the Nordic and European osteopathic community. She holds leading positions both in the Finnish association and in the company she runs, and is known by her colleagues to be a strong team player and always strive to find solutions to possible problems that are satisfactory to different parties.

**Summary CV:**

Studies:

2019 Graduation Molinari Institute of Health, Women's health

2015 Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, BA of healthcare, Osteopath

1997 Bachelor of Performing Arts, Contemporary dance, Rotterdam Conservatory

Work:

2017-> Finnish representative EFFO

2015-> CEO and osteopath of Osteopatiakeskus Valo, osteopathic co-operative in Helsinki and Tampere, Finland

2008-2015 Freelance dancer, contemporary dance Belgium and Finland

2003-2008 Student Affairs co-ordination Performing Arts Research and Training Studios, Brussels, Belgium

1999-2003 Freelance dancer, contemporary dance Belgium

2016-> Board member of the Finnish Osteopathic Association

2018-> Board member of the Finnish Musculoskeletal Association

2018-> President of the FOA



**Candidate Information:** Frank Mueller (Germany)

**Nominating Organisation:** DAAO (German American Academy of Osteopathy)

**How the Candidate Meets the Competencies:**

- He is enthusiastic about promoting osteopathy worldwide (he thinks there is one osteopathic family)
- He worked in the group that founded the German Osteopathic Physicians Organisation (BDOAE, organisation of organisations) and served as the first secretary
- He teaches and tabletrains for the German American Academy of osteopathy (DAAO) for more than 10 years and serves as vice president of the DAAO
- As a member of the Board of directors of the OIA he worked with the staff and as Chair/Co-Chair at subcommittee
- As the current President of the European Register of Osteopathic Physicians he tried to keep good contact with EFFO

**Candidate is a Member of the Following Organization:** DAAOe.V.

**Candidate's Reason for Standing:** He is willing and able to work another term on the BOARD of the OIA.

Frank has been doing a lot of work over the last couple of years for several organisations in education and board work, he has been very busy in international affairs and is a good networker.

**Summary CV:**

**Board Certifications (German Chamber of Physicians)**

- Orthopedic Surgery
- Manual Medicine
- Sportsmedicine
- Acupuncture
- Physical Therapy
- Emergency Care
- Psychosomatic basic care

**Other Certifications:**

- Osteopathy (DO-DAAO; EROP-DOM)
- International recognition of Proficiency in the cranial field (OCA)
- Osteology (DVO)
- Diving Medicine (GTUEM)
- Physician in Fitness center and Prevention (German Association of Sports medicine)

- Coach for Rehabilitation-Sport (F-License of BSNW)

**Actual:**

Private Practice: Orthopedics and Osteopathy (since 2003) in Duesseldorf  
 Teacher and Tabletrainer (Osteopathy) for the German-American-Academy of Osteopathy (DAAO)  
 President of the European Register of Osteopathic Physicians (EROP)  
 Vice-President of the German-American-Academy of Osteopathy (DAAO)  
 Member of the Board of Directors of the Osteopathic international Alliance (OIA)

Before

2002-2003:

Fellowship at the department of bone and joint-surgery Marienhospital Gelsenkirchen- Buer

1998-2002:

Resident at the department for orthopedic surgery at the center for Orthopedics and Rheumatology St Josef, Wuppertal

1997-1998:

Resident on call and OR at the Paracelsus-Centrum Neuss (non-resident clinic)

- Orthopedic Surgery
- Surgery:
- Neurosurgery:

1996-1998:

Teacher at the Physiotherapist-School Medico-Reha in Neuss

- Topics:
  - o Anatomy
  - o Sportsmedicine and special Sportstraumatology
  - o Basic Pathology

1996-1997:

Resident at the Private Practice for Orthopedic Surgery J. Reichert, Dr. med. H. Spilker, Dr. med.

P. Ickler

1995-1996:

Resident at the Clinic for Orthopedics and Orthopedic Surgery with Sportsmedicine Alfred-Krupp-Hospital Essen

1993-1994:

Department of Traumatology at the Paracelsus- Clinic Neuss (Internship)

Education:

1986-1993: Department for Medicine at Heinrich-Heine- University in Düsseldorf,  
 Student-Internship at St. Josef Hospital Wuppertal, chosen  
 topic: Orthopedic Surgery

1978-1986: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Highschool Neuss

1973-1978; catholic Basic School St. Hubertus Neuss

Osteopathic Education:

1999-2003: Certificate in Osteopathic Medicine from the German-American-Academy of Osteopathy (DAAO)

2004: Diploma in Osteopathic Medicine (DAAO) after passing the examination at Philadelphia College of Osteopathy (PCOM)

2005: 40 hour Basic-Course (Cranial-Academy) in Tampa Florida (since then member of the OCA)

2010: EROP-Diploma Osteopathic Medicine (European Register of Osteopathic Physicians)

2018 International recognition of Proficiency in the cranial field (OCA)

Sportsmedicine:

2016: Physician at the Olympic Summer games in Rio

2013-2016: Consultant Physician of a male junior Major league soccer team

1994-2005: Team-Physician of a Major League Women's Icehockey Team

1997-1998: One of the Team-Physicians of the German National Team (Women's Icehockey)

1994-1995: Team-Physician of a 2nd League Icehockey-Team (Male)

Memberships:

