



Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS)

By-laws

**Election Sections for Adoption by the CFMS Membership at the CFMS
Spring General Meeting, April 27-28th, 2018**

Election of the Board of Directors

44. Only individual medical student members and individual members-at-large who have attained the age of eighteen years, are in good standing with the federal government as per the Act and have the capacity to contract shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors.
45. Notwithstanding to Section 49-51, the Board of Directors, are elected according to the following schedule:
 - a) A President-elect shall be elected at the Spring General Meeting of the Federation and shall be installed as President immediately at the conclusion of the subsequent Annual General Meeting. The President-elect, if not already a Board of Directors member in another capacity, shall become a non-voting member of the Board of Directors following election at the Spring General Meeting. In the event a Spring General Meeting is not held, the President will be elected and installed at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.
 - b) The Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Finance, Director of Student Affairs, Director of Education, Director of Global Health, and the Director of Government Affairs shall be elected at the Spring General Meeting and installed at the conclusion of the subsequent Annual General Meeting. In the event a Spring General Meeting is not held, the aforementioned roles will be elected and installed at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.
 - c) The Regional Directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and immediately installed at the conclusion of said meeting.
 - d) As per Section 76 the President shall immediately transition to the Office of the Past-President upon the installment of their successor.
46. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of not less than seven (7) members and not more than fifteen (15) members, and these Directors shall comprise two (2) groups: the Officers of the Organization and Board Directors.

The Officers of the Organization are generally comprised of: the President, Past-President and Vice Presidents of Communications & Finance.

The Board Directors are generally comprised of:

- The Directors of Student Affairs, Education, Global Health, & Government Affairs; and
- The Regional Directors who are generally comprised of four to six persons elected to represent their respective Regions. The number and/or distribution of Regional Directors may be altered from the current allotment to meet new regional considerations prior to the elections by a two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting. A Notice of Motion to alter the number and/or distribution of Regional Directors must be distributed at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Meeting at which the vote will take place. Only student members and

members-at-large of the Region shall be eligible to serve as a Regional Director for that Region.

47. A Nominating Committee may be formed for each General Meeting and then dissolved at the conclusion of said General Meeting. This Committee consists of the immediate Past-President and such other members as the immediate Past-President may determine. The Nominating Committee shall receive nominations from institutional member representatives and proxies and shall verify the willingness of nominated individuals to potentially serve in the position they have been nominated for. Nominations received by the Nominating Committee shall not be secret at any time and any candidate shall be free to withdraw at any time prior to the commencement of voting. Positions for which there are no nominees shall remain vacant and may either be filled as per organizational policy or the accordant responsibilities be divided among the newly elected Board.
48. The Past-President shall preside over the entirety of election voting and conduct the election as he/she sees fit in accordance with the CFMS Election Policy, subject to override by a majority vote at a General Meeting. In the absence of the Past-President, the Chair of a General Meeting will preside over the election voting.