

AO SESA Regional Board Chairperson

Position: AO Spine Europe & Southern Africa (AO SESA) Chairperson
Territory: European Southern Africa Region
Reporting to: AO SI Chairperson
Term: Single term as Chairperson of three years. One year as "Chairperson Elect". One year as "past Chairperson".
Start date: July 1, 2025
End date: June 30, 2028

Note: The term as "Chairperson Elect" starts as of July 1, 2024, and the term as "Past Chairperson" continues until June 30, 2029

Responsibilities

- Lead the AO SESA regional board
- Support the individual AO SESA Board members in their respective areas
- Position and develop AO Spine as Europe's leading community for world class spine surgery education and research
- Lead the development and implementation of long-term strategies, goals and objectives
- Ensure AO Spine understands and meets the needs of spine surgeons across Europe and southern Africa, through the development of innovative programs and services
- Represent the interests of all members of the community throughout the region
- Build deep and sustainable strategic partnerships and alliances with relevant educational and research organizations
- Be an outstanding ambassador for AO Spine, inspiring European and southern African spine surgeons to contribute and promoting AO SESA at all opportunities
- Build strong, collaborative relationships with approved industrial partners
- Ensure transparent long-term succession planning
- Represent AO SESA on the AO Spine International (AO SI) board
- Oversee the implementation of AO SI and AO Foundation resolutions
- Lead efficient & effective AO SESA regional board meetings
- Ensure consistent quality and brand management in all activities
- Partner with other AO Spine regions and other stakeholders for to successfully meet all objectives

Requirements

- Member of AO Spine
- Current or past officer of the AO SESA regional board or the AO SIB, with the start of the position (Elect) either during the term or two years after the end of term
- Practicing surgeon for whom at least 75% of practice is spine surgery
- Recognized as an outstanding, visionary and selfless leader with integrity
- First rate network and strong personal relationships throughout the European spine community
- Excellent understanding of the needs of European and southern African spine surgeons
- Recognized member of leading international and/or regional spine surgery related organizations
- Passionate about developing AO SESA and willing to devote a significant amount of time to this
- Strong communicator and listener, with significant experience in multicultural environments
- Good project management skills
- Outstanding diplomatic capabilities
- Willing to travel extensively both within and outside of the region
- Good command of English
- Excellent team builder and facilitator, able to set direction and lead people to common goals
- Outstanding networker and partnership builder
- Ready to represent the interests of all European and southern African members, developing programs for the entire region
- Willing to represent and support the interests of and develop programs for all European and southern African members
- Willing and committed to devote the necessary time to the AO SESA spine centers & fellowships programs