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Greetings members:

Starting January 20, 2010 all AAAOM Professional and AAAOM State Association members are encouraged to participate in our new online election process** for the AAAOM Board of Directors (BOD). More information on the voting process will be sent to you, but for now, we would like to introduce you to the 2010 BOD nominees:



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Candidate Statement: *“I have a three-fold vision for our profession; the volunteer work I have dedicated to the AAAOM and our profession during the past few years is based on that vision. Firstly, I believe that it is our responsibility as leaders of the profession to ensure that graduates are able to find a viable job that sustains them after graduating. A variety of job opportunities, outside starting a small business, will become increasingly available as AOM becomes further integrated into our state and national health care systems. There are thousands of students graduating every year in our profession and they are eager to be involved. The structure we have created within the Student Organization has enabled me to be in contact with hundreds of students on a weekly basis. I have cultivated these grassroots effort and developed them into strategic relationships that will continue to grow and expand the Organization. I want to continue playing an important role in helping the AAAOM focus on and implement jobs for our graduates...”*

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Candidate Statement: *“The AAAOM was created to support the continued development and advancement of the profession of acupuncture and Oriental medicine. Included in this purpose is the moral and ethical obligation to protect the best interests of both the membership and the public by establishing a favorable legal and regulatory environment for the practice of this medicine, while encouraging adherence to high ethical and professional standards on the part of the licensed practitioner. If elected to the Board, I will continue to dedicate my expertise, energy and enthusiasm to support, protect, and advance the medicine as per our mission.*

As a volunteer and leader, I have spent the past several years focused on understanding the complexities of the legal and regulatory landscapes both in New York and across the nation. I serve as the current president of the Acupuncture Society of New York (ASNY), the state professional association; a founding Director of the New York State Acupuncture Coalition (NYSAC), representing a coalition of AOM schools, organizations, practitioners, and students throughout the state;...”

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Jeannie Kang, LAc, DNBOA, DNBIM
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Candidate Statement: *“I have spent the past four years committing myself fully to the volunteer needs of the AAAOM. My extensive work and responsibilities on behalf of AAAOM are listed above, which includes my active participation in the forefront of national and international AOM communities. I have proudly represented the voice and mission of the AAAOM membership on the international arena and have brought back those valuable experiences and support from our international allies. I have and continue to facilitate the participation of our international thought leaders, orators, and business experts within the AAAOM community. Education, research, political influence are just a few of the many reasons I believe it is critical for AAAOM to be a strong leader in the global stage of AOM and I remain committed to the cause.*

Domestically, I have developed AAAOM membership campaigns and lead the most ambitious fundraising drive in the history of the AAAOM. This year my volunteer team has raised over \$100,000. I am most proud to state that 100% of all funds...”

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Candidate Statement: *“As a founding member and a past president of the AAAOM-Student Organization (SO), I helped develop and grow the SO from its official inception in 2006 to its current state of 892 members. Students truly are the future of our*

profession and I remain committed to continuing to help build up a stronger student membership. Through the SO we have been able to educate and unite students from across the country to support the efforts of our professional organization, and for the first time, to bring them directly into the AAAOM efforts to protect the rights we have and deserve as practitioners of our medicine.

For the past three years I have actively served on various AAAOM committees including Conference, Membership and Ethics. I served as Chair of both the AAAOM Nomination and Election committees for the 2009 elections. I have gladly dedicated countless hours of my time over the past few years to building a stronger, more unified AAAOM.

Conference calls, meetings, drafting documents, launching membership campaigns...”

[Read more about this candidate.](#)

***Deadline also applies to mail-in ballots. Any ballots post marked after March 1, 2010 will not be accepted.**

****Mail-in ballots will also be sent to members, although we encourage members to vote online. Please choose only one method of voting.**