



BOARD ROLES & INFORMATION

OPA BYLAWS

OPA Bylaws provide for a nine member Board of Directors including:

- President (two-year term)
- President-Elect or Past-President
- Seven Directors

The slate of nominees for the seven positions of Director is the responsibility of the OPA Governance Committee. Any five members may nominate an individual for the Board of Directors and 10 members may nominate an individual for the position of President-Elect. A call for nominations is sent to the membership via OPA iBlast in the fall with an application deadline of early November each year.

GENERAL CRITERIA:

A Board member will be:

- Committed to the mission, preferred future and strategic initiatives of the OPA;
- Available to attend Board meetings;
- Willing to participate in Board committees and work groups;
- Willing to represent OPA if requested.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA:

Nominees for the Board of Directors should:

- Have participated in professional association activities;
- Be recognized by physiotherapy peers as a leader (informal or otherwise) and a visionary;
- Have clinical, academic or administrative experience in a variety of settings;
- Be well read in a variety of areas;
- Demonstrate the following characteristics: conscientious, honest, accountable, tolerant of others' opinions, open minded, responsible, committed, objective,
- innovative, energetic, known to have a network in and out of the profession;

PRESIDENT-ELECT

The President-Elect of the Association is elected by the membership for a one-year term and shall accede to the office of President upon the expiration of the President's term of office. The President-Elect shall provide support and input to the President and act on behalf of the President when required.



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QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A member in good standing of OPA/CPA.
2. Past experience in Association affairs an asset as well as awareness of current practice and trends in physiotherapy.
3. Excellence in verbal and written communication skills and ability to project a highly professional profile.

REQUIREMENTS:

The President-Elect shall be able to:

1. Spend 4-8 hours per week on Association business in addition to scheduled meetings.
2. Become actively involved in at least one standing committee of the Association.
3. Have knowledge of current issues affecting physiotherapy.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Function as an elected official of the Association.
2. Develop direct lines of communication with the membership (minimum of one (1) district visited).
3. Be aware of the activities and issues of the Association and its components and be prepared to assist the President in meeting the needs of the Association.
4. Develop an understanding of the directions of the Association to ensure a smooth, effective and efficient transition to the Presidency.
5. Familiarization with briefs from external sources which may affect Physiotherapists.
6. Represent the Association on behalf of the President.
7. Act as parliamentarian at Board Meetings.
8. Assist the Board Development Committee in planning for Board Orientation for Presidential year.

Directors and President Elect are elected by the Voting Delegates at the Annual General Meeting of the OPA. Details outlining election procedures are sent to all District Presidents and Voting Delegates.

Any questions concerning the nomination process should be addressed to Stephen Patton, Chair of Governance Committee, care of the OPA office.