



Dr. Jeff Dresselhuis
Board Director-at-Large | GP

Dear Representative Assembly colleagues,

Thank you for your consideration of my request for your support as I stand for *re*-election to the Board of Directors for Doctors of BC.

“We live in interesting times” is an oft-quoted euphemism for the era of uncertainty and yet tremendous opportunity in which we now find ourselves, in the midst of COVID. It has been both a challenge and a privilege for me to serve you on our new smaller Board since 2017, and I would be pleased to continue for two more years - at the will of the RA.

As I look back to spring 2018 and the platform I ran on at that time, my philosophy and priorities have not changed:

1. **STRATEGIC THINKING** – learning from the past, seeing the present, anticipating and planning for tomorrow, envisioning the future.
2. Being CONSULTATIVE and NON-PARTISAN – fleeing from fixed ideas and hidden agendas, while listening to the passions and ideas of my fellow physicians throughout BC, across the spectra of geography, type of practice, gender, age. etc.
3. **COLLABORATIVE DECISION-MAKING** – both contributing to respectful debate and dialogue, as well as helping steer discussions to a landing-place of concrete action which can make a difference -- for specialists and family physicians, and our patients.
4. **RELATIONSHIP-FORGING** – fostering connection between myself and colleagues, as well as with partners in government and health authorities. The medical landscape in Canada continues to show that those physicians achieve the best results who prioritize building trust and not burning bridges, no matter how frustrating things get.
5. **COMMUNICATION** – ensuring that I not only listen well, but also clearly translate knowledge/information back in return, whether to doctors in my community and region, or to the RA itself. Being available for questions, and not shying away from the tough ones.
6. **SEEKING DIVERSITY** – Well, this one I would want to update. While I think we have made progress on “seeking” to raise the profile of diversity, what we need now is to “PURSUE” the embedding of diversity in representation and perspective across our Association. Mentoring and nurturing input from younger physicians, women, and many other voices is critical. The time is now.

HIGHLIGHTS and **ACHIEVEMENTS** of the past 2 years which I have been proud to be part of, include:

1. Achievement and ratification of the 2019-2022 Physician Master Agreement
2. Expanding the consultative role of the Representative Assembly
3. Establishing and populating the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee
4. Alignment of RA meetings / input to Board agendas / Strategic planning and priority-setting / budget cycles
5. Increasing relational connection and alignment between Board and JCC's
6. Rapid response to the COVID pandemic with Virtual Care fee codes, and prioritization of work towards sustainable pandemic and post-pandemic payment models
7. Evaluation and strategic capacity expansion of Physician Health Program.

There is much work still to be done on the above items, and I believe I can be an asset as we work together to achieve these goals -- and others that lie ahead in the next few years of challenge.

The ports of our province are points of departure for many large ships which deliberately head straight for often-stormy and uncertain seas, while yet confident of the expertise of the men and women who use the technology available to them to ensure they and their cargo arrive safely at the destination. The parallel is true of the physicians of this province. If we, with all our experience and diversity, do not harness our expertise to lead in these coming days of change in our health care system, who will?

With the indulgence of your support, it will be my honour to serve you during a further 2-year term on the Board.

respectfully,

Jeff Dresselhuis

Experience

- **Chair, Board of Directors, Doctors of BC, 2017 - present**
- **Board of Directors, Doctors of BC, 2015 - 2017 (as District 6 delegate); 2017 – present (as GP Director-at-Large)**
- **Governance Committee, Doctors of BC, 2016 - present**
- **HR & Compensation Committee, Doctors of BC, 2017 - 2019**
- **RA Planning Committee, 2017 - present**
- **Board Representative to SGP Board, 2017 - 2019**
- **Resolutions Committee, Doctors of BC, 2016 - 2017**
- **Chair, Fraser Northwest Division of Family Practice, 2013 - 2016**
- **Board Member, FNW Division of Family Practice, 2013 - 2017**
- **Founding Member, FNW Division of Family Practice, 2010 - present**
- **Collaborative Services Committee Co-Chair (FNW), 2013 - 2017**
- **Inter-Divisional Council member (Fraser Health Authority), 2013 - 2017**
- **Founding physician, Burnaby-Edmonds Primary Care Network, (PCN), 2018 - present**
- **New Westminster City Healthy Communities Partnership Committee, 2015 - 2019**
- **RCH and ERH Medical Staff Association founding member, 2015 - present**
- **President, Westminster Medical Association, 2009 - 2013**
- **Founding Partner, PrimeCare Medical Centre, 2009 - present**
- **Family Practice with Obstetrics & minor surgery (Burnaby/New Westminster - staff privileges at Royal Columbian Hospital), 1995 - present**
- **Clinical Instructor, UBC Department of Family Practice, 1999 - present**
- **President of Interns Royal Columbian Hospital, 1993 - 1994**

Education

- SFU Beedie School of Business Physician Leadership & Management Program (SFU 2014-2015)
 - M.D. (UBC 1993)
 - B.Sc. (UBC 1989)
 - A.R.C.T. in Piano Performance (University of Toronto 1986)
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