

# Annual General Meeting and Awards 2019/2020

November 5, 2020

Dr. Ernie Schuster, President

Dr. Erika MacIntyre, Vice-President

Dr. Jennine Wismark, Treasurer

Dr. Paul Greenwood, Member at Large

Dr. Marjan Abbasi, Member at Large

# Bylaw Committee Review by Dr. Paul Greenwood

- ▶ Committee: Dr. Paul Greenwood (Chair), Dr. Erika MacIntyre, and Dr. Don Wilson
- ▶ The first bylaw review since the society was formed in 2011.
- ▶ Majority of the changes bring the society in line with how the organization actually functions nine years after it was formed.
- ▶ Suggested changes sent to members on November 4, 2020 for comment.
- ▶ Electronic vote by members in January 2020 (after 60 days).
- ▶ Current bylaws require in-person vote; however, the safety of members must be considered during a pandemic.
- ▶ After the vote the new bylaws will be submitted to Corporate Registry.

# Proposed Bylaw Changes

- ▶ Consistent with AHS Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules.
- ▶ Consistent with Memorandum of Understanding with the AMA.
- ▶ Include a definition section.
- ▶ Include missing aspects of the EZMSA business: recognition of members, education sessions, and social events.
- ▶ Update Four member categories:
  - ▶ Voting members: Practitioners whose primary zone clinical department or practice is in Edmonton. Pay dues, able to attend events, and able to vote.
  - ▶ Secondary members: Practitioners whose primary zone clinical department or practice not in Edmonton. Pay dues, able to attend events, and non-voting.
  - ▶ Honorary members: Practitioners recognized for distinguished service to profession. Do not pay dues or vote but able to attend events.
  - ▶ Resident members: Individuals on the CPSA educational register and primary location in Edmonton. Do not pay dues or vote but able to attend events.
- ▶ Allow for online voting and meetings.

# Proposed Bylaw Changes

- ▶ Clarify the role of the Executive as governing and responsible for administration while the Council as advisory.
- ▶ Update the Executive Officers:
  - ▶ Vice-President, President, and Past-President term length from two years each to one. Each individual will complete three years on the Executive rather than six.
  - ▶ Formally include a Member at Large (Community Family Practitioner) and Member at Large (Specialist). Their term is two years for a maximum of six years comprising of three terms.
  - ▶ Update Secretary-Treasurer to Treasurer to be current with actual accountabilities and responsibilities.
- ▶ Provide direction for if the President resigns. The Vice-President will assume the President position unless they are unable, then the Past-President will assume the President role.
- ▶ Allow for 15 months between each Annual General Meeting.
- ▶ Update Executive meetings to a minimum of six rather than four per year.

# Proposed Bylaw Changes

- ▶ Revise quorum for Executive meetings to four Officers rather than three.
- ▶ Define the advisory role of Council as:
  - ▶ informing the Executive of issues and opportunities;
  - ▶ providing feedback and direction; and
  - ▶ providing a consultative role and ad hoc advice.
- ▶ Update Council to have 30 Councillors rather than 24.
- ▶ Include Councillor terms to hold office for a three year term and up to a maximum of three terms equal to nine years total.
- ▶ Update Council meetings to four times per year rather than six.
- ▶ Remove ability to borrow from financial institutions.
- ▶ Allow for 21 days rather than 60 to repeal, add or amend the bylaws to follow the *Societies Act*.