



Nominee Name

William Astle

Nominee Job Title

MD

Nominee Organisation

IJCAHPO

Nominating IAPB member organisation

IJCAHPO

Represented by:

James Tsai, MD

Nominator Statement

IJCAHPO/JCAHPO nominates William Astle, MD, to the IAPB Board of Trustees representing IJCAHPO's membership, category C.

Dr. Astle is a member of the Canadian Society of Ophthalmology and represents this organization to IJCAHPO. He has been a member on IJCAHPO's Board of Directors since 1995. He has served in key leadership roles on IJCAHPO's Board, including Secretary of Education, Secretary of Certification, Secretary of International Relations, and President of IJCAHPO for 2 terms. Dr. Astle provided the vision and structure to expand the "Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology" to the "International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology." He was also awarded IJCAHPO's Distinguished Service Award in 1991.

As IJCAHPO's President, he attended several IAPB conferences, served on the Human Resources Committee and presented at these conferences.

He has played a key leadership role in promoting ophthalmic allied personnel (AOP) education and certification, building relationships and assisting in elevating the standards and awareness of AOP globally. He has traveled extensively internationally and presented at conferences for ICO, PAAO, APAO, SNEC, COS, AAO, Saudi Arabia, and various European conferences (Ireland, Latvia). His work has significantly impacted the development of worldwide standards for educational curriculum, assessment of AOP knowledge and skills, and training program educational accreditation standards.



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Prashant Garg, MD

Seconding IAPB member organisation:

LVPEI

Seconding Statement

LVPEI supports the nomination of William Astle, MD, to the IAPB Board of Trustees representing IJCAHPO's membership, category C. Dr. Astle has critical and in depth knowledge and understanding of a key group of the eye care team: allied ophthalmic personnel.

Because of his exceptional leadership, Dr. Astle served as IJCAHPO's President for multiple terms. He was responsible for the vision to expand "JCAHPO" into an international organization "IJCAHPO". His leadership role has positively and significantly impacted the education, certification, international, and training program accreditation for allied ophthalmic personnel (AOP). He was instrumental in establishing the Cambridge Summit where the Cambridge Declaration was drafted in support of AOP.

Along with international presentations on AOP education and certification, Dr. Astle has conducted in depth reviews of educational programs in Fiji, India, Nigeria, Egypt, Singapore and others to evaluate and help training programs improve their curricula and assessments.

I highly recommend Dr. Astle, professionally and personally. He continues to strongly support AOP and their important role in the eye care team.

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Nominee Statement

William F. Astle, MD, ABO, FRCSC, is the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, Professor, Dept. of Surgery University of Calgary, Director, Vision Clinic, Alberta Children's Hospital. I am also a professor of ophthalmology in the department of surgery at the University of Calgary, and a consulting ophthalmologist at Peter Lougheed and Foothills Provincial hospitals, both in Calgary. I am an Ophthalmologist in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons. My education was at UCLA and Stanford University, CA.

My research interests include laser refractive surgery in children, pediatric cataracts and implantation of intraocular lenses in children, and amblyopia research. I have authored multiple journal articles and research studies.

I have extensive international medical and educational experience by working for Orbis and living in Saudi



Arabia serving on the KKESH facility. I have vast experience in working in eye care to support initiatives with clean water and trachoma in Ghana and Zambia, as other important topics.

Dr. Astle is a member of the Canadian Society of Ophthalmology and I have represented COS to IJCAHPO since 1995. I began serving on the IJCAHPO's Board of Directors in 1995. I have served in key leadership roles on IJCAHPO's Board, including Secretary of Education, Secretary of Certification, Secretary of International Relations, and President of IJCAHPO for 2 terms. In 2019, I was awarded IJCAHPO's Distinguished Service Award.

I played a key leadership role in promoting ophthalmic allied personnel (AOP) education and certification, building relationships and assisting in elevating the standards and awareness of AOP globally. My work has significantly impacted the development of worldwide standards for educational curriculum, assessment of AOP knowledge and skills, and training program educational accreditation standards.

During IJCAHPO's membership in IAPB, I have presented at IAPB conferences, attended various regional and annual conferences, as well as I have been involved in the Human Resources committee and its projects.

I would be honored to serve on IAPB's Board of Trustees to advance AOP education, training and assessment globally. I also commit to upholding IAPB's Board requirements and criteria.

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The nominee has read the role description and is willing to stand for the position

Yes