

Frequently Asked Questions – Governance Transition

BOARD

How many Board positions are there?

- The Board is comprised of nine positions: the President, President-Elect and seven Board Directors-at-Large.

How many positions are open for nominations from members?

- Seven of the nine positions – the Directors At-Large – are open to members for nominations.

How do I become a Board member?

- You must be nominated by a member, and then elected by the Representative Assembly at its inaugural meeting on September 14, 2017.
- The nomination window is open from July 26th – Aug 25th, 2017.
- To submit your nomination [click here](#).

How do Board members get elected?

- The President-Elect is nominated and elected by the general membership.
- The Board Directors-at-Large are nominated by the general membership and elected by the Representative Assembly at its inaugural meeting on September 14, 2017.

When is the first Board meeting?

- The first Board meeting will be held in Vancouver on September 15, 2017.

How many times per year does the Board meet?

- The Board will meet approximately eight times per year.

How are Board members compensated for meetings?

- Directors will receive Honoraria for each meeting, plus a \$5,000 one-time stipend for their term (stipend amount is subject to approval of the RA). The amount for the honoraria will be decided by the RA at its inaugural meeting.

What are the term limits for Board members?

- The first cohort of Board Director-at-Large term limits will be staggered, after which they will be two-year terms.
- Directors at Large may not serve more than six years within a ten year period.

As part of the governance changes, we are moving to a smaller Board. What is the relationship between the Board and the Representative Assembly?

- The primary role of the Board is that of a decision-making and strategy-setting body – a role that requires timely decisions be made regarding the affairs of the Association.
- The primary role of the RA is that of an influential body representing members' interests and providing guidance to the Board – it will not be called upon to make quick decisions regarding the affairs of the Association. Decisions of the RA will be by simple majority unless otherwise determined.

Will the Board have representation from different regions?

- Since the Board's role is to act in the best interests of the Association as a whole, it cannot represent any one particular region.
- Regional representation is incorporated within the Representative Assembly (RA). Each district will elect one GP and one Specialist as their District Delegates to the RA – two Delegates per District.
- By allowing the same number of delegates per district, rather than using proportional representation as before, it will better ensure that the issues and voices of the less-populated Districts are heard.

How will different regional concerns be prioritized?

- RA delegates, with representation by GPs and Specialists in regions around the province, will have the ability to profile regional issues and bring them to the attention of the Board.

Who do I contact if I have further questions?

- You can contact Doctors by e-mailing voting@doctorsofbc.ca

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Update: The election for Representative Assembly Delegates for 2017/2018 concluded on July 24th, 2017. A complete list of election results, including a list of the entire new RA, click [here](#) (login required).

How can I become a member of the Representative Assembly?

- There are two ways to become a member of the Representative Assembly. You can either:
 - **Be elected by the members** as a Delegate (in order to be a candidate for election, you must submit nomination papers by midnight on June 12, 2017)
 - **Be appointed by a Section of representative organization** (like the Society of General Practitioners, Specialists of BC, CMA, Resident Doctors of BC and the Medical Undergraduate Society)
- To join the Representative Assembly you must be a member in good standing (i.e., have your 2017 membership dues paid).
- More information can be found in the [How do I join the Representative Assembly Fact Sheet](#).
- The Representative Assembly will have 104 voting members.

Which positions on the Representative Assembly will be elected by members?

- Positions to be elected by members are:

- District Delegates
 - Rural Delegates
 - First Nations Delegates
 - Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the RA (nominated by membership; elected by the RA)
- All other RA positions are appointed by Sections or the above mentioned representative organizations. For a complete breakdown of the allocation of RA delegate seats see pages 5-7 of the [Executive Summary & Table](#).

What do I do if I want to be nominated and run for an elected position on the Representative Assembly?

- For information on how to be nominated, and next steps, click [here](#).

If I want to be elected as a District Delegate, how do I know which district I am in?

- There will be 20 District Delegates on the Representative Assembly from ten new districts. Each district has two elected delegate positions – one for a family physician and one for a specialist.
- Click [here](#) to find out more about the districts, and to learn which district you are in.

How can I find out the number of nominations that have been submitted at this time?

- Check out our nominations ‘tally’ column located on the lower left-hand side of our [Governance webpage](#).

How are Sections included in the Representative Assembly?

- 35 delegates will be appointed by Specialist Sections and 35 delegates will be appointed by the three GP sections. One delegate will be appointed by each of the two mixed GP/SP Sections, specifically the Section of Surgical Assistants and the Section of Clinical Faculty.

How many times per year does the Representative Assembly meet?

- The Representative Assembly will meet three times per year, unless an extraordinary meeting is called.

What are the term limits for elected Representative Assembly Delegates?

- The first cohort of District Delegates, Rural Delegates and First Nations Delegates will have a staggered term schedule; click [here](#) to view the schedule.
- No voting member on the Representative Assembly may serve more than six years within a ten year period.

How are Representative Assembly Delegates compensated for meetings?

- Delegates will receive Honoraria at the standard committee rate for members for attending each RA meeting.

How will the Representative Assembly communicate member concerns / issues to the Board?

- Board Directors will attend all RA meetings as non-voting members, and the Speaker of the RA will have direct contact with the Board Chair at any given time (and vice versa).
- Further methods of communications will be determined following the inaugural meeting of the RA in September.

VOTING FOR REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

When will membership receive the call for nominations for the RA positions and President-Elect?

- The call for nominations was sent to members on May 10th, and the deadline to submit nominations was midnight on June 12th, 2017.
- Updated information will be made available to members via the [“Latest Updates”](#) found on the Doctors of BC website.

When will voting take place?

- Elections for candidates took place from June 26th – July 24th, 2017; eligible members received an email from Everyone Counts Canada when the vote opened, with subsequent reminders throughout the voting window to all who had not yet cast their

vote.

- Updated information will be made available to members via the [“Latest Updates”](#) found on the Doctors of BC website.

How do I ensure I can vote? What does it mean to be “eligible to vote?”

- To be eligible to vote you must have been a member in good standing (i.e. have your 2017 dues paid) at the time the vote opened.
- You will also have had to confirm whether you provide services for the First Nations Health Authority and/or whether you are a rural practitioner (i.e. you provide rural care within the scope of the [Rural Subsidiary Agreement \(RSA\)](#)). This determined your eligibility to vote for delegates in these categories.
- More information can be found in the [How do I vote Fact Sheet](#).

Have a question that isn’t answered here? Email voting@doctorsofbc.ca.

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