

## Fact Sheet: Doctors of BC Governance Reform/Referendum

### *“Smaller Board, Broader Representation”*

- Doctors of BC has a 39-member Board, the largest of any of the Provincial Medical Associations.
- The referendum proposal would replace the current Board with a new ‘dual structure’ of governance – one with a smaller Board and a larger Representative Assembly.
- A 9-member Board will provide flexible, nimble and timely decision-making. It will set the strategic direction and major policies of Doctors of BC. It will maintain its legal fiduciary and oversight responsibilities, and is accountable to the Representative Assembly and the entire membership.
- A 104-member Representative Assembly (RA) will advise the Board and will have wide-ranging member representation, giving a voice to the diversity of the membership. It will provide guidance to the Board to influence such matters as the strategic direction of Doctors of BC.

#### **The Board**

- The Board will consist of the President and President-Elect and 7 Directors at Large - 3 of whom will be Specialists, 3 will be GPs, and 1 will be the ‘opposite’ of the incoming President (i.e., a GP if the incoming President is a Specialist, and a Specialist if the incoming President is a GP).
- Members will nominate candidates for the Directors at Large positions on the Board. The RA will elect the Directors at Large from amongst the nominees who they believe best address the competency needs of the Board.
- The RA can recall Board members who are seen to be acting outside the best interests of the Association.

#### **The Representative Assembly**

- The RA will have an equal number of Specialists and GPs – 35 delegates each. Specialist delegates will be appointed by each Specialist Section, GP delegates will be appointed by the 3 GP sections.
- For fair geographic representation, a total of 20 delegates will be elected by members in 10 districts with one GP and one SP from each district. The RA will also have 4 rural Delegates (2 GP, 2 SP) elected by members practicing in rural areas, and two First Nations delegates elected by members practicing in First Nations communities. For more detailed information on the membership structure of the RA, click [here](#).

## General information

- The governance proposal was developed by the Governance Committee, which consulted with members and physician groups over two years.
- The Board of Doctors of BC has endorsed the proposed model.
- This model is similar to what has successfully been put in place by the Alberta Medical Association and the Saskatchewan Medical Association.

## How to vote

- All eligible members received an email invitation from Everyone Counts Canada on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> with the subject line "IMPORTANT VOTE: DOCTORS OF BC REFERENDA."
- Included in this email is link to the voting site, as well as your unique, private Personal Identification Number (PIN) for logging in. When you log into the voting site, you will find your ballot and detailed information on the proposed model in the Executive Summary & Table, the FAQs, and the Amended Bylaws. These documents can also be found on the [Doctors of BC website](#).
- Voting runs from December 6, 2016 until midnight on January 18, 2017.
- If you did not receive this email or you have questions pertaining to the proposed governance changes, please contact [voting@doctorsofbc.ca](mailto:voting@doctorsofbc.ca).
- Should you have any technical difficulties accessing the voting site or with logging in, please contact [helpdesk@everyonecounts.com](mailto:helpdesk@everyonecounts.com).