



## **Dr. Shelley Ross for Speaker of the Representative Assembly**

It would be my pleasure and privilege to serve as Speaker of the Representative Assembly of the Doctors of BC. I am asking for your support.

I have had a long association with the Doctors of BC (DoBC), having served on many of its committees and served the membership as President in 2012-2013. Following the year as President, I then spent the next seven years as Co-Chair of the General Practice Services Committee, at a time of unprecedented transformation of primary care. With a great team of committed physicians, Ministry and Health Authority colleagues, and dedicated staff, we were able to develop the BC version of the Patient Medical Home and the Primary Care Networks, and when Covid-19 arrived, quickly turned our efforts into developing supports for physicians. I have had the pleasure of working with both Family Physicians and Specialists over time and have a good understanding of the concerns of all physicians. I feel that my many years of working for the profession have given me a broad-based understanding of medical politics that would serve me well in this role.

I was on the DoBC Board when the Representative Assembly (RA) was created. The RA has given a voice to many more members than the previous board-only model and as Speaker of the RA, I would ensure that your voice is heard at the DoBC Board. I was a RA member during its first year, occupying the spot for the CMA. Subsequently, I participated in a formal debate regarding the CMA, and then along with the Ministry of Health Co-Chair of GPSC, Ted Patterson, presented to the RA on the functioning of the GP Services Committee. I then attended as an observer, so am familiar with the functioning of the RA.

Having recently been intimately involved with the Joint Clinical Committees, I am conversant with the concerns of physicians, both FPs and Specialists, and the perspective of the Ministry of Health and the Health Authorities. This knowledge would help develop RA agendas that are meaningful to members. I am working half time doing locums for longitudinal family physicians and providing maternity care at the Burnaby Maternity Clinic. Working half time ensures that I have the time to dedicate to the role.

I believe I have the skill set required for the job. I have chaired meetings at local, regional, national, and international levels and know how to facilitate discussion in a respectful, neutral and inclusive manner. Having spent so many years in the delivery room, I can think quickly on my feet, make impartial and well-reasoned decisions, and should conflict arise, I am good at smoothing the waters. I have a great sense of humour, a positive attitude and am easily approachable. I believe that physicians should be involved in policy decisions that affect health care. While doing this important work, we must never forget the importance of making sure the health and wellness of physicians is supported.

I was one of the few women in my medical class and was trained like one of the boys and have always worked side by side with my male colleagues. I have been an advocate for women in medicine and have had the pleasure to mentor many women to take on leadership roles. The DoBC is vocally committed to diversity, and as part of that diversity, women need to be seen in leadership roles. We know that medicine is all about relationships and I would like the opportunity to help the RA develop those relationships that will serve all physicians well and improve health care for our patients.

Thank you for your consideration. I am asking for your vote.

# Curriculum Vitae for Dr. Shelley Ross

## **Education**

Graduated from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada with BMedSci and MD cum laude in 1974

Two-year Family Practice Residency at the University of British Columbia 1974-1976 followed by Certification in the College of Family Physicians of Canada

Fellowship in College of Family Physicians of Canada 1998

ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors following University of Toronto's Rotman's School of Business Board Director course 2013

## **Work Experience**

Family Physician in longitudinal practice in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, from 1976 to 2012, both office and hospital based, with a large obstetric component in a practice where patients ranged in age from newborn to geriatrics

Now working half time doing locums for longitudinal FPs and Burnaby Maternity Clinic

## **Leadership Experience**

Chair, GPSC Maternity Working Group

Member, Perinatal Services BC Advisory Committee

Member, Gender Equity Hub of the World Health Organization

Member, White Ribbon Alliance Respectful Maternity Care Council

Member, Women in Global Health

President, Doctors of BC 2012-2013

Immediate Past Doctors of BC Co-chair of the GPSC (2013-2020) which included:

- member of the Shared Care Committee
- co-chair of the GPSC Provincial Recruitment and Retention Committee
- member of the Standing Committee on Service Delivery & Population Health
- member of the UBC Dean's Advisory Committee on Rural Medicine
- member of the Primary and Community Care Advisory Forum

Board member Canadian Medical Association 2013-2019

Chair Canadian Medical Association Governance Committee 2013- 2019

Past President/past Secretary-General of the Medical Women's International Association

Past President Federation of Medical Women of Canada

Past President and Chief of Staff Burnaby Hospital

Past President St. Michael's Longterm Care Facility

Past President Burnaby Medical Association

Past Chair Council on Health Economics and Policy Doctors of BC

Past Chair Board of Directors Doctors of BC

Past Chair Medical Advisory Committee Burnaby Hospital

Past Member Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee for Fraser Health Authority

Past Vice-Chair, Burnaby Foundation Picture of Health \$4.5 million dollar fund-raising campaign

Past Department Head Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Burnaby Hospital

Past Member Board of Directors Burnaby Hospital

Past Member Board of Burnaby Hospital Foundation