

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 5 board members will be running for re-election, **leaving at least 2 vacancies to fill**. Current Active and Associate members are welcome to submit nomination forms with 2 supporting signatures **up until Friday, October 21, 2016**. Nominees are RCPC-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. Jeff Kolbasnik, Milton

Dr. Alan Lozon, Owen Sound

CANDIDATE ROSTER FOR OAGS BOARD ELECTION - NOVEMBER 2016 (New 2-Year Term = Jan.,2017 – Dec.,2018)

UPDATE: There was one nomination for each of the staggered board positions (7). With no other nominations received before the deadline of October 21, there will be no election during the OAGS business meeting on November 6 and the individuals nominated will be acclaimed to their positions as follows:

- 1) **Dr. Sean McIlreath (OAGS Member-at-Large)** – 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 - 2016) - **ACCLAIMED**

- 2) **Dr. Ravinder Singh (OAGS Member-at-Large)** – 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 - 2016) - **ACCLAIMED**

- 3) **Dr. Harshad Telang (OAGS Vice President/ OMA Section Executive Member-at-Large)** – 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 - 2016) - **ACCLAIMED**

- 4) **Dr. Eric S. Touzin MD, FRCS (OAGS Member-at-Large)** - 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 - 2016) - **ACCLAIMED**

- 5) **Dr. Alice Wei (OAGS President/ OMA Vice Chair)** – Currently the OAGS President and Section Vice Chair, Dr. Wei began her term as an OAGS board member in Jan. 2011. She is an academic surgeon at the University of Toronto with an active practice in hepatobiliary/ pancreatic surgical oncology and MIS HPB surgery at the **University Health Network, Toronto**. She maintains an active research program in the area of surgical quality improvement. In addition to her role at OAGS, she is the Lead, Quality and Knowledge Transfer for the Surgical Oncology Program at Cancer Care Ontario. As a representative from **Toronto**, Dr. Wei provides input on issues that may arise in the academic or research surgery community. She has participated on the following OAGS Committees thus far: Tariff, Membership, CAGS, OMA Council Alternate, Annual Meeting Program/Education, Research (Chair) and Quality Management (Co-Chair). (Standing for Re-Election – 2016) - **ACCLAIMED**

OAGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Alice Wei (President), Dr. Harshad Telang (Vice President), Dr. Tim Jackson (Secretary),
 Dr. Kevin Lefebvre (Treasurer), Dr. Chris Vinden (OMA Section Chair & OAGS Immediate Past President),
 Dr. Peter Dauphinee, Dr. Jeff Kolbasnik, Dr. Alan Lozon, Dr. Jennifer Macmillan, Dr. Sean McIlreath,
 Dr. Husein Moloo, Dr. Ravinder Singh, Dr. Eric Touzin, Dr. Joel Weaver

- 6) **Dr. Luke Bui, MD, FRCSC – NEW Nominee** - 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. - **ACCLAIMED**
- 7) **Dr. Julie Ann Van Koughnett, MD, MEd, FRCSC – NEW Nominee** - 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. - **ACCLAIMED**

Other Current Board Members (terms up for re-election in 2017)

