

EXECUTIVE REPORT

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I. DESCRIPTION OF POSITION

The regional representatives serve as a voice for their region on the CFMS executive committee. The Quebec representative is in a unique position in that only one of the four medical schools in Quebec, namely McGill University, is an institutional member of the CFMS; all four schools are members of the *Fédération médicale étudiante du Québec (FMEQ)*. As such, the role of the Quebec representative is both to represent McGill students at the CFMS, and to act as chief liaison between the CFMS and the FMEQ.

II. PRIORITIES AND PROJECT AREAS

FMEQ Relations

As in years prior, I have been invited to attend the FMEQ General Council meetings, where I have served as a direct link between the CFMS and the FMEQ, with its four member Medical Societies. Delegates from the FMEQ executive were invited to attend National Lobby Day in Ottawa and, reciprocally, Jessica Harris (VP Government Affairs) and I attended the 2nd annual Provincial Lobby Day (*la Journée d'action politique*), hosted by the FMEQ in Quebec City.

The CFMS continues to work closely with the *Fédération* on the National Wellness Survey project, which saw considerable participation from Quebec schools. It is worth highlighting that the FMEQ has had some enormous successes in their advocacy efforts this year, including securing changes to government student financial aid policies and the establishment of an annual interprofessional student roundtable event to plan the future of healthcare in the province (*la FRESQue*).

Increasing Membership

Given that only one of the four Quebec medical schools is an institutional member of the CFMS, an important aspect of my role has been to facilitate the joining of new CFMS individual members. The main focus of my recruitment efforts this year has built on the excellent work of my predecessor by attracting and securing the membership of the Moncton campus of the Université de Sherbrooke. With a commitment from the Moncton campus Medical Society and the full support of their General Assembly, I am pleased to announce the joining of the Moncton campus as a "Campus Member", pending approval of the necessary bylaw changes and resolutions at SGM 2016. Should these be passed, we will see the addition of a campus of 100 students to our Federation in the 2016-2017 academic year. To welcome our Moncton colleagues and introduce them to the workings of the CFMS, several members of the Moncton Medical Society will join the CFMS at the 2016 SGM in Montreal.

A number of new individual members have also joined the CFMS this year. When asked, most have cited our CaRMS-related resources as their top incentive to join. I have created an Individual Members Survey, due to roll-out in the next few months, that will further assess the needs and satisfaction of this population. The survey was crafted to increase engagement and provide better follow-up with these members. I have also compiled an official up-to-date list of our individual membership for easier tracking and communications in the years to come. Finally, thanks to the efforts of Franco Rizzuti (VP Finance) and Kevan Lu (VP Information Technology Sr), the process of joining the CFMS will soon be streamlined by a new online payment system, thus avoiding the hassle of sending registration payment by mail.

Promoting Bilingualism

One of the most important areas of the Quebec portfolio is the promotion of bilingualism within the Federation. This year, this has meant recruiting and training a new cohort of the Bilingualism Task Force (BTF). Last fall, I created an organizational system to optimize the Task Force's assignments for the year. This team-based model has been improved upon throughout my mandate and this will hopefully continue to be of great benefit to the group for many years to come. In addition to translating the vast majority of all social media posts put out by the CFMS, the BTF has been involved in the translation of the Matchbook, National Lobby Day documents, various sections of the new website, the CFMS Voting Guide and many other projects. In the months to come, I hope to increasingly focus on the translation of the new website to ensure full functionality in both official languages by the end of my mandate.

SGM 2016 Travel Awards

As an additional national assignment, I am managing the CFMS Travel Awards portfolio. This spring, 9 recipients were selected by the Nominations Committee for paid travel to the 2016 SGM in Montreal. These students were selected from among 74 exceptional applications from 12 different schools. All applicants were successfully notified of the funding decisions by our stated deadline of March 1st. I created a document tracking the metrics of our applicants to better inform the next call for applications (for AGM 2016). This information will help me conduct more targeted advertising with the Medical Societies of schools with lower participation and will also allow for trending of the applicant data in future.

In addition to the 9 Travel Award recipients, I have also coordinated travel for 13 of the CFMS-MDMF Leadership Award winners to the upcoming SGM. This is the first time a travel component has been included in the Leadership Award and I am very excited to welcome these additional guests at the meeting.

Chairing SGM 2016

I have the great honour of chairing the 2016 Spring General Meeting in Montreal, a role that has required a great amount of time and effort in the past months. As I am preparing for the meeting I am also in the process of making a transitions document for future chairs, including a checklist and timeline of items to be addressed. This will help ensure

continuity between years, avoid duplication of effort and allow for centralization of resources for the planning of future meetings.

For comments or inquiries about any of the above items, please feel free to get in touch.

Best regards,



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