

EXECUTIVE REPORT

President
Jesse Kancir
Spring General Meeting 2014, Ottawa, Ontario



I. DESCRIPTION OF POSITION

According to the CFMS Bylaws, the President of the CFMS shall:

- a) Hold the Office of Chair of the Executive Committee;
- b) Appoint the Chairs of all committees except as otherwise provided;
- c) Appoint an Executive Vice President;
- d) Succeed to the Office of Past-President upon the election of their successor; and
- e) Be responsible for the general supervision and direction of the business of the Federation.

In practice the role of the President is multifaceted. The President sets organizational goals and oversees their implementation. Specific activities are delegated to members of the Executive Committee and the President is responsible for providing support, guidance, and institutional memory. In addition, the President plays an important role in risk management. The President sets the agendas for each general and executive meeting and chairs the proceedings of executive meetings. The President is also the designated spokesperson for the Federation and interacts with representatives of media, government, public, and national medical organizations. Representative roles set aside for the President include the Canadian Medical Association Board of Directors, CaRMS Board of Directors, the Canadian Medical Forum, and others by invitation.

II. ACTIVITIES

Date	Meeting	Location
September 19 th -22 nd	CFMS Annual General Meeting	Vancouver, BC
September 25 th	RCPSC IMELF Conference	Calgary, AB
Sep 30 th – Oct 2 nd	PAHO General Assembly	Washington, D.C.
October 3 rd -5 th	CMA Board	Mont Tremblant, QC
October 9 th	Medical Post Meeting - Editor-in-Chief	Toronto, ON
October 16 th	FMEC-PG Strategic Implementation Group	Ottawa, ON
October 17 th	RCPSC General Council Meeting	Ottawa, ON
October 18 th	Meeting with CaRMS CEO	Ottawa, ON
October 18 th	AFMC 75 th Anniversary Video Filming	Ottawa, ON
October 18 th -20 th	CFMS Executive Meeting	Ottawa, ON
October 21 st	AFMC Student Portal Meeting with FMEQ	Teleconference
October 23 rd	Ontario Medical Association Dinner	Toronto, ON
November 3 rd -5 th	CFPC Board Meeting	Vancouver ON
November 4 th	RBC-CFMS Sponsorship Agreement	Teleconference
November 5 th	CACMS/LCME Accreditation Standards	Teleconference
November 14 th	CaRMS: Irving Gold & Student Leaders	Teleconference
November 15 th	CMAJ: Student Humanities Editor	Teleconference
November 16 th	CMAJ: Student Humanities Editor Drafting	Toronto, ON
November 16 th	CFMS: Website Translation Project	Teleconference
November 17 th	FMEQ General Council	Ottawa ON
November 18 th	Medical Post: Interview regarding PRPTF	Teleconference
November 18 th	Rideau Hall – Killam Prizes	Ottawa ON

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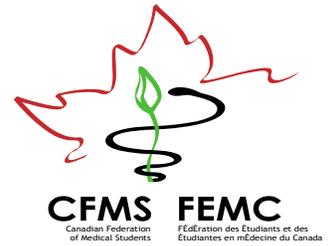
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November 21 st	Canadian Medical Forum	Ottawa ON
November 23 rd	CMA Board of Directors Meeting	Ottawa ON
November 25 th	Medical Council of Canada Meeting	Ottawa ON
November 30 th	CFMS Executive Meeting	Teleconference
December 5 th -7 th	CMA Board Meeting	Ottawa, ON
December 8 th	CFMS Presidents Roundtable	Teleconference
December 9 th	Lunch with CITAC re: opportunities	Toronto, ON
December 11 th	Skype meeting with CFMS NOHP	Teleconference
January 10 th -11 th	CFMS Winter Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON
January 13 th	CaRMS Board of Directors	Toronto, ON
January 13 th	CaRMS Member's Meeting	Toronto, ON
January 14 th	AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee	Teleconference
January 15 th	AFMC Student Portal Data Analysis Working Group	Teleconference
January 16 th	CFMS Exec AGM & IceBowl Meeting	Teleconference
January 21 st	Meeting with UofT Year 1 Med Students	Toronto, ON
January 21 st	CMAJ Student Humanities Blog Editor Meeting	Teleconference
January 24 th	CMA CEO Search Committee	Teleconference
February 1 st	CFMS Leadership Day	Ottawa, ON
February 2 nd & 3 rd	CFMS Lobby Day	Ottawa, ON
February 5 th	CFMS Executive Teleconference	Teleconference
February 7 th	Physician Resource Planning Task Force (PRPTF)	Ottawa, ON
February 9 th	President's Teleconference (CFMS)	Teleconference
February 9 th	Western Teleconference (CFMS)	Teleconference
February 14 th	Healthcare Leadership Forum	Montreal, QC
February 14 th	FMEC PG Strategic Implementation Group	Teleconference
February 18 th /19 th	National Physician Employment Summit	Ottawa, ON
February 19 th	Economic Club of Canada Lunch (CMA)	Ottawa, ON
February 24 th	CaRMS – Irving Gold	Teleconference
February 24 th	CMA CEO Search Committee	Teleconference
February 25 th	AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee Meeting	Teleconference
Feb 28 th , March 1 st	CMA Board of Directors Meeting	Ottawa, ON
March 4 th	Failure Conference	Toronto, ON
March 5 th	AFMC Student Portal Data Analysis Working Group	Teleconference
March 6 th -8 th	American Medical Students' Association Convention	New Orleans, LA
March 14 th	AFMC Learner's Forum Meeting	Teleconference
March 18 th	CFMS Executive Meeting	Teleconference
March 24 th	FMEC PG Learner's Panel	Ottawa, ON
March 26 th	AFMC E-Health Discussion	Teleconference
April 4 th	CMA CEO Search Committee	Toronto, ON
April 7 th -8 th	CMA Doctors in the House Event	Ottawa, ON
April 6 th	CFMS President's Roundtable	Teleconference
April 6 th	Western Teleconference (CFMS)	Teleconference
April 8 th	Canada 20/20 Dinner	Ottawa, ON
April 11 th -12 th	Canadian Conference on Physician Leadership	Toronto, ON
April 11 th	CMA: Meeting to discuss Leadership Projects	Toronto, ON

