



## EXECUTIVE REPORT

*Victoria Turnbull, CFMS Ontario Regional Director*

*Formerly: Dave de Launay, Joe Boyle*

*2021 Annual General Meeting*

*Virtual, October 23-24, 2021*

### I. INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

The Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) is the representative voice of Canadian medical students to the national medical organizations, to the federal government, to the public, and to other external bodies. The CFMS represents over 8000 medical students at 15 Canadian medical schools from coast to coast. It is the mission of the CFMS to represent, support, and connect its members. The CFMS aims to communicate within its membership, as well as from its membership, to the world at large. As an ever-expanding organization, the CFMS continually strives to meet the consistent and changing needs of Canadian medical students.

#### **Brief Description**

There are usually two Ontario Regional Directors elected for each term. The CFMS Ontario Regional Directors are responsible for representing all CFMS member schools in Ontario. The schools are:

- Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine (McMaster University)
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine
- University of Ottawa
- Queen's University
- University of Toronto
- Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry (Western University)

The Ontario Regional Directors will chair or attend external meetings, committees, task forces and working groups as required by their regional duties and by their attaché dyad position. They will collaborate with medical societies in the planning of Ontario Regional events. Finally, the Ontario Regional Directors carry out strategic duties in maintaining their fiduciary responsibilities to the CFMS.

*Due to current transition phase of the CFMS Board and unfilled Board positions, the Regional Directors have not been formally attached to one specific portfolio this year.*

### II. SELECTED MEETINGS ATTENDED

*Meetings Attended by previous ORDs, since resigned:*

Date	Meeting	Location	Who
April 17-18, 2021	CFMS Spring General Meeting	Virtual	Both (Dave, Joe)
April 18, 2021	CFMS Board Transition Meeting	Virtual	Both (Dave, Joe)
April 24, 2021	CFMS Board Meeting	Virtual	Both (Dave, Joe)
May 8, 2021	CFMS Board Meeting	Virtual	Both (Dave, Joe)
May 22, 2021	CFMS Board Meeting	Virtual	Joe Boyle

June 5, 2021	CFMS Board Meeting	Virtual	Joe Boyle
June 19, 2021	CFMS Emergency Board Meeting	Virtual	Joe Boyle
June 19, 2021	CFMS Board Meeting	Virtual	Joe Boyle
July 3, 2021	CFMS Board Meeting	Virtual	Joe Boyle
July 11, 2021	CFMS Special General Meeting	Virtual	Joe Boyle

*Meetings Attended by current ORD:*

Date	Meeting	Location	Who
July 11, 2021	CFMS Special General Meeting	Virtual	Victoria
July 11, 2021	CFMS GH/ED Consultation	Virtual	Victoria
July 14, 2021	Transition Meeting, Ontario Regional Directors	Virtual	Victoria, Joe
July 19, 2021	Meeting with Director of Education	Virtual	Victoria
July 21, 2021	Meeting between CFMS and CMA	Virtual	Victoria
July 24, 2021	Meeting with Director of Education; Strategies for match support	Virtual	Victoria
August 4, 2021	Meeting with Director of Student Affairs and CFMS President	Virtual	Victoria
August 17, 2021	Meeting with Director of Education; Strategies for match support	Virtual	Victoria
August 22, 2021	CMA Board Meeting	Virtual	Victoria
August 25, 2021	Meeting with OMSA president and president-elect	Virtual	Victoria
August 28, 2021	CFMS Board Meeting	Virtual	Victoria
August 30, 2021	Meeting of the Education Portfolio Matchbook	Virtual	Victoria
September 7, 2021	NOSM CFMS Introduction Presentation	Virtual	Victoria
September 11, 2021	OMSA Board Meeting	Virtual	Victoria
September 30, 2021	RAC Mentorship Meeting	Virtual	Victoria
October 1, 2021	CFMS Education Portfolio Meeting with National Officers	Virtual	Victoria

### III. ACTIVITIES OF THE ONTARIO REGIONAL DIRECTOR

#### 1. Ontario Medical Students' Association (OMSA)

- The Ontario Regional Director represents the CFMS to the OMSA, acting as the communication between the two organizations for all CFMS portfolio members
- OMSA Meetings serve as an opportunity for the two organizations to understand activities and supports in which they overlap and to deliver resources more effectively to students

