

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?
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- 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/>
 - 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
 - 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