**I. DESCRIPTION OF POSITION**

As outlined in the guiding documents of the CFMS, the regional representatives serve several key functions. They’re mandated to represent the regional member schools and bring any concerns and issues that may arise at their respective schools to the attention of the CFMS Executive. As Atlantic Regional Representative, my duty has been to act as the liaison between Memorial University, Dalhousie University, Sherbrooke University (Moncton campus) and the CFMS Executive. The regional representatives also take on additional roles based on the needs of the Executive.

**II. MEETINGS ATTENDED**

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| **Date** | **Meeting** | **Location** |
| 22-25 September, 2016 | CFMS AGM | Edmonton |
| 4-6 November, 2016 | CFMS FEM | Ottawa |
| 6-7 January, 2017 | CFMS WEM | Toronto |
| 28-29 April, 2017 | CFMS SGM | Winnipeg |
| 7-9 July, 2017 | CFMS SEM | Calgary |
| 22-24 September, 2017 | CFMS AGM | Ottawa |
| 17-18 February, 2017 | MUN/Dal conference | Newfoundland |
|  | CFMS Executive Teleconferences |  |
|  | CFMS Rep Teleconferences |  |
|  | Atlantic Teleconference |  |

**III. PRIORITIES AND PROJECT AREAS**

* Represent students at Dalhousie University, Memorial University, and Sherbrooke University (Moncton campus) on the CFMS Executive.
* Facilitate the involvement of Sherbrooke’s Moncton campus in the CFMS
* Organized the Student Initiative Grants (SIG) for 2016/17

**IV. FOLLOW UP, VISION, GOALS & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS POSITION**

**1. Integration of Moncton Campus**

* Continue to ensure the full inclusion of Moncton students in Atlantic regional events and teleconferences. Work with the CFMS representative at the Moncton campus to promote the CFMS at their school and ensure they are aware of all the opportunities CFMS can offer.

**2. Conference of the Atlantic Medical Students**

* This is the first conference that includes all Atlantic medical schools. It will be hosted by Dalhousie’s St. John, NB campus in the spring of 2018. The Atlantic Rep will be encouraged to help with this conference and promote it through the CFMS to their member schools.

**3. Encourage the Atlantic participation in the CFMS**

* Encourage each school to be engaged in CFMS wellness week.
* Encourage students to apply for SIG, travel awards, and CFMS positions.

**4. SGM 2018 Halifax, NS**

* The SGM 2018 will be in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Atlantic Rep can help the CFMS organize this meeting if possible.
* Encourage the Atlantic students to be involved in planning the SGM.

**5. Student Initiative Grants**

* Encourage students to apply to the SIG.
* Bring more awareness to the projects who were awarded grants.
* More social media awareness to the SIG projects.

**V. REFLECTIONS & CONCLUSIONS**

The role of the Atlantic Rep is to represent the Atlantic schools in the CFMS executive in addition to encouraging the Atlantic students to get involved. The future Atlantic Rep should continue to develop strategies to bring the CFMS to each school with all the opportunities and active roles the CFMS can offer. They will also be encouraged to work with the remaining executive on the Strategic plan and the future of the CFMS executive and board. They will also have the opportunity to seek out roles based on their interests and the region’s interest in order to help support the CFMS and their continued advocacy for medical students.

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