

Call for Members: Get Involved in Your Professional Association!

Dear AOM members:

Get involved! We are looking for members for four of our committees and task forces. These advisory groups are important contributors to the ongoing success of your professional association. They provide expertise on various issues, provide specific direction and action in particular areas, and ensure the voices of members are included in all aspects of AOM activity. Our current advisory groups are active and highly productive, and have contributed immensely to the strength and growth of the AOM. New members will bring new ideas, energy, diverse perspectives and experience – all vital ingredients to the continued success of your professional association.

All advisory groups meet mostly via teleconference, so distance is not a barrier to participation! They are supported by AOM staff to ensure that members use their limited time effectively when participating in task force work (you won't be asked to take minutes!)

Please consider volunteering to be a member of one of these important groups. Members receive an annual stipend for participation.

- **Awards Task Force**
- **BORN Knowledge Translation Data Elements Task Force**
- **Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee**
- **Quality Insurance Risk Management Committee**

The AOM recognizes the dignity and worth of every person and is committed to creating an environment that is safe, accessible, inclusive and respectful of members, members, staff, and the Ontario public. To that end, the AOM Board of Directors approved an updated Anti-Oppression, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy in 2017. **We invite and encourage applications from representatives of the diverse communities within the AOM's membership.**

Awards Task Force

The purpose of the Awards Task Force is to review and score AOM Midwifery Award nominations received annually and to recommend award recipients to the Board of Directors. The Task Force will review the existing award criteria for the following year and assist with development of new awards as required.

Committee Membership:

We are seeking **three to six (3-6) members**, including **up to three (3) past AOM Board of Directors members**. Selection will be based on best representation of membership demographics, and recent experience in a leadership role in the midwifery profession.

Committee Meetings:

The Awards Task Force will meet once between the nomination closing date and the February Board meeting; and once in late spring to debrief, update the award criteria and to work on new awards as required. The Task Force will be dissolved after the two meetings.

Membership terms last from January of each year until the Annual General Meeting of the same year.

BORN Knowledge Translation Data Elements Task Force

The BORN Knowledge Translation Data Elements Task Force has been developed as a response to the survey and focus group feedback from Ontario midwives on the barriers to data entry into the BORN Information System (BIS). Midwives articulated the need for additional resources and tools for interpreting unclear data elements in the BIS to improve data accuracy. This important task force will guide the development of knowledge translation (KT) that facilitates quality data entry into the BIS.

Diverse representation and enthusiastic participation in this task force will be vital for improving data entry consistency, as well as increasing clarity around midwifery specific data elements in the BIS.

Task Force Responsibilities:

- Review and select specific problematic data elements (i.e. elements that are confusing, inconsistently interpreted) and develop guidance for how to interpret them in the form of KT materials.
- Review and select specific data elements that are often left blank/unknown and provide guidance (in the form of KT materials) on how to appropriately capture these elements in the BIS.
- Provide feedback on the KT plan and guide decision-making for KT material development.

Committee Membership:

This is a new task force. We are currently seeking up to **nine (9)** positions for this task force.

- Up to four (4) members of the BORN Midwifery Advisory Committee
- Two (2) midwives who self-identify or who have been identified as having developed particular expertise in working with the BIS (e.g. have conducted research with BORN data, are doing research on the BIS etc.)
- Two (2) midwives; ideally with over three years of experience interacting with the BIS
- One (1) BORN regional coordinator, ideally who is also a midwife

The Task Force will meet as required (approx. **three-to-six (3-6) meetings**) by teleconference over the course of the review project, an estimated **12-18 months**.

Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee

The Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) Committee provides timely guidance and support to the AOM's ongoing work in clinical practice guideline development. This work is guided by the [Values Based Approach to CPG Development](#) and is consistent with the philosophy and model of Ontario midwifery.

Members of the CPG Committee are midwives who provide their clinical expertise in the development and review of clinical practice guidelines and midwife and client resources. Previous work includes testing of mobile apps for midwives and supporting the development of the Choice of Birthplace Guideline and pictograms. The developed resources promote midwifery, community based birth and informed choice.

The responsibilities of the CPG Committee include:

- Ensure all CPGs reflect the values of the AOM, including those of informed choice, the client as the primary decision-maker, choice of birthplace, diversity, and appropriate use of technology.
- Assist in developing strategies for the dissemination, uptake and evaluation of CPGs.
- Contribute to capacity building within the AOM to develop CPGs on an ongoing basis.
- Recommend new CPG topics to be developed.
- Review existing CPGs and recommend those that should be revised.

Selection and Terms of Office:

The CPG Committee is seeking membership that fulfils **at least one (1)** of the following requirements:

- Experience working in a Level 3 hospital
- New Registrant
- Works in a remote setting
- Current MEP student
- MEP faculty member

CPG committee members serve **two (2) year terms**, renewable up to three times. Each committee member is also a member of at least one active Work Group or Task Force of the Clinical Knowledge Translation department.

Committee Meetings:

The committee reports to the AOM Board of Directors. It typically meets twice per year and members may be required to provide input between meetings via telephone or email. Committee members will be

selected based on prospective members' experience with guideline development and evidence review and to best represent membership demographics.

Quality Insurance Risk Management Committee

The Quality, Insurance and Risk Management (QIRM) Committee provides strategic guidance to the AOM Board of Directors on quality-of-care matters, including risk management and liability insurance policies. This work is guided by the [QIRM Values Statement](#) and is consistent with the philosophy and model of Ontario midwifery.

This Committee is made up of a dynamic group of midwives who are eager to share their expertise and mentorship with new members. Learn, offer guidance, and help build the AOM's capacity in the areas of lateral violence and conflict resolution, practice management, insurance and risk management.

The responsibilities of the QIRM Committee include:

- Identifying priority clinical and practice management risks and opportunities for quality improvement
- Recommending and supporting the implementation of appropriate mitigation strategies and quality improvement initiatives
- Keeping abreast of trends and new initiatives related to quality improvement and risk management
- Maintaining a relationship with the insurance carrier(s) on behalf of the AOM Board and monitor the appropriateness of coverage and access to defense counsel through the AOM's policy of malpractice insurance for midwives

Committee Membership:

The QIRM Committee is currently seeking to fill **two (2)** open member positions.

Membership terms on the QIRM Committee are **five (5) years**, with a potential to renew once.

The Committee will have a minimum of **six (6) meetings** per year, including one full-day meeting in person, with members off call. Committee members will also be required to provide input between meetings via telephone or e-mail.

While we welcome interest from all members, we are particularly interested in having a representative on the Committee with experience serving Indigenous, rural and/or northern clients and communities.

How to Get Involved

Interested in participating?

Please fill out the [Statement of Interest Form](#).

For any questions or further information please contact Anna Ianovskaia, AOM Executive Assistant, at executiveassistant@aom.on.ca. **The deadline for submissions is September 20, 2019 at 5:00 pm (EST).**

Volunteer members are expected to follow the AOM's Code of Conduct Policy and Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Policy.