- German-American-Academy of Osteopathy, DAAO (Vice-President)
- Via DAAO at Osteopathic International Alliance, OIA
- Via DAAO at European Register of Osteopathic Physicians, EROP
- Via DAAO at the professional Association of German Osteopathic Physicians Organizations, BDOAE (Secretary)
- American Academy of Osteopathy, AAO
- Osteopathic Cranial Academy
- American Academy of Pediatrics Osteopathy, AAPO
- Society for Orthopedics and Traumatology at Sport, GOTS
- Society for Hyperbaric- and Diving medicine, GTUEM
- Fascia Research Society
- Professional Organization of Orthopedic Surgeons, BVOU
- German Chamber of Physicians



**Candidate Information:** Jacson Nesi (Brazil)

**Nominating Organisation:** Registro Brasileiro dos Osteopatas (RBrO)

**How the Candidate Meets the Competencies:** Jacson has been serving RBrO as a vice chair since 2018. The Register is working to grow its numbers so that it is representative of all Brazilian osteopaths and achieve the governmental regulation of osteopathic profession in Brazil. Jacson has supported attempts to assemble osteopaths in Brazil to develop the osteopathic profession. RBrO has created the Brazilian osteopathic committee for Olympic Games in 2012 to include osteopaths into the health services. Jacson was the leader of the committee for the inclusion of osteopaths in Rio 2016 Olympic Games. His mission was accomplished as Osteopathic Services were delivered in Olympic and Paralympic Games and he presented all the process of inclusion in OIA 2016 Conference.

**Candidate is a Member of the Following Organization:** Registro Brasileiro dos Osteopatas

**Candidate's Reason for Standing:** Jacson has expertise in the osteopathic profession and regulation profession strategies. He is proactive and has the ability to help build consensus as a decision-making capacity . Jacson is willing to work for the OIA as his priority volunteer activity.

**Summary CV:**

- Osteopath DO MRO Br since 2003
- Vice-President of the Registro Brasileiro dos Osteopatas (Brazilian Registry of Osteopaths) since 2018
- Master in Bioethics, Ethics in Research and Collective Health (UFRJ / PPGBIOS) since 2017
- Doctorate student in Bioethics, Ethics in Research and Collective Health (UFRJ / PPGBIOS) since 2018
- External consultant for Osteopathic Affairs of the Physiotherapy Organizing Committee at the Olympic and Paralympic Games of RIO2016
- Osteopath at the Athletes' Village Polyclinic during both RIO2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Specialist in Orthopaedic Physiotherapy (UNESA) since 1995



**Candidate Information:** Line Rølvaag (Norway)

**Nominating Organisation:** Norsk Osteopatforbund (Norwegian Association of Osteopaths)

**How the Candidate Meets the Competencies:** Line has great knowledge and done a lot of training regarding education and the development of teaching. She has a MSc in “Clinical Education”, and her thesis was “Enthusiasm in Clinical Teaching”. She brings new perspectives to osteopathic training, being student centered and modern. Line has also been a great advisor for the board of NOF, often providing key elements of knowledge to assist processes regarding the promotion and development of osteopathy in Norway and the Nordic. She has a strong connection to the European osteopathic community, especially the UK, and communicates well in English.

Line has great clinical skills and has been able to combine her passion for teaching with her passion for seeing patients. Her clinic is well-renowned, and she has a strong position amongst colleagues both within the osteopathic profession and other healthcare practitioners.

Without having had previous positions within the OIA, one could argue that she needs more experience before taking on a task like this. I would say that her enthusiasm for osteopathic education and excellent clinical and PR skills could bring new perspectives and ideas to the OIA. I do believe she would be a great asset for the global osteopathic community as a board member of the OIA.

**Candidate is a Member of the Following Organization:** Yes, Norsk Osteopatforbund

**Candidate’s Reason for Standing:** Line has a passion for teaching that has taken her to a leading position at Kristiania University College in Oslo. She is highly appreciated by her colleagues and students and has contributed to the development of Kristiania University College becoming a renowned teaching institution. Ever since being a student, Line has been involved with the Norwegian osteopathic community and contributed as a board member, advisor and consultant. She has great knowledge of pediatrics, and recently held post-graduate training courses with excellent feedback. Her knowledge and skills regarding pediatrics has also taken her abroad, f.i. teaching at “The first Global Conference on Pediatric Osteopathy Conferences and Workshops; Pediatric Osteopathy and Inter-Professional Collaborative Practice, Montreal, 2015, Canada.” Line has been presenting osteopathy on national TV, newspapers and magazines, and has also done a series of videos promoting the profession in Norway.

Line has a strong and clear voice when presenting osteopathy to the public, teaching our future colleagues, doing post-graduate courses and contributing to the development of statutes and our regulatory framework.

In addition to teaching Line runs a well-established clinic where she, together with a great team of osteopaths, has been focusing on pediatrics. Through the years she has built strong relations to other healthcare practitioners in her area.

**Summary CV:**

Studies:

2018 University of Edinburgh, Medical School, MSc in Clinical Education

MSc thesis; Enthusiasm in Clinical Teaching.

2004 European School of Osteopathy /Nordic Academy of Osteopathy

1998 University of Oslo, Ethics/Religion/Philosophy

1997 Oslo University, Exam Philosohicum/ Exam Facultatum

1996 Oslo Metropolitan University, BSc Physiotherapy

Work:

2006- Kolbotn Osteopathy, Owner and Practitioner, Private Clinic

2006- Kristiania University College, Health Sciences, Osteopathy, Lecturer/course manager

2001-2005 Tønsberg Manual Therapy, Physiotherapist/Osteopath in Private Clinic

1998-2001 Enebakk Fysioterapi, Physiotherapist in private clinic

1997-1998 Enebakk Kommune, Physiotherapist - pediatrics

1996-2000 Mensendieck Physiotherapy Journal, Editor and. Journalist

2016-> advisor, NOF, Norway

2004-2005 Board member, NOF, Norway