



2020 Election

TO: MaAOHN Voting members
FROM: MaAOHN Nominating Committee
DATE: October 1, 2020

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL 2020 BALLOT

As stated in the bylaws, in the event of an uncontested ballot, this vote will be taken at the annual meeting on December 4, 2020 at the NECOEM conference.

PRESIDENT

**** VOTE FOR ONE ****

☐ Penny-Allyson Clark

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Write in Nomination

VICE PRESIDENT

**** VOTE FOR ONE ****

☐ Marie Palermo

☐ _____
Write in Nomination

DIRECTOR WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

**** VOTE FOR ONE ****

☐ Diane Doyker

☐ _____
Write in Nomination

DIRECTOR CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

****VOTE FOR ONE ****

☐ Donna Ferreira

☐ _____
Write in Nomination

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

****VOTE FOR ONE ****

☐ Kathleen Wilhelmsen

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Write in Nomination

Position: President

Name: Penny-Allyson Clark RN, BSN, COHN-s/CM; FAAOHN

Current or Prior Organizational Experience:

Local: GBAOHN: Vice President, Secy, Treasurer; Nominating Co

State: MaAOHN: President 2019-2020; Communications Chair; Nominating

Candidate Statement: I have been involved GBAOHN and then MaAOHN since 1995. During that time, I have served in many positions and currently am serving as President of MaAOHN. GBAOHN & MaAOHN have enriched my life so much by presenting the opportunity to network, meet role models/mentors and most of all friends. I have worked in Occupational Health since 1990: (Shawmut Bank, St Elizabeth's Medical Center, Genzyme and currently at Pfizer Inc.) and through this time have seen many changes in our organization including the dissolution of Massachusetts' 4 local chapters into one state chapters. Along with this came the opportunity to donate the 4 individual local chapter's treasuries to Haiti's School of Nursing. Our website has undergone a lot of changes to get where we are today, and I have been honored to have been a part of its evolution.

MaAOHN as an organization and NEAOHN as our regional organization have also been able to offer an alternative of needing to join on a national level by being able to join and pay dues to the region and then the State. This means folks can join for just \$65/year (\$30 for Retirees).

I am passionate about Occupational Health and MaAOHN!! And I am honored to have served as MaAOHN President for the past 2 years and if elected will be proud to serve for 2 more years.

Position: Vice President

Name: Marie Palermo R.N., B.S.N., C.O.H.N-S, C.C.M.

Current or Prior Organizational Experience:

Local: Vice President Worcester Chapter; from 2006 to 2012

State: Secretary from 2017 to 2018; Vice President from 2018 to Present

National: AAOHN Chairman of Elections from 2013 to 2015

Candidate Statement: As a long-standing member of MaAOHN, I'm honored to participate in the 2020

Election. For fourteen years, I've served our membership as Secretary, Vice President (local and state) and as Chairman of Elections at the National level. I was elected MaAOHN Vice President in 2018 and proudly support our current President and Board of Directors. My commitment to this organization is far reaching, as well as my passion for Occupational Health Nursing.

Together, with our organization leadership, we'll embrace our membership goals while continuing to provide resources during this unprecedented time. I look forward to mutually strengthen our successes, and serving as the MaAOHN Vice President in 2021.

Position: Director of Western Massachusetts

Name: Diane Doyker R.N., B.S.N., C.O.H.N.-S

Current or Prior Organizational Experience:

State: Director Western Mass MaAOHN

Candidate Statement: I have enjoyed my time as Director of the Western Mass area for the past 4 years. I hope to continue and have the opportunity to work with my fellow nurses in MaAOHN, hopefully next year we can resume meetings

Position: Director of Central Massachusetts

Name: Donna C. Ferreira ANP, MSN, COHN-S/CM, FAAOHN

Current or Prior Organizational Experience:

Local: MA President 2015-2018,

State: VP MaAOHN 2008-2010, Director 2015-present

National: Fellow 2012 - present

Candidate Statement: This is our time to shine. As the Director representing occupational health professionals from the Central Massachusetts region, I will participate in the leadership activities at MaAOHN making plans for continuing education, presenting lectures, and providing experienced decision making as we move forward in 2021. This global pandemic came in fast, requiring us, in occupational health, to respond with speed, accuracy, efficiency, and compassion. As the world searches for solutions and best practices, this is our time to shine!

No one is better suited to HELP employees and their companies, than occupational health professionals. This is our wheelhouse. We train for this. We are strong, resilient, smart, fast, caring, and extraordinary. We educate our employee patients on safe hygiene, social and physical distancing, mask wearing, care of themselves and their families, and counsel them on their health, travels, and work practices to minimize the devastating impact from the coronavirus pandemic. We connect them with a variety of appropriate resources available.

This is our time to shine.

We will do our best, with the current knowledge and guidelines and act based on the detailed history and assessments you obtain. Document all activities done as an archive and guide for team co-workers who may be involved with the case in the future. How rewarding to HELP at a time when we, as occupational health professionals, provide amazing service to get through a most challenging time, together.

Position: Nominating Committee

Name: Kathleen Wilhelmsen RN, BSN, CCM, COHN-S

Current or Prior Organizational Experience:

Local:

State: MaAOHN Nominating Committee

National:

Candidate Statement: With the ever-changing challenges in healthcare, particularly in this year of COVID-19, it is essential we continue to encourage the growth of our organization by bringing in experienced leaders. Leaders that are devoted to mentoring the next generation of occupational health nurses.