



## O.A.G.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

(not inclusive of the Section Election)

November 3, 2018

The annual board elections are staggered in so far as there will be a potential turnover of only half of the board (7 of 14) each year. In doing so, it will ensure that there will always be 7 board members with experience to guide the remaining 7 potential newcomers with respect to policies next year. **Therefore, 7 of 14 positions will stand for re-election every second/every other year**, while the remaining 7 positions will stand for re-election the next year. This year, only 6 board members ran for re-election, **leaving at least 1 vacancy to fill**. Current Active and Associate members were welcome to submit nomination forms with 2 supporting signatures **up until Friday, October 19, 2019**. Nominees are RCPSC-certified or the equivalent thereof as deemed appropriate by the OAGS Board. You will find brief bio descriptions thus far below.

**NOTE:** *The membership decides who will represent them on the board. Following that, it is up to the board to elect/appoint the officer positions (i.e. president, past-president, vice president, treasurer, secretary).*

### IN APPRECIATION:

The Ontario Association of General Surgeons would like to thank the following board members who will be completing their terms on our board. Their service and dedication has been greatly appreciated. Many thanks!

**Dr. Alice Wei, Toronto, ON**

### **CANDIDATE ROSTER FOR OAGS BOARD ELECTION - NOVEMBER 2018** (New 2-Year Term = Jan.,2019 – Dec.,2020)

**UPDATE: There was one nomination for each of the staggered board positions (7). With no other nominations received before the deadline of October 19, there will be no election during the OAGS business meeting on November 3 and the individuals nominated will likely be acclaimed by the membership as follows:**

- 1) Dr. Luke Bui, MD, FRCSC (OAGS Board Member)** - Dr. Bui completed his medical degree at the University of Toronto, and residency in General Surgery at McMaster University, Hamilton in 2006. He is currently on staff at **Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital**. Dr. Bui is the current Chair of Mackenzie Health's Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference, and Co-founder & Medical Director of Thornhill Endoscopy Centre. He is also the Past Interim Chief of Staff, and past President of the Professional Staff. During his tenure as Interim Chief of Staff, Dr. Bui developed & implemented a robust physician credentialing process, led a departmental external review, and participated in Mackenzie Health's accreditation where it achieved an exemplary standing. He has been involved in various committees at Mackenzie Health, including Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee, Quality, Safety & Risk, Corporate Quality of Care Committee, Governance Committee, and Chair of Pharmacy, Nutrition & Therapeutics. Currently, Dr. Bui serves on Mackenzie Health's Foundation Board, and is a member of its Executive Committee and Campaign Cabinet, engaging in one of the largest hospital fund raising campaigns in Canadian history. As a Minimally Invasive Surgeon, Dr. Bui has interests in stomach & colorectal cancer, utilizing minimally invasive surgical techniques. He has published research papers in Canadian Family Physician, HPB Surgery, and The Journal of Surgical Oncology. As Assistant Clinical Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University, Dr. Bui is actively involved in training future physicians and surgeons. Dr. Bui is a member of the Ontario Medical Association, Canadian Medical Association, Canadian Association of General Surgeons, Ontario Association of General Surgeons, Canadian Society of Surgical Oncology, Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians & Surgeons. - (Standing for Re-Election: 2019-20) - **ACCLAIMED**
- 2) Dr. Sean McIlreath (OAGS Board Member)** – Dr. McIlreath joined the OAGS board in January, 2015 and has been a long-time member of the OAGS since 2000. He currently serves on the CCO committee. Dr. McIlreath represents **Southeastern Ontario** and is on staff at the **Belleville General Hospital**. (Standing for Re-Election: 2019-20) - **ACCLAIMED**
- 3) Dr. Ravinder Singh (OAGS Board Member)** – Dr. Singh was voted to the board in 2015 and a member of the OAGS since 2012. He offers insight from **North Central Ontario** and has lent his support to committees such as Bylaws, Political Activities and more recently became Co-Managing Chair/Editor of the Newsletter Committee. Dr. Singh is on staff at the **North Bay Regional Health Centre**. (Standing for Re-Election: 2019-20) - **ACCLAIMED**
- 4) Dr. Harshad Telang (OAGS President/ OMA Section Executive Secretary)** – Currently, OAGS Vice President, Dr. Telang has served on the OAGS board since November 1, 2008. He was the Treasurer since 2014-2016 and prior to that he was Secretary for two years. He has also been a member-at-large of the OMA Section Executive since 2011. Trained at McMaster University, he offers insight from Northern Ontario (**Thunder Bay Regional HSC**) and has lent his support to such committees over the years as Tariff and On-call. Since 2001 he has been involved with surgical residency education. From 2001 until now, he has been the regional director/ site co-ordinator for McMaster's community general surgery residency program. When the Northern Ontario School of Medicine was granted new program status for a general surgery residency program, and he was appointed as the first program director, a term which ended in 2013. (Standing for Re-Election: 2019-20) - **ACCLAIMED**

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### OAGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Harshad Telang (President), Dr. Alice Wei (Past President), Dr. Tim Jackson (Vice President),  
Dr. Kevin Lefebvre (Treasurer), Dr. Jennifer Macmillan (Secretary),  
Dr. Luke Bui, Dr. Peter Dauphinee, Dr. Ken Leslie, Dr. Sean McIlreath,  
Dr. Husein Moloo, Dr. Ravinder Singh, Dr. Eric Touzin, Dr. Julie Ann Van Koughnett, Dr. Joel Weaver

