

EXECUTIVE REPORT
SAM ALATORRE & CINDY KALENGA
WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTORS (WRDs)
2024, Spring General Meeting
April 12, 2024, Vancouver, BC



I. INTRODUCTION

Two Western Regional Directors are elected for each term. The CFMS Western Regional Directors are responsible for representing all CFMS member schools in the Western provinces, namely:

- University of British Columbia
- Simon Fraser University
- University of Alberta
- University of Calgary
- University of Saskatchewan
- University of Manitoba

The responsibility of Western Regional Directors is to connect, support, and represent students and schools in the Western Region by:

- Making themselves available to provide guidance and support to member schools/students
- Chairing Western Regional Roundtables and liaising between Western schools/the CFMS Board
- Attending Western School Medsoc meetings/hosting local town halls when possible, to collaborate and support local initiatives and provide CFMS updates
- Encouraging member school engagement with CFMS (e.g., conferences, recruitment etc.)

Western Regional Directors also work closely with other CFMS Regional Directors (ORDs, QRD, ARD) to ensure effective national representation, knowledge sharing, initiative, and connection (e.g., via RRT).

During 2024-2025, Sam and Cindy prioritized WRD preparation and coordination for the Western Dean's Meeting in Saskatoon, SK. This year's meeting topic focused on "Innovation in Medical Education" which gave CFMS and Medsoc leaders from Western schools a unique opportunity to advocate for improvements in curriculum design, pre-clerkship/clerkship training and clinical exposures, academic and examination policies, EDI and anti-racism policy, as well as student wellness infrastructure, policy, and supports.

Other important projects this term included:

- Supporting CFMS orientation tours
- Chairing Representatives Roundtables (RRTs) with other RDs
- Representing CFMS and the medical student voice at external committees and roundtables
- Supporting CFMS initiatives (e.g., SIG marking)

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II. ACTIVITIES AND PROJECT AREAS

1. CFMS Orientation Tours (planning in progress for 2024)
2. Western Deans Meeting (report in progress; will begin planning for WDM 2024)
3. RRT (upcoming April meeting)
4. MedSoc Meetings

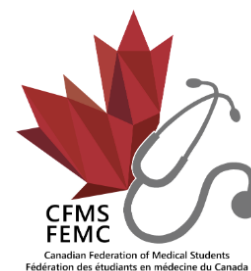
III. MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Location
2023-Jun 8-11	Summer Board Meeting (SBM)	<i>Halifax, NS</i>
2023-Jun 30	Western Regional Director (WRD) Transition Meeting	Online
2023-Aug 1	Regional Directors (RDs) Planning Meeting	Online
2023-Aug 5	CFMS Virtual Board Meeting #1	Online
2023-Aug 31	AGM RRT Planning Meeting	Online
2023-Sep 14-17	CFMS Annual General Meeting (AGM)	<i>Toronto, ON</i>
2023-Sep 16	CFMS RRT #1 (AGM)	<i>Toronto, ON</i>
2023-Sep 25-26	Royal College Fellowship Affairs Summit [Sam]	<i>Ottawa, ON</i>
2023-Oct 1	Western Deans RRT #1	Online
2023-Oct 6	Western Deans RD Coordination Meeting x1	Online
2023-Oct 11	Western Deans RD Coordination Meeting x2	Online
2023-Oct 15	Western Deans RRT #2	Online
2023-Oct 19-21	CFMS Fall Board Meeting	<i>Montreal, QC</i>
2023-Oct 23	Western Deans RD Coordination Meeting x3	Online
2023-Oct 26-28	WESTERN DEANS MEETING	<i>Saskatoon, SK</i>
2023-Nov 9	Western Deans Debrief with Planning Committee	Online
2023-Nov 19	CFMS RRT #2	Online
2023-Nov 22	CFMS and SFU/RDBC/BCMUS Touch Base Meeting	Online
2023-Nov 28	RC, Regional Advisory Committee Orientation* [Sam]	Online
2023-Dec 9	RRT 2024 Planning Meeting	Online
2024-Jan 14	CFMS RRT #3	Online
2024-Jan 25-27	CFMS Winter Board Meeting, Banff, AB	Online
2024-Feb 18	CFMS RRT #4	Online
2024-Mar 9	CFMS Virtual Board Meeting #3	Online
2024-Mar 10	CFMS RRT #5	Online
<u>Upcoming</u>	<u>Upcoming</u>	<u>Upcoming</u>
2024-Apr 11-14	CFMS Spring General Meeting, Vancouver BC	<i>Vancouver, BC</i>
2024-Apr 27	CFMS Executive Meeting #6	Online
2024-Apr 28	CFMS RRT #6	Online

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2024-May 12	CFMS PRT	Online
2024-May 18	CFMS Elections Day	Online
2024-Jun	CFMS Summer Board (Transition) Meeting, PEI	PEI

IV. UPDATES, PRIORITIES AND ACTION ITEMS

Updates

- Sam to deliver WRD/CFMS address during AB Provincial Day of Action (PDoA)

Action Items

- Finish CFMS (WRD) Western Dean's Meeting Report
 - Consult Medsoc delegates for feedback
- Develop CFMS Western Dean's Meeting Protocol
- Schedule Western Region RT touch base (Presidents, VP Externals, other) for term feedback and initiatives to pass forward
- Finish WRD Transition Report

Priorities

- Western Dean's Meeting 2024: meetings and planning
- Supporting SFU establishment

V. FUTURE GOALS

- Improve connection and collaboration in the Western Region
 - More frequent Roundtables to promote information sharing and networking
 - Western Medical Student Conference/Western Region Socials/Challenges
- Improve CFMS presence and WRD presence in the West (**refer to ToR**)
 - WRD presence during orientation tours
 - WRD meetings with EACH Western MedSoc (at least 1/year)
 - Better support for local Medsoc/school initiatives
 - Better promotion of CFMS recruitment, discounts, campaigns, events
- Reconnect with Western Region Partners (Provincial and Territorial Medical Associations [PTMA])
- Western Dean's Meetings
 - Longitudinal relationship-building with UGME, Faculty, and Staff
 - Improve CFMS publicity and social media presence during WDM
 - Expand "Western Dean's Meeting" concept to other provinces
- CFMS Processes
 - Work with other RDs to improve the SIG Marking process
 - Work with other RDs to improve Spring/Fall/Winter recruitment promotion and marketing

VI. REFLECTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

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