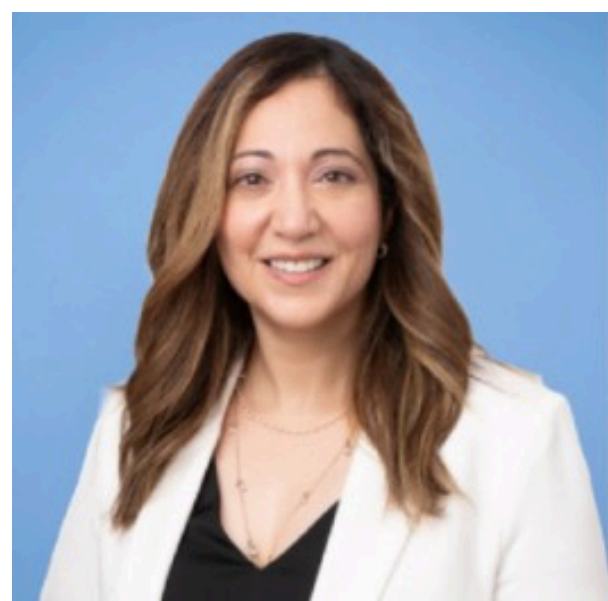




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# Board Chair Update

## OMA Board Chair

June 24, 2026

## Update on June 23 AGM continuation

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the OMA Board of Directors, I want to provide an update on yesterday's Annual General Meeting, where we welcomed dedicated members online and made important organizational decisions that I want to explain in more detail.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended. You played a vital role in shaping our direction and ensuring that member perspectives are at the heart of everything we do. Your involvement is not just valued — it is essential.

The focus of the meeting's agenda was completion of the five remaining member proposals, and I want to outline [the decisions our voting members made](#).

### Proposal 1(b) (Bylaw change to remove non-physician board director references): Passed (binding)

- *Implication:* The OMA Board over time will transform into an all-physician composition. There will be no change to the number of directors. The three current non-physician directors will complete their terms but cannot seek re-election, and their seats will convert to physician positions sequentially.

### Proposal 2 (Present all eligible candidates on the election ballot): Passed (binding)

- *Implication:* The current shortlisting process for board positions is discontinued effective immediately. All members deemed eligible to run will now appear directly on the ballot for the full membership to consider.

### Proposal 3 (No disqualification based on prior office held): Defeated (binding)

- *Implication:* The existing governance rules regarding qualifications and prior office restrictions will remain unchanged.

### Proposal 4 (Tax return information / relativity): Defeated (advisory)

- *Implication:* As this advisory motion did not pass, no further action will be taken on this item; however, further education around the topic is being proposed to ensure members fully understand that individual tax data is not being used by the OMA.

### Proposal 5 (District email distribution lists for member communications): Passed (advisory)

- *Implication:* Members have signalled a strong interest in district-level communication tools. Because this is advisory, the board will review the next steps, which will include privacy and resource reviews by management prior to any implementation.

There will be some structural changes to the board as a result of the vote to pass the first proposal. The board is reviewing all AGM outcomes to determine next steps. This includes working closely with external legal counsel to ensure any actions taken reflect both member decisions and legislative requirements. With the vote to pass of proposal 2, the current shortlisting process for board director positions will be discontinued, and all eligible members will appear on the ballot and members will receive the full candidate list for consideration. Work will be undertaken to determine the best way to implement this change, and please watch OMA channels closer to the start of the election cycle for more information.

I'd like to reiterate that all decisions about how the OMA is governed are driven by members, and debate is an important part of that democratic process. The outcomes of the 2026 AGM reflect the voice of our members, and the organization will move forward to implement those decisions, along with ongoing governance review work already underway, which will include broad member consultation and analysis.

As a board, we are continuing to listen to the questions, concerns, and perspectives many of you have shared. Please know your feedback is essential as we continue this work together.

For those of you who attended the meeting, we encourage you to provide feedback on your AGM experience if you have not already done so. By now, you should have received an email with the form through the Survey Insights team. If you didn't, please contact [info@oma.org](mailto:info@oma.org).

Thank you for participating in the process, making your voice heard and for your continued dedication.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharon Bal  
OMA Board Chair

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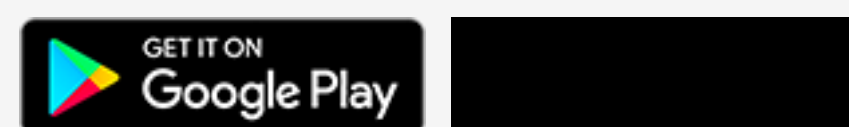
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