ORTHO-BIONOMY®
Association of Canada

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The Ortho-Bionomy® Association of Canada (OBAC) was incorporated in December 2003 as a non-profit, professional association for the purpose of promoting Ortho-Bionomy in Canada, and for establishing and monitoring Ortho-Bionomy Practitioner and Instructor Training Programs in Canada. The support of its members is integral to the on-going development, maintenance and operation of the Association.

OBAC offers the following benefits to all members:

- A subscription to 'The Sand Dollar' Newsletter. Members may advertise in the Newsletter at a discounted rate.
- Receive immediate class postings.
- A complementary listing on the Members Directory on the with access to the 'members only' section that offers free access to resources and policies.
- Professional members receive a complimentary listing on the OBAC website: www.ortho-bionomy.ca with the option of adding a 'Bio' section.

STUDENT MEMBERS require a minimum of 16 units of training in Ortho-Bionomy. They may attend general or special meetings of the members of the Association as non-voting members.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS require a minimum of 112 units of training in Ortho-Bionomy of specific classes and one satisfactory evaluation session of Ortho-Bionomy with a Registered Ortho-Bionomy Instructor. Associate Members need to complete 16 units of continuing education in Ortho-Bionomy every two years. They may use the registered term 'Ortho-Bionomy' in their promotional material by listing Ortho-Bionomy among the modalities they practice or may use the term Ortho-Bionomy by itself in conjunction with the statement "Associate Member of OBAC". (They are not eligible to use the Sand Dollar Logo). Associate Members have voting privileges at all general and special meetings of the members and are eligible to run for election as Board Members after being an Associate member for one year.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS include all the Practitioner and Instructor Members of OBAC. They have successfully completed all the training requirements for one or more of the formal training programs administered by OBAC. Professional Members need to complete 16 units of continuing education in Ortho-Bionomy every two years. They have voting privileges, are eligible to run for election as Board Members in OBAC and enjoy full use of the Association's registered trademarks (the term 'Ortho-Bionomy and the Sand Dollar logo.) The requirements for each level of training within this category are as follows:

- A **Practitioner** has completed the Registered Practitioner Training Program of 521 units of training.
- An **Advanced Practitioner** has completed the Registered Advanced Practitioner training program of 518 units of training.
- An **instructor** has completed an apprenticeship program which includes extensive training in all levels of Ortho-Bionomy (minimum of 600 units) and is qualified to teach many of the courses in the Registered Practitioner Training Program.
- An **Advanced Instructor** has completed additional supervised training which allows them to teach the advanced levels of Ortho-Bionomy.

INACTIVE membership: An Associate or Professional Member of the Association who is not currently in practice but wishes to maintain his/her membership number and to stay informed about activities of the Association. They may attend general or special meetings of the members of the Association as non-voting members.

FRIENDS OF OBAC membership: Available to individuals or organizations who are interested in Ortho-Bionomy and in supporting the work of the Association. This membership level is also available at no cost to established Ortho-Bionomy organizations outside of Canada that wish to make a mutual exchange of information. They may attend general or special meetings of the members of the Association as non-voting members .