

Dear Colleagues,

The OIA Nominations Committee is now accepting applications from all categories of member organizations for the next Board of Directors election, which will take place on Thursday, 24 October 2024 during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at our Conference in Sydney, Australia.

The Board of Directors has had the privilege of meeting many colleagues at our previous conferences who we feel possess the expertise needed to serve on the Board and carry out our mission.

The OIA mission is to encourage systems of regulation and education that will ensure high standards for safe and effective healthcare from osteopaths and osteopathic physicians worldwide.

This is a volunteer position that requires a considerable time commitment from the individual and support from their employer to make this a priority volunteer activity. Board members should possess a global perspective, be actively involved in the osteopathic profession, and be able to contribute leadership skills and knowledge to an international osteopathic membership organization.

Two (2) seats on the Board of Directors will be filled at the Sydney, Australia AGM on October 24, 2024. Each seat's term is three years (3), limited to two (2) consecutive terms, and begins immediately following the OIA's AGM.

Please consider nominating someone from your member organization or a layperson who you know has the expertise and would take an active role in contributing to the continuing growth and success of the OIA. Be sure to contact the person you wish to nominate before submitting their name to ensure he/she understands the commitment that would be required as a volunteer Board Member.

Board of Director List of Competencies

Every potential Board candidate, whether they are a member of an

OIA member organization or a layperson, must maintain a high ethical standard in representing and serving the OIA and the international osteopathic community, possess high integrity, and demonstrate professional conduct. In addition, the person must meet the following criteria:

- Enthusiasm and willingness to work and provide leadership for the OIA.
- Expertise in the osteopathic profession.
- Knowledge and support of OIA programs.
- Ability to help build consensus and be a team player.
- Ability to commit to the significant time required. This includes:
  - Understanding of the time commitment, and support for the activity from the candidate's employer, family, etc.
  - Considering the OIA one of your priority volunteer activities.
  - Identifying any perceived or potential conflicts of interest, and making arrangements to resolve them, if necessary.
- Previous membership on an OIA committee, sub-committee, or task force (recommended but not required).
- Expertise in the following areas would be helpful to add value to the OIA Board:
  - International, multinational, or global leadership or working experience or background.
  - Membership or knowledge of similar organizations.
  - Experience with strategic planning.
  - Experience in the osteopathic academic community.
  - Ability to evaluate plans based on realistic assessments of the future.
  - Demonstrating the capacity to innovate and assessing/contributing to the resources needed to successfully implement plans.

The successful candidate must take an active role and contribute to the continuing growth and success of the OIA, including by serving on and/or Chairing OIA committee(s), at the discretion of the Board Chair. As an international organization, the OIA seeks diversity in its leadership, to represent the varied perspectives within the global osteopathic community.

The nomination process comprises two forms: Part One, which should be filled out by the nominating organization, and Part Two, which the applicant should fill out. Please download the forms [here](#), and submit the completed forms by email to [Secretariat@oialliance.org](mailto:Secretariat@oialliance.org) no later than June 15, 2024 at 11:59 PM US Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

Ana Paula A. Ferreira  
OIA Nominations Committee, Chair