- Usually, the Ontario Regional Director plays an important role in helping to plan the Ontario Medical Students Weekend, however this was unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2. Royal College Regional Advisory Committee for Ontario (RAC 3)**
- Victoria Turnbull represents Ontario medical students at the Royal College's Regional Advisory Committee 3
  - Please note that RAC meetings resume in the fall
- 3. Ontario Medical School Progress Updates**
- The Ontario Regional Director provides an updates and is provided with updates from each of the Ontario medical schools at the Ontario Medical School Association Board Meetings

#### IV. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE ROLE OF ATTACHE OR OTHER BOARD ROLES

**1. Education Portfolio**

- Consulted with former Director of Education on re-structuring the Education Portfolio, particularly with respect to resources for students going through the match and who have previously gone unmatched
  - i. Note: re-structured the timing and format of the matchbook
  - ii. Participated in brainstorming and laying the foundation for the new, groundbreaking inter-portfolio task-force for unmatched student advocacy – a cooperation between the Education, Government Affairs, Student Affairs and Communications Portfolios
- Selection of new National Officers with former Director of Education and Western Regional Director
  - i. Involved in the selection of incoming National Officers for the Education Portfolio
  - ii. Aided in editing the grading matrix for evaluating candidates for National Officers in partnership with the former Director of Education
  - iii. Engaged in on-going efforts to orient and lay the foundation for the new vision of the Education Portfolio
- Conducted an environmental scan of all CFMS resources and standpoints (including position papers) regarding unmatched students and match resources
  - i. Will be published in the future, please contact the Ontario Regional Director (information below) if you would like an advance copy

**2. Government Affairs Portfolio**

- Partnering with the Director of Government Affairs for the selection of members to found the new inter-portfolio Unmatched Advocacy task force

**3. Student Affairs Portfolio**

- Supporting the Director of Student Affairs in their work for the portfolio

- i. Helping to host and plan the CFMS Orientation Session
- ii. Assisting in the planning of the Student Affairs portfolio

#### **4. CMA Meetings**

- Participated in discussions with CMA Board members in partnership with the CFMS Board prior to AGM 2021

#### **5. CaRMS Application Review Committee**

- Member of the CaRMS Application Review Committee
  - i. This committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending improvements to the CaRMS online application that ensures the only information collected is that which is necessary for the purposes of the match

#### **6. Calls to Action**

- Demonstrated commitment to achieving Calls to Action and restructuring the organization
  - i. Advocating for the collection of EDI data on a national level through the match to evaluate for trends in matched/unmatched applicants
  - ii. Attended Global Health Meetings regarding student concerns about Calls to Action
  - iii. Worked with Portfolio Directors to ensure safe space within the CFMS and to ensure that selection committee occurred in a manner that facilitated equity

## **V. REFLECTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

It has been a pleasure serving as the Ontario Regional Director on the CFMS, and I am so excited for everything that the remainder of the year has in store. That being said, this has been an incredibly challenging time for the board as we work to address the concerns of the general membership. A number of members of the Board of Directors have needed to step down, many citing significant burnout as the major factor in their decision. We continue to work to support each other and yourselves and ask for your patience as we rebuild the organization.

Moving through the year, I am excited to continue to represent the voices of Ontario students as well as students on a national level, ensuring that ALL students feel heard and supported. I look forward to continuing to support the Portfolio Directors in the incredible work that they do, and to continue to advocate for student supports during the many challenges that students face throughout medical school.

If there is anything I can do to support you or any initiative that you would like me to be aware of, please feel free and comfortable to reach out. My contact information is below.



**Victoria Turnbull, BMSc**

MD, Class of 2022, Faculty of Medicine, McMaster University

Ontario Regional Director || Directrice Régionale de l'Ontario

Canadian Federation of Medical Students || Federation des étudiants et des étudiantes en  
médecine du Canada

[ontario@cfms.org](mailto:ontario@cfms.org) || [www.cfms.org](http://www.cfms.org)

I respectfully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas.