

Call for Members: Get Involved in Your Professional Association!

Dear AOM members:

Get involved! We are looking for members for our Quality Insurance Risk Management Committee. This advisory group is an important contributor 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 this important group. Members receive an annual stipend for participation.

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, 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.**

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. Committee members also commit to building knowledge on, addressing, and deconstructing varying systems of oppression in midwifery including, but not limited to, racism, homophobia/ heterosexism, transphobia/ cissexism, xenophobia, and ableism. 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.

The committee has assessed its current makeup and representation and has identified a particular need for additional representation from the following:

- **Identifies as Indigenous**
- **Identifies as a person with a disability**
- **Under 5 years of practice**
- **Experience serving northern clients and communities**
- **Identifies as 2SLGBTQ+**

How to Get Involved

Interested in participating?

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

For any questions or further information please contact Safia Seyed, AOM Executive Assistant, at executiveassistant@aom.on.ca. **The deadline for submissions is May 25, 2021 at 11:59 pm (EST).**

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