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III. PRIORITIES AND PROJECT AREAS

REPRESENTATION

Physician Human Resources: Physician Resource Planning Task Force and RCPSC Summit

The President of the CFMS has been invited to sit on the PRPTF, the pan-Canadian task force that is aiming to address the imbalance of training positions across Canada that is producing too many specialists and still having some responsibility for the lack of access to primary care services in Canada. This group co-chaired by the AFMC and an Assistant Deputy Minister from the province of Ontario brings together representatives from government (including Health Canada and the provincial/territorial governments) along with representatives from the AFMC, CMA, CAIR, FMRQ, CFMS, FMEQ, RCPSC, CFPC, and CMQ to discuss these problems and to guide the development of models to understanding population needs and physician supply, to align them for equilibrium, and to also provide educational material to stakeholders making decisions about careers in medicine. Progress is advancing well and it is expected that a needs-based demand model will be available in the coming months.

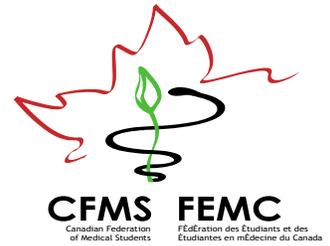
Further, the CFMS was invited to attend the two-day RCPSC National Physician Employment Summit in Ottawa held with over 100 participants addressing causes of physician human resource problems; interesting perspectives were presented by many organizations with many of them CFMS needs to be seen as a leader on this front and it is highly recommended that advocacy efforts focus on having the voice of medical students prominently heard on this issue that is turning into one of the premier medical policy issues gaining traction at the moment.

Canadian Medical Association PUVV, CEO Selection Committee

The CFMS currently has a seat on the Physician Unique Value Proposition and is represented by our Past-President, Dr. Robin Clouston. This CMA group is currently drafting outlines of the elements of the profession that are unique to it and that should be its focus going forward. In addition to being a Board member of the CMA, the President of the CFMS has also been elected to CEO Selection Committee responsible for presenting to the Board the candidature(s) to fill this position. This is quite the honour for the CFMS to be invited to participate in given the vital importance of this position to the organization in addition to the small size of the committee. This reflects the recognized importance of the student voice to the organization and of the CMA's inclusion of students in their core activities.

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FMEC-PG Strategic Implementation Group

The President of the CFMS has been invited to be one of the learner organizations guiding the direction of this important medical education reformation. The ten objectives listed in the FMEC-PG document aim to fundamentally change the nature of postgraduate education and, along with the FMEC-MD project, are significant attempts by the profession to modernize and make as relevant, effective, and accountable as possible the medical education of trainees in Canada. Further, the CFMS has several student members currently sitting on the various sub-committees that have been struck on select goals. Several Canadian medical students, including representatives of the CFMS, were invited to attend a Learner's Panel forum on the FMEC-PG goals in which views were shared on strategic directions for implementing the action items around these objectives. It is our expectation that we will continue to be involved and perhaps even increase our role in the undertakings of these various sub-committees.

