

# EXECUTIVE REPORT

Ontario Regional Representatives

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## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Regional representatives are in charge of maintaining communication between their region's schools and the executive. In the case of Ontario schools, they liaise with the Ontario Medical Students' Conference (OMSA) and the six schools in Ontario (Western University, University of Toronto, McMaster University, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and University of Ottawa). They give updates to the executive as well as maintain dialogue between these schools.

Han had the privilege to chair the Presidents' Roundtable this year, as well as starting some new initiatives. Yousif co-chaired the Nominations Committee and represented the CFMS on the AFMC Electives Group.

## II. MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
CFMS Annual General Meeting	Windsor, ON	Sept 17 - Sept 20, 2015	4 days
Meeting with CFMS President	Teleconference	Oct 5 or Oct 6, 2015	0.5 hours
CFMS Fall Executive Meeting	Ottawa, ON	Oct 16 – Oct 18, 2015	2 days
Presidents' Roundtable	Teleconference	Oct 26, 2015	1 hour
Wellness Survey Distribution	Teleconference	Oct 26, 2015	1 hour
Ontario Medical Students' Weekend	Kingston, ON	Oct 31 – Nov 1, 2015	2 days
CFMS Executive Meeting	Teleconference	Nov 22, 2015	3 hours
AFMC Student Portal Enhancements Working Group	Teleconference	Nov 24, 2016	2 hours
AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee	Teleconference	Dec 1, 2015	2 hours
Presidents' Roundtable	Teleconference	Nov 29, 2015	1 hour
OMSA Meeting	Toronto, ON	Dec 5, 2015	5 hours
Wellness Survey Distribution	Teleconference	Dec 9, 2015	0.5 hours
MD Pocket	Teleconference	Dec 9, 2015	0.5 hours
CFMS Elections Taskforce	Teleconference	Dec 13, 2015	1 hour
Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	Teleconference	Dec 15, 2015	1 hour
AFMC Student Portal Enhancements Working Group	Teleconference	Dec 22, 2015	2 hours
CFMS Winter Executive Meeting	Toronto, ON	Jan 8 – Jan 10, 2016	2 days
AFMC Elective Group	Teleconference	Jan 11, 2016	2 hours
AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee	Teleconference	Jan 12, 2016	2 hours
OMSA Meeting	Toronto, ON	Jan 16, 2016	5 hours
Presidents' Roundtable	Teleconference	Jan 24, 2016	1 hour
AFMC Student Portal Enhancements Working Group	Teleconference	Jan 26, 2016	2 hours
Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	Teleconference	Feb 5, 2016	1 hour

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AFMC Student Portal Enhancements Working Group	Teleconference	Feb 23, 2016	2 hours
Presidents Roundtable	Teleconference	Feb 28, 2016	1 hour
AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee	Teleconference	Mar 1, 2016	2 hours
OMSA Wellness Retreat	Briars, ON	Mar 5 – Mar 6, 2016	2 days
CFMS Executive Meeting	Teleconference	Mar 6, 2016	3 hours
OMSA Meeting	Toronto, ON	Mar 19, 2016	7 hours
Presidents Roundtable	Teleconference	Mar 29, 2016	1 hour
Wellness Survey CCME Poster	Teleconference	Apr 6, 2016	1 hour
OMSA Lobby Day	Toronto, ON	Apr 9 - Apr 11, 2016	3 days
OMSA Meeting	Toronto, ON	April 10, 2016	4 hours
CFMS Spring General Meeting	Montreal, QC	April 14 – April 17, 2016	4 days
OMSA Meeting & Elections	Toronto, ON	May 7, 2016	6 hours
CFMS Summer Executive Meeting	Calgary, AB	June 3 – June 5, 2016	3 days
AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee	Teleconference	June 21, 2016	2 hours
PSA Discussion with OMSA & OMA	Teleconference	July 15, 2016	1.5 hours
AFMC Portal Immunizations Working Group	Teleconference	July 27, 2016	2 hours
Presidents' Roundtable	Teleconference	August 4, 2016	2 hours
CFMS Executive Meeting	Teleconference	August 13, 2016	3 hours
AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee	Teleconference	August 23, 2016	2 hours
AFMC Student Portal Enhancements Working Group	Teleconference	September 8, 2016	2 hours

### III. ANNUAL REPORT

#### Ontario Medical Students' Association:

Yousif and Han attended alternate OMSA meetings throughout the year as ex-officio members. They communicated between the CFMS and OMSA, who work in parallel in several portfolios, including but not limited to Education, Advocacy, Wellness and Communication.

