

I am seeking your support for election as the Deputy Speaker of the Representative Assembly.

Many of you will know me from my presentations to the RA as Chair of the *Audit and Finance Committee*, a role that I will be moving on from at the end of this year. That position allowed me to meet many of you and to learn a tremendous amount about the *Doctors of BC* and I would like to continue to contribute to the *Doctors of BC* as Deputy Speaker of the RA. I have plentiful experience efficiently chairing meetings and in parliamentary procedure and in steering groups to productively work together.

Things I bring to this position:

1. Knowledge of the *Doctors of BC* and the milieu it works in
2. Experience chairing meetings and impartially directing groups
3. Legal background and knowledge of parliamentary procedure
4. Enthusiasm, approachability, and friendliness

Three things I want to do in this position:

1. Be fair and impartial

I have not served on the RA or the Board nor do I plan to do so. I do not have a political agenda. I know the organization well but I am hardly an insider.

2. Support the Speaker to run meetings efficiently and cordially

We're physicians. We're all smart and hard-working people. We're used to giving people advice all day long and we each have a wealth of knowledge to share. It can be a challenge to harness and control that energy in an efficient and productive manner. I would work with the Speaker to ensure a robust orientation for new RA members, ensure some ability to socialize, and move away from a strict parliamentary structure for meetings.

3. Enable the RA to focus strategic issues

Management and the Board are entrusted with the day-to-day operation and governance of the *Doctors of BC* and while the RA has routine duties such as these elections, setting Board remuneration, setting membership dues; it also has the ability to hone the strategic orientation of the organization. There is a lot of wisdom and experience in the RA.



Michael Curry

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for
Deputy Speaker

Current Career

Full-time emergency physician in the Delta Hospital. Moonlights as a rural locum in both Alberta and BC.

Education

Bachelor of Science Program – University of Alberta
Bachelor of Laws/Juris Doctor (degree renamed) – University of British Columbia
Juris Doctor exchange student – University of California College of Law San Francisco
Doctor of Medicine – Class Valedictorian - University of Western Ontario
Family Medicine Residency – Chief Resident at Toronto Western Hospital - University of Toronto
Emergency Medicine Residency – Chief Resident CCFP(EM) Program - University of Alberta
Certificate in Corporate Governance (in progress) – Harvard Business School

Chair/Parliamentary Procedure Experience

University of Alberta Students' Union Speaker
Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues Chair
Registered Procedural Parliamentarian
Professional Association of Internes and Residents of Ontario President (now PARO)
PAIRO Trust Chair
Year 3 and 4 Committee UBC MD Undergraduate Program
University of Alberta Senate Nominating Committee
Doctors of BC Audit and Finance Committee Chair
Canadian Medical Protective Association Audit Committee Chair

Governance Experience (Most good, some bad)

Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debate
University of Alberta Senate and General Faculties Council
Canadian Federation of Medical Students (Ontario Director for one year, board member for 3 years)
University of Western Ontario Senate
Ontario Medical Association Board of Directors (2 years as student and later resident member)
OMA Council (5 years)
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Council (resident representative)
Ontario College of Family Physicians (resident representative)
Canadian Association of Internes and Residents (now Resident Doctors of Canada)
College of Family Physicians of Canada (resident board representative)
Certified General Accountants of Alberta, Discipline and Appeal Board
Canadian Medical Protective Association Council (2 years as resident, 5 years as BC/Yukon member)
College of Dental Technicians of British Columbia



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