EXECUTIVE REPORT

Carl White Ulysse, Québec Regional Representative - Spring General Meeting 2015
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**DESCRIPTION OF POSITION**

The regional representatives serve as a voice for their region on the CFMS executive committee. The Québec representative is in a unique position in that only one of the four medical schools in Québec, namely McGill, 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 Québec representative is both to represent McGill students at the CFMS, and to act as chief liaison between the CFMS and the FMEQ.

**PRIORITIES AND PROJECT AREAS**

Liaison with FMEQ

As has been the case in the past few years, I have been invited to attend the FMEQ General Council meetings as an observer. During those meetings, I was able to update the FMEQ exec as well as the exec of all four medical faculties in the province of important CFMS activities. I have also invited the FMEQ to attend our lobby day, which they have done as in previous years. Based on the experience gained at from attending our lobby day, the FMEQ will be organizing its own provincial lobby day in Québec City in April 2015. Mélanie Béchard (VP GA) and myself will be attending to provide CFMS support for this first edition.

Individual Membership

As the only regional rep responsible for a region with non-member schools, I have been tasked with the recruitment of additional individual and institutional members for the CFMS. I have thus prepared a list of all services offered by the CFMS and distributed it to non-member school MedSoc Presidents. In order to increase our visibility with potential individual members, I have also coordinated a talk given at the opening ceremony of the 2015 edition of the MedGames hosted by McGill University. I have also been invited to give a presentation at Université Laval about the CFMS and the advantages linked to our membership. Moreover, I have guided interested individuals through the process of adhesion and have kept track of all new individual memers. I am proud to announce that during my mandate, members from all three french medical faculties have decided to join the CFMS, which means that for the first time in decades we are representing medical students in all 17 medical faculties. I have also been in contact with Franco Rizzuti (VP Finance) in order to develop an online method of payment to streamline the process of becoming an individual member. Finally, I have recently been in touch with the distributed medical education site of Sherbrooke University located in Moncton as a lot of interest for our membership came from this site in order to organize a potential presentation there in the near future.

Bilingualism Project

My biggest project this year has been in the area of bilingualism. I have revived the bilingualism taskforce created by my predecessor and expanded its mandate to include quasi-simultaneous translation of all CFMS Social Media Content, which has been achieved in the fall of 2014. The taskforce is also currently working on translating website content as well as position papers under my supervision. As the bilingualism rep on exec, I have also been asked to give french interviews during Lobby Day in november 2014. Finally, I have also overseen the translation of the CFMS By-Laws and key policy papers by a professional translator.

CFMS SGM 2014 Travel Awards

I have continued to coordinate the Travel Awards this year with the help of the Nominations Committee. Once again, applicants were divided in two pools based on their previous experience with the CFMS. With more than 60 applications, decisions have been harder than ever. With the funds available, we have been able to provide funding for 8 outstanding applicants from all over the country. All applicants have been notified of the decision regarding their application by mid-march and travel award winners registered for the conference within a week of them being notified of the award.