

OALA Elections

Information & Process – September 2025

ONTARIO ABORIGINAL
LANDS ASSOCIATION

Current OALA Board of Directors



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OALA Board Positions to be Filled (4)

Chair of the Board

Two-Year Term: Effective October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

The Chair of the Board shall be a Director. The Chair of the Board, shall, when present, preside as Chair at all meetings of the Board and OALA Members.

The Chair shall have such other duties and powers as the Board may specify.

The Chair shall also serve as an ex-officio director of the National Aboriginal Lands Manager Association (NALMA).

Secretary of the Board

Two-Year Term: Effective October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

The Secretary shall attend and be the Secretary of all meetings of the Board, Members, and committees of the Board. The secretary shall enter or cause to be entered in the Corporation's minute book, minutes of all proceedings at such meetings; the secretary shall give, or cause to be given, as and when instructed, notices to Members, Directors, the public accountant and members of committees; the secretary shall be the custodian of all books, papers, records, documents and other instruments belonging to the Corporation.

Vice-Chair of the Board

1-Year Term: Effective October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

The Vice-Chair shall have such other duties and powers as the Board may specify. There shall be one or more Vice-Chairs of the Board. If the Chair of the Board is absent or is unable or refuses to act, any one of the Vice-Chairs of the Board, shall, when present, preside as chair at all meetings of the Board and of the Members.

The Vice-Chair shall have such other duties and powers as the Board may specify.

Director

Two-Year Term: Effective October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

The powers and duties of all other Officers of the Corporation shall be such as the terms of their engagement call for or as the Board or Chair requires of them. The Board may from time to time and subject to the Act, vary, add to or limit the powers and duties of any Officer.

OALA Board of Directors Election Process

August 1, 2025

- Notice of AGM
- Call for Nominations
- (3) Director positions

September 22, 2025

4:30 p.m. EST

- Nomination Deadline

September 23, 2025

4:30 p.m. EST

- Acceptance Deadline

September 24, 2025

- Election at Annual General Meeting (Virtual)

Nomination Process:

1. Complete the nomination form, identifying an OALA Member whom you wish tonominate as a Director for OALA.
   Note: You cannot nominate someone from our own First Nation.
2. Identify on the form, who your Seconder willbe.
3. Seconder must then complete a separate form. At your request, OALA can assist with completing the Seconder Form to finalize the nomination.

Quorum Required at Time of Election (September 24, 2025)

25% of Eligible Voters

OALA By-Law (available online or by request):

Section 4 – Meeting of the Members

Current OALA Members

as of August 27, 2025

Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Agency One
Alderville First Nation
Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation
Beausoleil First Nation
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek
Brunswick House First Nation
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point
Chippewas of Rama First Nation
Delaware Nation-Moravian of the Thames
Fort William First Nation
Garden River First Nation
Henvey Inlet First Nation
Hiawatha First Nation
Matachewan First Nation
Michipicoten First Nation
Mississaugi First Nation
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
Moose Deer Point First Nation
Nipissing First Nation
Rainy River First Nations
Rocky Bay First Nation
Saugeen First Nation
Serpent River First Nation
Sheshegwaning First Nation
Six Nations of the Grand River
Temagami First Nation
Wahnapitae First Nation
Wahta First Nation
Wasauksing First Nation
Whitefish River First Nation
Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

For more information about your OALA membership fees, please contact Shannon Smith, Administrative Support at admin@oala-on.ca.

Eligibility to Vote – OALA By-Law No.1 – Section 2.01 (a)

The following rights and conditions of membership shall apply:

(a) Voting Members

(i)Voting membership shall be available only to First Nations who support the purposes of the Corporation and who have applied for and have been accepted by the Board as Voting Members.

(ii)Each Voting Member shall be represented by a designee who serves as such First Nation's Lands Manager or other individual responsible for lands management for such First Nation. Each Voting Member shall specify such designee in its application for membership and shall notify the Corporation if such individual ceases to be responsible for lands management for such First Nation.

(iii) Voting Members shall pay a membership fee as determined from time to time by the Board.

(iv) Membership of a Voting Member shall be terminated in accordance with

(v)As set out in the articles, each Voting Member is entitled to receive notice of, attend, and vote at all meetings of members and each such voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such meetings.

Proxy – OALA By-Law No.1 – Section 4.18

A member entitled to vote at a meeting of members may vote by proxy by appointing in writing a proxyholder, and one or more alternate proxyholders, who are not required to be members, to attend and act at the meeting in the manner and to the extent authorized by the proxy and with the authority conferred by it subject to the following requirements:

(a) a proxy is valid only at the meeting in respect of which it is given or at a continuation of that meeting after an adjournment;

(b) a member may revoke a proxy by depositing an instrument or act in writing executed or, in Ontario, signed by the member:

(i) at the registered office of the corporation no later than **three weeks before** the last business day preceding the day of the meeting, or the day of the continuation of that meeting after an adjournment of that meeting, at which the proxy is to be used, or

(ii) with the chairperson of the meeting on the day of the meeting or the day of the continuation of that meeting after an adjournment of that meeting;

(c) a proxyholder or an alternate proxyholder has the same rights as the member by whom they were appointed, including the right to speak at a meeting of members in respect of any matter, to vote by way of ballot at the meeting, to demand a ballot at the meeting and, except where a proxyholder or an alternate proxyholder has conflicting instructions from more than one member, to vote at the meeting by way of a show of hands;

Questions?

Election Forms are available for download in OALA's monthly newsletter which can be found on our website and via email request:

- Nomination Form
- Seconder Form
- Acceptance of Nomination Form
- Proxy Form

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