

OALA Elections

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ONTARIO ABORIGINAL
LANDS ASSOCIATION

Election Information / Process – March 2025

Current OALA Board of Directors



John Manitowabi
OALA Chair
Wiikwemkoong
Unceded Territory
Term: Oct 1, 2023-Sept 30, 2025

Email:
johnmanitowabi@wiikwemkoong.ca



Delainie King
OALA Vice-Chair
Mississaugas of the
Credit First Nation
Term: Oct 1, 2024-Sept 30, 2026

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Caleb Copegog-King
OALA Director
Beausoleil First Nation

Term: Oct 1, 2024-Sept 30, 2026

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Vacant
OALA Director

Term: April 1, 2025-Sept 30, 2025



Cathy McLeod
OALA Secretary
Nipissing First Nation

Term: Oct 1, 2023-Sept 30, 2025

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cathym@nfn.ca

OALA Board Position to be Filled

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



Director

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.

NOMINATION NOTE



If you choose to nominate an individual for the OALA Board of Directors, *you do not need to designate a specific description of office to that individual.*

***As this is a Bi-election, the position being filled is the Treasurer.

OALA Board of Directors Bi-Election Process

February 3, 2025

- Notice of Bi-Election
- Call for Nominations
- 1 Director Position

March 21, 2025
4:30 p.m. EST

- Nomination Deadline

March 21, 2025
4:30 p.m. EST

- Acceptance Deadline

March 26, 2025

- Bi-Election at March Membership Meeting

NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Complete the nomination form, identifying an OALA Member you wish to nominate as a Director for OALA.

2. Identify on the form who your Seconder will be.

3. The seconder must then complete a separate form. At your request, OALA can assist with completing the second form to finalize the nomination.

QUORUM REQUIRED AT TIME OF ELECTION (March 26, 2025)

15 Eligible Voters

OALA BYLAW

(available online or by request):

Section 4 – Meeting of the Members

OALA Members

as of February 2025

Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Agency One
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation
Batchewana First Nation
Beausoleil First Nation
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek
Brunswick House First Nation
Chapleau Cree First Nation
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Chippewas of Rama First Nation
Chippewas of the Thames
Constance Lake First Nation
Delaware Nation-Moravian of the Thames
Fort William First Nation
Garden River First Nation
Henvey Inlet First Nation
Hiawatha First Nation
Magnetawan First Nation
Matachewan First Nation
Michipicoten First Nation
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
Missanabie Cree First Nation
Mitaanjigamiing First Nation
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
Moose Deer Point First Nation
Munsee-Delaware Nation
Naicatchewnin First Nation
Nipissing First Nation
Rainy River First Nations
Rocky Bay First Nation
Saugeen First Nation
Serpent River First Nation
Sheguiandah First Nation
Sheshegwaning First Nation
Six Nations of the Grand River
Temagami First Nation
Thessalon First Nation
Wasauksing First Nation
Whitefish River First Nation
Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

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 ??

Forms available in the OALA monthly newsletter, in the OALA member portal, and via email request:

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

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