

ICARA Board Opportunities 2025-27

The ICARA Board is up for election and elections will take place on 21st October 2025 at our online Annual General Meeting. According to our by-laws the board consists of the following positions:

- President
- Immediate Past President
- Vice-President (who is president-elect)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Up to 5 ordinary board members

The term of office for the board is two years.

From the election date, the current president, Dr. Andrea Mohan, will move into the role of Immediate Past President, and the current Vice President, Dr. Rachel Barry, will move into the role of President. The roles of Vice President and Treasurer are up for election. All the roles offer opportunities for someone to build their international research networks. We particularly welcome applicants from the Global South. We currently have no representation on the board from South and North America or Asia. We also welcome individuals with research interests beyond alcohol. Each role is described further below.

ICARA Vice-President/President Role Description

ICARA elects a Vice-President who serves for two years as President Elect before taking on the role of President. The Vice-President's role is to assist the current President, and to lead on member communications and recruitment – including regular email updates.

The position of ICARA President is a prestigious position, ideal for an ATOD researcher who believes in the value of collaboration between researchers within and between countries and disciplines. The ICARA President:

- Represents ICARA externally to our members and partners
- Sets the strategic direction of ICARA
- Co-ordinates the work of the ICARA board including chairing regular board meetings
- Chairs the Annual Meeting of ICARA members.

The ICARA President has considerable flexibility in terms of how they want to shape the role including setting topics or initiatives on which ICARA will focus during their term of office. Time spent is variable but 3-4 hours a month on average.

ICARA Treasurer

The ICARA Treasurer is responsible for managing the finances of ICARA, and has typically been a colleague based in Finland, where we are incorporated. However, this may not be necessary going forward and we would welcome expressions of interest from other colleagues. The ICARA Treasurer is responsible for:

- Overseeing all financial matters of ICARA
- Monitoring membership fees
- Issuing invoices and tracking payment status
- Processing payments made on behalf of ICARA
- Liaising with funders and the bank.
- Advising the ICARA Board on ICARA's financial position
- Producing annual accounts and presenting them to the ICARA General Assembly
- Arranging for ICARA accounts to be audited

To apply, please send a short note of interest for the role you wish to apply for, along with your CV to Dr. Andrea Mohan at amohan001@dundee.ac.uk, no later than Tuesday 30th September 2025.