Both Han and Yousif attended the Ontario Medical Students' Weekend in Kingston, where they advertised the CFMS at the Career Fair. We spoke to many first year Ontarian students to introduce the services, discounts and opportunities offered by the CFMS. There were prizes and clothing given away for students who interacted with us via social media.

Han attended the OMSA Wellness Retreat and OMSA Lobby Day for opportunities to collaborate and to learn from each other. The Wellness Retreat was a weekend get-away for Ontario students to participate in workshops with experts, relax in a pool or sauna, and participate in activities such as yoga or snow-shoeing. This year, OMSA ran their Lobby Day independently of the OMA, and their ASK was "Improving Seniors Access to Long Term Care."



The Keynote speaker was Dr. Josh Tepper, president of Health Quality Ontario, and the weekend included an Awards Dinner, Media Training and Lobbying at Queen's Park. Dr. Chris Simpson, Dr. Albert Schumacher and Mr. Jeff Ansell were very well received as speakers for leadership training.

### **Presidents' Roundtable (PRT):**

The Presidents Roundtable, chaired by Han, is an opportunity for the president of each medical society to gather information from other schools and to share initiatives and projects. They meet twice in person at SGM and AGM, and monthly over teleconference.

This year, some new strategies were implemented to improve efficiency and communication. Meetings were set to occur on the last Sunday of the month for consistent scheduling. Working documents were introduced to allow for accurate and quick assembly of information while teleconference time was used for discussion and clarifications. Minutes were sent immediately following the meeting for quick corrections and immediate action items. Finally, several meetings featured guest CFMS executive to allow the schools to be updated on different portfolios throughout the year.

The presidents from all fourteen schools were instrumental this year in helping to distribute the National Health and Wellbeing Survey. The emails from the presidents were the only source to the survey link, and several presidents worked diligently to overcome the unexpected obstacles that arose. Many congratulations to Manitoba for having the highest response rate!

### **Nominations Committee/External Representatives:**

The Nomination Committee was Co-Chaired by Yousif as well as one of the Western Regional Representatives, Fatemeh Ramazani. This year, the committee held Fall and Winter calls for external representation as well as positions within CFMS committees. The following is a list of positions that were filled through the Nominations Committee call this year:

#### Fall 2015

- National Officer of Global Health Education
- National Officer of Health Policy
- National Officer of Human Rights and Peace
- National Officer of Partnership
- National Officer of Sexual and Reproductive Health
- National Officer of Indigenous Health
- National Wellness Officer
- Education Committee Positions
- Committee on Health Policy Positions
- Finance Committee Positions
- Social Medical Committee Positions
- Electives Portal Committee Position
- Elections Taskforce Positions

#### Winter 2016

- CMAJ Student Humanities Blog Editor (English and French)

- CFMS Jr. Representative to the Committee on the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools
- Junior Representative to the Committee on the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS)
- CFMS Representative to National Electives and Interviews Database

The nominations committee was also active in Student Initiative Grants as well as in the selection of Travel Award winners to attend the CFMS SGM 2016 in Montreal. Overall, we have seen great interest by student applications and look forward to working with students from across the country in future committees.

## Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC):

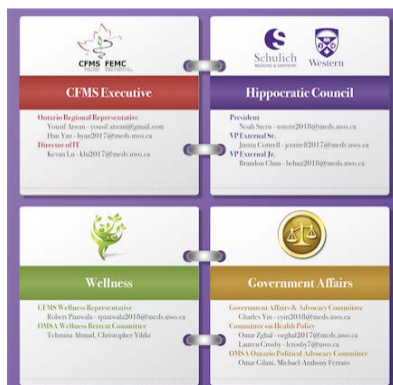
Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ontario Health Workforce Planning and Regulatory Affairs, Denise Cole kindly arranged for the CFMS to participate in several teleconferences on the topic of Human Health Resource Planning in Ontario. Both Yousif and Han had the opportunity to better understand the Ontario government’s position on the future of Ontario healthcare needs. The MOHLTC presented three projection models and expressed interest in a continued relationship with the CFMS and OMSA to inform students and to better understand student concerns.