- 5) **Dr. Eric S. Touzin MD, FRCSC (OAGS Board Member)** - Dr. Eric Touzin was elected to the board in November, 2012. He trained in Ottawa and has been practising at **Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, Sioux Lookout, Ontario**, since completing residency at the University of Ottawa in 2007. Dr. Touzin was nominated as Chair for the Northwest Ontario Regional Surgical Network, and is currently the President of the local medical staff association. He represents **Northwestern Ontario** and has contributed to OAGS committees such as: Tariff, Manpower, and on-call. (Standing for Re-Election: 2019-20) - **ACCLAIMED**
- 6) **Dr. Julie Ann Van Koughnett, MD, MEd, FRCSC (OAGS Board Member)** - Dr. Julie Ann Van Koughnett is an Assistant Professor in the Divisions of General Surgery and Surgical Oncology, Departments of Surgery and Oncology, at **Western University**. She joined the faculty in 2014. She has active privileges at **London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care in London, Ontario**. After graduating from the University of Guelph with a BSc in Bio-Medical Science, Dr. Van Koughnett attended medical school at Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Western University, where she also completed her residency training in General Surgery. During her residency training, Dr. Van Koughnett earned a Master of Education degree in Health Professions Education Specialization from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. She then completed fellowship training in Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in Weston, Florida. Dr. Van Koughnett has co-authored numerous journal articles and book chapters. She has given numerous presentations at national and international conferences. She currently serves on the junior editorial board of Techniques in Coloproctology and is an active invited reviewer for multiple other publications. Dr. Van Koughnett was recently appointed Program Director of the Surgical Foundations program at Western University and serves on numerous educational committees. She has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Association of General Surgeons as the Resident Representative during senior residency and the Canadian Association of General Surgeons Residents Committee. She has received two Cleveland Clinic Caregivers Celebration Appreciation Awards, local teaching awards, and the G.E. Meads Award from the Division of General Surgery at Western for teaching and technical excellence during residency. In addition to her clinical interests in colon and rectal surgery and minimally invasive techniques, she has particular interests in surgical education, patient quality outcomes, and surgeon advocacy. (Standing for Re-Election: 2019-20) - **ACCLAIMED**
- 7) **Dr. Andrew Smith, MD, HonBSc, FRCSC – NEW Nominee** – Dr. Smith attended medical school at the University of Toronto before completing a five-year residency in General Surgery at the University of Calgary. Following his time in Calgary, he returned to Toronto to complete a fellowship in Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Surgery at the University of Toronto. He currently practices as a Bariatric and Minimally Invasive surgeon at **Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre** in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Married with twins on the way in November. Outside of the hospital, he is an avid trail runner having completed trail distances between 50KM and 125KM. - **NEW CANDIDATE - ACCLAIMED**

### **Other Current Board Members Up For Re-election Next Year**

- 1) **Dr. Peter Dauphinee, MD, FRCSC**  
Current: **OAGS Member-at-Large** - Royal Victoria Health Centre, Barrie.
- 2) **Dr. Timothy Jackson BSc, MD, MPH, FRCSC, FACS**  
Current: **OAGS Vice President / OMA Section Exec Member at Large** - University Health Network (Toronto Western Hospital).
- 3) **Dr. Kevin Lefebvre, MD, FRCSC**  
Current: **OAGS Treasurer / OMA Section Tariff Chair** - Stratford General hospital
- 4) **Dr. Ken Leslie, MD, FRCSC**  
Current: **OAGS Member-at-Large** - LHSC, Victoria Hospital
- 5) **Dr. Jennifer C. Macmillan, MD, MSc, FRCSC**  
Current: **OAGS Secretary / OMA Section Exec Member-at-Large** - Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare – Huntsville Site
- 6) **Dr. Husein Mooloo, MD, FRCSC**  
Current: **OAGS Member-at-Large** - The Ottawa Hospital
- 7) **Dr. Joel Weaver, MD, FRCSC**  
Current: **OAGS Member-at-Large** - Queensway Carleton Hospital in Ottawa

**Sample OMA Districts:** *Although the OAGS is not obligated to fulfill OMA District representation, the OAGS uses it as a reference. The OAGS endeavours to have directors throughout the province who might reflect community, urban, academic, rural, remote area surgeons and per capita.*

**District #1** – Essex, Lambton, Kent

**District #2** - Middlesex, Elgin, Oxford, Norfolk, Brant (excluding Tavistock)

**District #3** – Huron, Bruce, Grey, Perth, Wellington, Waterloo, Tavistock

**District #4** – Haldimand, Lincoln, Welland, Wentworth, Halton

**District #5** – Peel, York, Simcoe, Dufferin, Muskoka, Barrie (excluding Unionville, Markham, Woodbridge)

**District #6** – Victoria, Peterborough, Durham, Northumberland, Prince Edward, Hastings, Haliburton

**District #7** – Frontenac, Leeds, Lennox & Addington, Grenville (excluding the township of Oxford within Grenville)

**District #8** – Ottawa-Carleton, Russell, Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry, Prescott, Lanark, Renfrew, the town of Kemptville, township of Oxford in Grenville

**District #9** – Algoma, Temiskaming, Sudbury, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Cochrane

**District #10** – Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay

**District #11** – Metropolitan Toronto, Unionville, Markham, Woodbridge