

OI Society of Australia Board of Directors

The **OI Society of Australia** was formed in 1977 by parents and friends of those with OI and is a voluntary organisation with no paid staff or Government funding.

The Society is registered as an Australian Public Company limited by Guarantee, and is also registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). There is a Board of at least six persons and no more than 12, including the Executive positions of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and the other elected positions are known as Board of Directors of whom are elected at the annual AGM. This group manages the business affairs of the Society voluntarily.

The Society has been most fortunate over 41 years with the outstanding dedication of its Board members and particularly in the strong leadership shown by its eight past presidents in pursuing the Society's aims.

Since the Society's inception, the OI Society of Australia's board has been composed almost entirely of Parents and relatives of children with OI, Adults with OI and friends of people with OI.

The **aims of the Society** are:

1. To offer information and support to individuals and families affected by OI.
2. To encourage and support research
3. To provide public and professional education and create awareness.

We implement these aims through our:

- **Biennial Weekend conferences**
 - An opportunity for families and OI Adults to come together
 - Provides on-going support and information exchange
 - Support and friendship

- Provides medical updates and information about OI
- **Quarterly E-Newsletters**
 - A credible source of information and community to members
- **Supporting research through Society donations**
 - These are made possible through fundraising events and donations made from both corporate and community sources
- **Webpage**
 - We have a webpage to disseminate information to our members
- **Social Media**
 - We currently use Facebook as a great source of networking and connecting with our members

We thank you for your interest in becoming a **Board of Director** of the OI Society of Australia and it is only through the efforts of people like yourself has the Society being able to grow and change and move into an exciting bright future.

The Current Board (2018)

Executive Positions

President – Fern Dyball

Vice President – Bronwyn Bant

Secretary – Wendy Pilolo

Treasurer – Trish McFerran

Memberships – Lynn Dunn-Marler

Board members

Arthur Szeto

Ian Irwin

Julie Haraksin

Patricia Potgieter

We also have state representatives (who do not have to be board members) look after members in their state by visiting new families, holding events and fundraising, giving a report to the board for monthly meeting, State reports for our Quarterly newsletter and a general contact for any new members in their state.

Our current State Representatives are:-

- NSW – Lynn Dunn-Marler
- ACT – Jared Martin
- QLD– Raechel Richards
- NT– Raechel Richards
- VIC – Maria Wallace
- SA – Jenny Cowley
- WA – Fern Dyball
- TAS – Kathleen Barrington

We have monthly OI Board meetings held on the last Monday of the month that generally go for an hour and begin at 8:00pm (AEST). You are required to have Skype and be able to be in a quiet room of the house to participate in the meetings. Your Skype microphone must be kept on mute unless you are speaking as we have members with hearing problems so background noise or too many members speaking at once makes it confusing to keep up with the meeting.

You will also be given an OI email address so that you can give out to members without having to give out your personal address.

You may incur expenses during your time on the board for example stamps, envelopes, paper etc which you may be reimbursed for. You must ask at the board meeting for this payment to be approved before you spend any money. Two board members need to be in agreement and this must be minuted. You will then be sent a cheque to reimburse you for this.

You can bring up any matter of OI Society business as a board member for the Society. Always send your request to the secretary before the next meeting and it will be put on the agenda for discussion at the meeting. For major things like

agreement on Research donations it would go to a board vote. We must have a majority vote for any approval. I will include a copy of the last agenda, minutes and Treasurers report for you to have a read over. If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to ask.

Please fill out the form on the next page for our records. At the AGM we will ask for nominations for positions for Executive positions and then Board Members. You may nominate yourself or may be nominated by another member. It is then up to you whether you would like to accept the position for the next 12 months. Your information will be given to ASIC within 21 days of the AGM for compliance of our obligations as a registered charity.

We look forward to having you on our board.

Nomination Form – Board Position

Full name as per driver's licence/passport _____

Preferred name you go by? _____

Address _____

Home ph _____

Mobile _____

Skype Name _____

Email address you would like your OI emails to be sent to: _____

Date of Birth _____

City of Birth _____

Country of Birth _____

Are you happy to for your phone and email details to be given to other board members _____

What type of internet do you have? Eg cable ADSL _____

Do you have any needs to ensure your participation at our monthly Skype meeting?

Any other information

Please circle the skills that you have below. Please use the lines below to add any that we have not included. They may be work or personal

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Publisher
- Microsoft Power Point
- Microsoft Excel
- Web site management –
 - Wordpress
- Photoshop
- Financial Software
 - MYOB
 - Quickbooks
- Grant writing
- NDIS knowledge
- Newsletter writing
 - Mailchimp
- Fundraising
- Conference/Event organising
 - Eventbrite
- Obtaining corporate sponsorship
- Training
- Other please write below