## Electives Portal Committee:

Yousif has been working with the Electives Portal Committee on a number of issues surrounding the AFMC Portal as well as overall electives allocation and access at Canadian Medical Schools. Discussions with the AFMC Electives Group has lead to the creation of national electives summary sheet which is currently in draft. This sheet will outline the requirements of each school in a single document. Advancements have been made with the AFMC Elective Portal through discussions at the AFMC Electives Portal Enhancements Committee (These changes can be found at the Portal site). Furthermore, overall guidance and outlook regarding the Portal were brought forward and discussed with the AFMC Electives Portal Steering Committee. These committees have been very receptive to student feedback and we tremendously look forward to working with them in further enhancing the electives process for Canadian medical students.

## MD Pocket:

Han worked to secure a contract between the CFMS and MD-Pocket, the supplier of foldable WhiteCoat Clipboards, amongst other supplies. MD Pocket will now be providing a 15% discount code to all members of the CFMS on our website. There will also be discussions with each school to consider options for bulk orderly on a regional basis.



## Local Organizational Charts:

Motivated by the need to connect the many students involved with the CFMS, Han made local organizational charts that named and provided the contact information for the

Executive, National Officers, and committee members of the CFMS. The best way to connect students to the many branches of the CFMS is through the local members who are already involved.

## **Couples Match Online Tool**

Working with CaRMS, Han has developed a couples match online tool that will help students with their rank-order list. It takes into account the distance between the schools of entry level programs and the individual rank list of each student in the couple. It will then generate a list of ordered options that students can then download and enter into CaRMS. This tool will be presented at AGM in small working groups.

## **Ontario's tentative Physician Services Agreement**

In July of 2016, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Longterm Care and the OMA proposed a tentative Physician Services Agreement that would last for four years. Some of the important notes from the tPSA include:

- Managed entry into Family Health Networks (FHN) and Family Health Organizations (FHO) which are team based practices will be restored under the new PSA. Half of available spots will be on a first come, first serve basis to ensure newly practicing physicians have access to these opportunities. This will remove the necessity of the New Grad Entry Program.
- The 2016 PSA will create a bilateral working group between the OMA and the MOHLTC to ensure that evidence-based consultative adjustments approach is taken when managing Ontario's health human resources. This will avoid future reductions such as the 25 CMG R-1 positions for the 2016 match. OMSA would have a seat at the table likely.
- The OMA's hired legal team, Fasken Martineau, one of the premier law firms in this country has declared that this contract will not compromise the OMA's Charter of Rights and Freedoms Challenge demanding binding arbitration as a future dispute resolution mechanism.

OMSA made the decision to endorse the tPSA, and CFMS enforced the right of medical students to vote. PARO also choose to endorse the PSA. Han had the opportunity to discuss with OMSA and president of the OMA, Dr. Walley to better understand the tPSA and its effects on medical students.

The OMA held a general meeting yesterday in Toronto about the tPSA with about 800 members being present. The meeting was several hours long with the majority of the discussion rotating around arguments from members to vote for or against adopting the PSA. The results for adopting the PSA were 63.1% voting against with a voter turnout (voters + proxies) of 55%. The first (including binding arbitration in the implementation of an agreement) and third (keeping OMA section chiefs apprised of negotiations) resolutions both passed.

## **IV. FUTURE GOALS**

OMSA and CFMS have continued to maintain their strong relationship, moving forward on joint publications and projects. We value our open communication and ability to learn from each other.

Yousif will continue to work on the AFMC Electives Portal Committee and publish the National Electives Summary Sheet. Han will be working with CaRMS on publishing and releasing the Couples Match Tool. She will also continue to work on the publication of manuscripts related to the Wellness Survey.

We are receptive to hearing of any new initiatives to engage Ontario students with the CFMS!