American Medical Students Association

The CFMS once again participated in a three-day convention for American medical students hosted this year in Louisiana. This participation marks an increase in the mutual interaction of both organizations in each others annual meetings. The CFMS had hosted the President of AMSA at AGM 2013 and have found that this interaction has helped provide some perspective on a large organization for medical students that manages to hold an enormous, well-attended, and important conference in the US. Some of these lessons are hopefully to be integrated into the upcoming general meetings of the CFMS.

Increased Representation to CFPC and SRPC

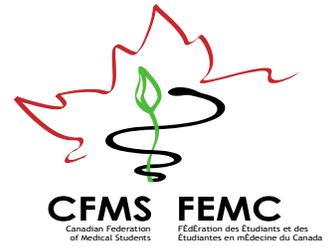
The Executive Committee of the CFMS approved the addition of the CFPC General Council Meeting to the regular activities of the President. This was strongly brought forward by the President after attending the meeting in place of the external representative normally elected to this position. This addition of responsibilities acknowledges the importance of this role to the wide swath of national medical organizations requesting high-level representation from Canadian medical students. The CFMS also participated in the general meeting of the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, recognizing the importance of this national medical organization.

Federal Student Loans: Principal payment and interest accrual deferrals

The CFMS has advocated at our annual Lobby Day for the deferral of repayments of principal and on the accrual of interest until after the end of residency. This position has been articulated in the media and the CFMS has also been invited (with the date to be determined) to present this position at the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health.

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NEW EFFORTS

Canadian Medical Association Journal – CFMS Student Humanities Blog

In collaboration with the Editor and Humanities Editor of the CMAJ and along with the involvement of the Interim-CEO of the CMA, the CMAJ has launched in conjunction with the CFMS a student humanities blog that is designed to have medical students share their experiences during training with reflections rooted in the arts and humanities. With little restriction on the type of material to be submitted, the CMAJ has successfully launched this first blog which they believe will lead to similar ones being taken on by the journal. The CFMS is particularly excited about this initiative as it represented an extremely contested set of positions by students from across Canada and has also attracted external interest. It is our expectation that a maintained and continuously updated blog has the potential to unite Canadian medical students in a novel and important exploration of the richness and challenges as they grow into their professional identities.

Student Memorial Fund

In response to the death of a second-year medical student at the University of Ottawa, the CFMS made a one-time donation to the Amanda Kelsall Fund at the University of Ottawa and is introducing at SGM a motion to adopt a proposal to make this a policy of the organization.

Strategic Plan

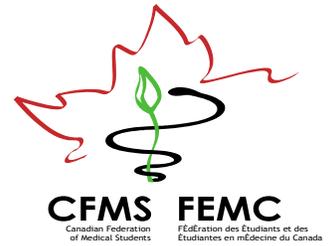
The CFMS Executive will be brought to Toronto for an extra meeting following one weekend of strategic planning that is meant to establish a three-year plan for the organization and to guide its efforts.

IV. Follow-Up, Vision, Goals

The CFMS President will aim to guide the successful development of a new strategic plan. Further, two personal interests of establishing a national lecture series on health policy and a national lecture series on medical humanities are being pursued and will hopefully be launched for the 2014-2015 year. Following on the increase involvement of the CFMS with the IFMSA last year and with the enhanced relationship with the American Medical Students Association, the recommendation going forward is to have the President become involved with more international efforts of the organization, including participation in IFMSA general meetings and perhaps also interactions with MedSIN UK and the Australian Medical Students Association.

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V. Recommendations

- Encourage the CFMS to consider a strategic plan that is especially focused on strategic growth. Use of the financial resources of the organization should be used to grow the human and capital resources of the organization.
- Continue to develop communications externally and internally to make the CFMS relevant to all Canadian medical students. This includes the continued development of our website and of our interactions with the media.
- Grow our partnerships with other medical organizations: this includes seeking opportunities for more participation with AFMC committees and projects, for increased collaboration on learner issues with CAIR, FMRQ, and FMEQ.
- Seek out innovative opportunities to use the creativity of medical students and the Executive to lead to new initiatives for the organization. Our current financial resources should be used for investment into new opportunities of the CFMS.
- Continue to advocate for deferral on repayments of principal on federal loans and on accrual of interest on these loans. Opportunities to be sought out for this position in the media and with interactions with government.
- Continue to advocate for the inclusion of medical students on all national discussions related to physician human resources. Many of the solutions for this issue involve engaging medical students early in their education and medical students should be consulted and included in all conversations in this regard.
- Be a national leader in developing the concepts of medical student wellness. The national medical student wellness survey presents a unique opportunity for the CFMS to improve medical education and be one of the guiding voices in this dialogue on professional training and health.

Submitted for your consideration

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CFMS President 2013-2014