- 1) **Dr. Chris Vinden, MD, FRCSC**
Current: OAGS Past President / OMA Section Executive Chair - Dr. Vinden was appointed as OAGS President in 2013 until May, 2016 and served as OAGS Vice President for 5 years prior to that. He was elected to the OAGS board in November 2006 and has been on the OMA Section Executive since 2011. As of May, 2016, he was appointed Section Chair. He graduated from Queens in 1985 and did his surgical residency there. He started his clinical practice in Sarnia and moved to London in 1999 and is currently on staff at **London Health Sciences Centre** and an Associate Professor of Surgery, UWO. He participates on a number of committees including Tariff and Manpower. He is provincial rep for Ontario at CAGS and has participated in several CCO committees, particularly those related to colonoscopy and CRC screening issues. Happily married to a pediatric surgeon and proud father of 2 kids. (OAGS member since 2005.) He will be representing **London**.
- 2) **Dr. Timothy Jackson BSc, MD, MPH, FRCSC, FACS**
Current: OAGS Member-at-Large - Dr. Timothy Jackson has been a board member since 2013, OAGS Secretary since 2014. Dr. Jackson is currently the Co-Managing Newsletter Committee Chair/Editor and serves on a number of committees: Tariff, Bylaws, Newsletter/Website, OMA Council Alternate, Annual Meeting/Education, Sponsorship, and Research. Since his residency, Dr. Jackson has been a member of OAGS and had participated as a guest speaker at our annual meeting in the past. After graduating from the general surgery program at McMaster University, he went on to complete his fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. As a staff general surgeon at **University Health Network (Toronto Western Hospital)**, his clinical focus is in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery. He is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto with research interests in outcomes and surgical quality improvement. He is a committee member within several surgical societies, including ASMBS, SAGES and the ACS. Dr. Jackson represents **Toronto** and has served on the Tariff committee so far. (OAGS Member since 2007.)
- 3) **Dr. Kevin Lefebvre, MD, FRCSC**
Current: OAGS Treasurer / OMA Section Member-at-Large - Dr. Lefebvre is currently the Annual Meeting Committee Chair, Co-Sponsorship Chair and serves on other committees which include: Tariff, Cancer Care Ontario and Quality Management (Co-Chair). After completing his training at the University of Western Ontario, Dr. Lefebvre spent time locuming in BC and Yellowknife NWT before setting up practice in Stratford. He was the OAGS Resident Representative during his training and has remained an active and contributing member ever since. He currently serves as the Medical Program Director of Surgical Services for the **Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance**, a four-hospital alliance including **Stratford** and three outlying community hospitals. In that role, he has had the opportunity to work with the SW LHIN, CCO and the MOHLTC to implement and improve programs at the HPHA. A member since 2001-03/06-present, he began his term as OAGS as a board member in January 2014 representing **Stratford**.

4) Dr. Jennifer C. Macmillan, MD, MSc, FRCSC

Current: OAGS Member-at-Large - Dr. Jennifer Macmillan is in her 2nd term as an OAGS board member. She participates on the Program and Education Committee and the Quality Management Committee. She completed her medical degree and general surgery residency at the University of Toronto, with a Master of Science degree earned during residency. She has been a staff surgeon at Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare – Huntsville Site since 2002. As an Assistant Professor with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, she is actively involved in teaching medical students and surgical residents. Dr. Macmillan has a broad general surgical practice, is the Surgeon Champion for NSQIP at MAHC, and chairs the hospital's Antibiotic Advisory Committee. She has been an OAGS member since 2002 and began her term as OAGS board member in January 2014, representing the region of **Muskoka**.

5) Dr. Joel Weaver, MD, FRCSC

Current: OAGS Member-at-Large - Dr. Joel Weaver is in his 2nd term as OAGS board member. He participates on the Research Committee. Dr. Weaver was born and raised in rural Southern Ontario, and trained as a General Surgeon at the University of Ottawa. He completed a clinical fellowship in Surgical Oncology at the University of Calgary, and has been a staff surgeon at **the Queensway Carleton Hospital in Ottawa** since 2009. Since joining the OAGS, he has been impressed with the organization's dedication to addressing issues that affect practicing General Surgeons. A member since 2012, Dr. Weaver began his term as OAGS Board Member in January 2014 representing **Ottawa region**.

6) Dr. Husein Moloo, MD, FRCSC

Current: OAGS Member-at-Large - Dr. Moloo is general surgeon trained at Western with fellowships in Minimally Invasive Surgery (Ottawa) and Colorectal Surgery (Minnesota). Working as an Associate Professor at the University of Ottawa, his main clinical focus is colorectal surgery and he enjoys participating in the Acute Care Surgery service and being involved in the education of residents and fellows. "The fully integrated colorectal practice I am a part of makes work fun, rewarding and has facilitated opportunities as well as happiness. My focus outside the operating room is in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety specifically around empowering the front line and creating infrastructure to support this. Outside of work I have the best time hanging out with my family and have two daughters who at age 9 and 11 still think I'm pretty cool; I also enjoy trying to work out/run, meditating and reading." Dr. Moloo is on staff at the **Ottawa Hospital**. He began his term as OAGS Board Member in January 2016, representing **Ottawa**.

7) Dr. Peter Dauphinee, MD, FRCSC

Current: OAGS Member-at-Large - Dr. Dauphinee is a General Surgeon who is on active staff of Royal Victoria Health Centre. He has been practicing in Barrie since 2002. He attended medical school at Dalhousie University and his surgical training was at University of Toronto. Dr. Dauphinee is Clinical Program Director and former Chief of Surgery at RVH. He is also a founding partner of Barrie Endoscopy. Dr. Dauphinee has been a member of the OAGS since 2009 and began his term as OAGS Board Member in January 2016, representing **Barrie**.

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