CFMS BOARD 2021/2022 TELECONFERENCE #1
MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, April 24th, 2021
17h00 EDT - 20h00 EDT

Chair: Joe Boyle

Present:
Joseph Boyle, Interim-President and Ontario Regional Director, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Edgar Akuffo-Addo, Vice-President Finance, University of Toronto
Dorsai Ranjbari, Vice-President Communication, McGill University
Neha Malhotra, Director of Education, University of Toronto
Lunan Zhao, Director of Global Health, University of Toronto
Montana Hackett, Director of Government Affairs, Western University
Alex Lee, Director of Student Affairs, University of Ottawa
Stephanie Roberts, Atlantic Regional Director, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Dave de Launay, Ontario Regional Director, University of Ottawa
Sherry Mahmood, Western Regional Director, University of Alberta
Alvin Qiu, Western Regional Director, University of British Columbia
Stephanie Houwer- van Nelfen, CFMS Administrative Assistant

Vacant
Past-president & Board Chair
Quebec Regional Director

Welcome
- Robert’s Rules
- Motion to start, approve agenda
  - Moved, seconded
  - Motion carried unanimously

Interim-President’s Update
- Organizing the By-elections
  - How do they work? What needs to be done?
  - Will need to call Special General Meeting
  - 6 weeks between first advertised and Special GM
  - Works through Nominations Committee
  - Past-President presides as parliamentarian for elections
    - Can someone else from the Board do the same?

- Incorporating the asks from the GHL letter into the CFMS
  - Change of By-Laws via General Meeting
Motion for 3 new Directors
Discussion postponed until later in the meeting

Indigenous legal counsel, Lee Francouer, Eagle Law Firm
- Dir GH (Director Global Health) and WRD (Western Regional Director) talked with him for 30 minutes
- Introduces himself and his views
- Sees no problem with reform of By-Laws
- Colleague Colleen expert in corporate and legal rights
- How to fulfill obligation to UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)
- How to include UN recommendations
- Those who self-identify as Indigenous, e.g. Indigenous Student Organizations to help find someone for Board position
- Think about what you want
  - Make a few changes or restructure whole?
    - Homework to look at the By-Laws
    - Highlight what you like and don’t like
  - Put things/instructions on paper
    - VP Finance
  - Offer for Strategic Visioning Exercise

Reflection on Meeting with Lee Francouer
- Want to look at the basis or just make necessary changes of By-Laws?
  - Might be too much for now, spread too thin
- Reassuring that it’s easy to make the changes
- Want to move forward with Lee?
  - Have current lawyers
    - Can they work together?
    - How to transfer?
  - Open up to Lee about the happenings of the last half year
  - Another Indigenous Lawyer that was recommended
- Leads are VP Finance, WRD and Dir GH
- To reform CFMS need 3 new Board members first?

EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity) Training
- Advisory Committee
  - Reached out to IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Student Associations)
    - [https://ifmsa.org/supervising-council/](https://ifmsa.org/supervising-council/)
  - Accountability for the Board
- Indigenous Students Alberta sent resources
- Some training programs provide group discounts or special for non-profit organizations
- Interest in more personalised training
  - What are everyone’s EDI goals/ experiences?
- Is there an organization that can advise on training?
- One training for everyone as soon as possible, afterwards personalize
- Dir GH part of team to approach schools
  - Approach different students organizations for recommendations on training
  - Popular at UBC: [www.Sanyas.ca](http://www.Sanyas.ca)
  - Look for recommendations on EDI training courses through a survey
    - Everyone in favour
    - VP Coms (VP Communications) will set it up
    - Look at results after 2 weeks, but leave survey open

- Steps that will be taken
  - Survey on recommended EDI training courses
  - Choose training for the Board
  - Built on that personally

**Motion to create CFMS Director for Indigenous Students**
- Board voted in favour to motion this at next general meeting
- Elections to create position will need to be next step

**Meeting Adjourned**