

MANITOBA COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Draft Minutes
ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021
Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

Dr. Ian Alexander (Chair)
Dr. Ganesan Abbu
Dr. Theo Fourie
Dr. Karen Appel
Dr. Adelaide Osei-Bansu
Dr. Alan Katz
Dr. Alex Singer
Dr. Amanda Condon
Dr. Anne Durcan
Dr. Ayman Basta
Dr. Cam Stacey
Dr. Carey Isaac
Dr. Carl Duerksen
Dr. Carol Holmes

Dr. Christine Buchel
Dr. David Willems
Dr. Eric Lane
Dr. Habtu Demsas
Dr. Jaroslav Drexler
Dr. Jose Francois
Dr. Kourosch Alamian-Harandi
Dr. Katherine Kearns
Dr. Kyle Hancock
Dr. Lucy Etukakpan
Dr. Mary Orr
Dr. Maurice Roy
Dr. Morag Fisher
Dr. Oluwatumini Omodunbi

Dr. Padma Mongru
Dr. Paul Sawchuk
Dr. Paul Cheung
Dr. Pravin Mehta
Dr. Sameer Kassim
Dr. Shandis Price
Dr. Sarah Kredentser
Dr. Tamara Buchel
Dr. Wendy Smith
Will Siemens

Non MCFP Members

Francis Newman
Dr. Francine Lemire - CFPC
Carol Costas – CFPC
Dr. Catherine Cervin - CFPC
Lissa Manganaro – CFPC
Lisa Goss - MCFP
Staci Bailey - MCFP
Tracy Lennartz
Sarah Scott - CFPC

1. CALL TO ORDER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ian Alexander, MCFP President, called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. He extended greetings and began the meeting with a territorial land acknowledgement. "The Manitoba College of Family Physicians (MCFP) is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji, Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Metis Nation. He acknowledged that the MCFP respects the long-standing relationship that the original custodians have to this land and acknowledged the harms and mistakes that happened to the original caretakers of these lands, both past and present. Dr. Alexander stated that the MCFP respect the treaties that were made on these territories and are dedicated to move forward in partnership with indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Dr. Alexander explained that, as this is a virtual meeting, each motion would be read by himself or a delegate to be presented to the membership. Members were asked to use the raise hand function when moving and a seconding a motion. Once that was been done, a poll was launched to allow our members to vote. After the voting has been completed, we will then release the results of the poll and hopefully move on to the next thing.

- a. Dr. Alexander confirmed that the meeting had quorum of 25+ voting members in attendance, as per the MCFP By-laws.
- b. Dr. Alexander asked if anyone in attendance had a conflict of interest pertaining to the proceedings of the meeting. None were declared.
- c. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Alexander asked if there was any new business, if not he proposed a change to strike new business from the agenda to be able to return to the ASA on time. He opened the floor for discussion/comments/objections. There were none.

MOTION: BE IT MOVED that the agenda of the Annual Members Meeting be approved as amended.

Moved: Dr. Eric Lane

Seconded: Dr. Karen Appel

Abstentions: None

Discussion: None

CARRIED

2. Dr. Ian Alexander WELCOMED MCFP PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Alexander acknowledged the Past Presidents and thanked them all for their work for the MCFP.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2019/2020 AMM MINUTES

MOTION: BE IT MOVED that the Minutes of the April 24, 2020, Annual Members Meeting be approved as presented.

Moved: Dr. Alan Katz

Seconded: Dr. Carol Holmes

Abstentions: none

Discussion: none

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2020

Rob Plohman from Boone & Partners presented the audited financial statements. The membership was provided an opportunity for questions. There was one question from the membership to provide clarification on one line item.

The meeting was turned over to Dr. Ganesan Abbu, MCFP Treasurer. Dr. Abbu presented the following motions:

MOTION: BE IT MOVED that the audited financial statements ending October 31, 2020, be approved as presented.

Moved: Dr. Eric Lane

Seconded: Dr. Janice Price

Abstentions: None

Discussion: The question was posed as to why there was a change in the auditors. It was explained that the MCFP has been with Boone & Partners for a long period of time and the Board of Directors decided

that as such, best practice was to put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an auditor for this upcoming financial year. Several submissions were received and after review by the Board and the Executive Director, Heartland CPA was selected.

None

CARRIED

5. APPOINTMENT OF 2019/2020 AUDITORS FOR THE MCFP

MOTION: BE IT MOVED that Heartland be appointed as the auditors for the MCFP 2020/2021 fiscal year.

Moved: Dr. Tamara Buchel

Seconded: Dr. Habtu Demsas

Abstentions: None

Discussion:

CARRIED

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT | DR. IAN ALEXANDER

Dr. Alexander acknowledged that over the past year, members have faced previously unimaginable challenges in each stage of the covid 19 pandemic; however, without fail, family physicians have met and exceeded those challenges at every step along the way. As such, this pandemic has further reinforced the importance of family physicians and the high-quality primary care that they provide. Dr. Alexander noted that with the rapid adoption of virtual care, it is evident now more than ever, the importance of the patient physician relationship and the continuity of care that is provided by family physicians. He shared that the Manitoba College, the Board, and staff have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to modernize the structure and operations of the College.

Dr. Alexander thanked all of members across Manitoba for the dedication that they have all shown to their patients and their communities over the past year.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT & MEMBER AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | MS. LISA GOSS

Ms. Goss indicated that the focus of the Manitoba College of Family Physicians staff is to serve its 1500 plus members. This year, the MCFP continued to provide professional development and webinars shaped by family physicians, for family physicians in a manner that works during these unprecedented times. She informed that the MCFP has continued to improve and streamline business processes and review all operating costs and expenses to ensure that members dues are being used for the best return on investment.

Ms. Goss stated that the work has been dynamic and ever changing. She noted that, as COVID-19 restrictions continue, family physicians are often the first point of contact for people in the healthcare system. Family medicine is the central hub for treating and managing the health of Manitobans. She expressed her sincere gratitude to the members, as well as the Board for governing a strong and sustainable organization. Ms. Goss personally thanked Dr. Alexander, for the endless hours he committed to the College, and state that it's a better place because of his commitment. She indicated that the evaluation of the two-year presidency has created solid succession planning and consistency and has proved that this complex role required a longer term. Ms. Goss went on to welcome Dr. Joanna Lynch, the incoming president of the MCFP and shared that she looks forward the next couple of years. She expressed gratitude to the many other individuals, partners, stakeholders, and organizations that enable the work of the MCFP.

Ms. Goss shared a presentation for the MCFP Award Winners this year and stated that, although we cannot celebrate with them in person, the MCFP is proud of their individual achievements and a celebration will be planned once in-person events are permitted.

- CFPC Award of Excellence (2 awards presented): Dr. Dave Willems and The Artemus Group
- Family Physician of the Year – Dr. Christine Buchel
- Dr. Gary Beazley Patients Medical Home Award – Aboriginal Health & Wellness Centre

8. CFPC PRESIDENT, DR. CATHERINE CERVIN | CFPC CEO, DR. FRANICE LEMIRE

Dr. Cervin and Dr. Lemire provided their greetings to the Annual Members Meeting and provided updates on what the CFPC is working on nationally. Dr. Cervin thanked the members for the work they do every day as family doctors to care for patients, to teach and to be leaders in their communities, clinics, and hospitals. She stated that she looks forward to working with the MCFP, to build a stronger unified voice for Family Medicine in Manitoba and across Canada.

Dr. Lemire thanked the members for the adjustments they have made in the organization of their practices, to best meet the needs of Manitobans. She noted that like each of the members and the Manitoba College of Family Physicians, the CFPC continues to pivot in this pandemic. The CFPC continues to advocate on the behalf of members for investments in community-based care, for appropriate remuneration and positioning of virtual care and for attention to be paid to the mental health of all healthcare workers, including family physicians.

9. REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE | DR. IAN ALEXANDER

Dr. Alexander noted that this board has moved to a skills-based board, which was approved at a special meeting of the member in March of this year. He presented the proposed slate of officers for the MCFP Board. Dr. Alexander asked the membership three times if there were any nominations or questions from the floor. Hearing none, he made the following motion.

MOTION: BE IT MOVED that the slate of officers as presented be accepted by the members of the Manitoba College of Family Physicians and here after comprise the Board of the MCFP up and until the next Annual Members Meeting.

Moved: Dr. P. Cheung

Seconded: Dr. Sarah Kredentser

Abstentions: None

Discussion: None

CARRIED

Dr. Alexander thanked the out-going Board members for their service and dedication to the MCFP. Subsequently, he invited the membership to welcome the 2021/2022 Board of Directors for the Manitoba College of Family Physicians.

OFFICERS

Dr. Joanna Lynch – President (v)
Dr. Ian Alexander – Past President (v)
Dr. Ganesan Abbu – Treasurer (v)
Dr. Karen Appel – Secretary (v)

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Dr. Theo Fourie – Director at Large
Dr. Ashley Bhullar – Director at Large (v)
Dr. Steven Gravelle – Director at Large (v)
Dr. Padma Mongru – Director at Large (v)
Dr. Manish Garg – Director at Large (v)

10. INSTALLMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. Alexander acknowledged that it is his last official duty as MCFP president to pass on to his successor, the power of office entrusted to him for two years. He invited CFPC President, Dr. Catherine Cervin to conduct the official installation ceremony of the next MCFP President. He described incoming President, Dr. Joanna Lynch as a family physician with a decorated history of service across Manitoba. He noted that she is an assistant professor with the Department of Family Medicine at the university of Manitoba, a preceptor within the northern remote family medicine program and has previously been the Medical Director of the Northern Connections Medical Center in downtown Winnipeg. Dr. Lynch has a clinical focus within addictions medicine and has been a Board member of the Manitoba College of Family Physicians since 2016.

Following the official ceremony of installing the college member chosen as the MCFP President, Dr. Cervin congratulated Dr. Lynch and thanked out-going President, Dr. Alexander for his years of service.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Joanna Lynch, President of the MCFP adjourned the meeting at 1:22 pm.