



2015 Annual Member's Meeting

Report from the By-Laws Chair, Dr Sharon Northorp

Proposed Bylaws; History

- The Chapters are provincially incorporated and our by-laws must comply with provincial legislation. However they must also comply with CFPC's by-laws. From a practical standpoint, Chapter members are also CFPC members and should be subjected to similarly governed and managed organizations.
- CFPC underwent an extensive legal review of the changes that it made to comply with the new federal Act. As part of this process CFPC also sought legal counsel regarding what these changes meant for Chapters.
- The New Brunswick College of Family Physicians (NBCFP) by-laws underwent extensive back-and-forth between the CFPC's Director of Governance and Strategic Planning and the leadership of the NBCFP. Once agreement on the content was reached, local legal review was sought and work ensued until the by-laws met NB Company Act requirements. The by-laws were then reviewed anew by CFPC's Director of Governance and Strategic Planning.

Proposed Bylaws; Highlight of Changes

- Modified the bylaw so that Medical Students and Residents board directors do not need to be nominated/designated by their faculties, but rather must be voted upon at the Annual Members of Meeting as other Board Directors
- Removed inactive committees/positions; Communications & Public Relations Chair/Committee, Newsletter Editor
- Added a bylaw regarding Board of Director's honorarium and reimbursement of expenses
- Modified the Board of Director's Terms for the executive committee from 1 years to 2 years, all others from 1 years to 3 years renewable once, except for students who are 2 years renewable once and residents 1 year renewable once.
- Modified the number of days to give notice of members from 30 days to 21 days.
- The order of the meeting was removed and will be established as internal policy.
- Roles and Responsibilities of Committees were removed and will be established as an internal policy.
- Modified the number of votes required to govern a proposed amendment by the membership from 2/3 to the majority.
- Modified the number of days notice to be given to members on a proposed amendment from 30 days to 21 days.
- Added Health and Wellness chair
- Removed annual conference chair as this falls under the CPD committee responsibilities
- Board directors nominations from the floor will no longer be accepted, must be received 90 days prior to AMM – and will be voted upon at AMM.
- Any motion approved by the Board of Directors via electronic means will now require 100% response, rather than quorum.