**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RESPONSIBLITIES:**

Regional representatives are in charge of maintaining communication between their region’s schools and the executive. In the case of the Western region, they liaise with University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, University of Saskatchewan and University of Manitoba. They give updates to the executive as well as maintain dialogue between these schools. This is accomplished through the Presidents Subcommittee of the Medical Society Representatives Committee, chaired by Taneille.

Beyond this, they have interacted with the executive and helped implement the initiatives derived from our new Strategic Plan. Since AGM, that has included organizing and attending the Western Canadian Dean’s meeting, managing and expanding the CFMS external representatives, chairing the nominations committee, organizing and evaluating AGM 2015 bids and representing the CFMS on the AFMC Electives Group and the Student Portal Steering Committee.

**II. ACTIVITIES**

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| Date | Meeting | Location |
| October 1 | Western Canadian Dean’s Meeting Preparation – U of C, U of A  | Teleconference |
| October 2 | AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee | Teleconference |
| October 2 | Western Canadian Dean’s Meeting Preparation – U of M | Teleconference |
| October 3 | Western Canadian Dean’s Meeting Preparation – U of S | Saskatoon, Saskatchewan |
| October 12 | Western Canadian Dean’s Meeting Preparation – Western Region | Teleconference |
| October 17 | Western Dean’s Meeting | Edmonton, Ontario |
| October 17-19 | Fall Executive Meeting | Ottawa, Ontario |
| October 29 | CFMS Wellness Survey | Teleconference |
| November 26 | CFMS Wellness Survey | Teleconference |
| November 30 | Executive Teleconference | Teleconference |
| December 7 | Education Committee | Teleconference |
| December 8 | AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee | Teleconference |
| December 10 | CFMS Wellness Survey | Teleconference |
| December 15 | Presidents Roundtable Meeting | Teleconference  |
| January 4 | Education Committee | Teleconference |
| January 9-11 | Winter Executive Meeting | Teleconference |
| February 4 | CFMS Wellness Survey | Teleconference |
| February 8 | Education Committee | Teleconference |
| February 22 | Executive Teleconference | Teleconference |
| March 5 | Presidents Roundtable Meeting | Teleconference  |
| March 14 | Executive Teleconference | Teleconference |
| April 2 | Presidents Roundtable SGM Preparation Meeting | Teleconference  |

**III. INTERM PROGRESS REPORT:**

Presidents Subcommittee:

The Presidents Subcommittee meets mainly via teleconference every two months and as required. Taneille chairs this subcommittee and facilitates correspondence between the CFMS Executive and the Medical Society Presidents. The Chair is also responsible for overseeing the Presidents Facebook group and eliciting feedback on topics directly relevant to the individual medical societies. For example, Taneille is a key point person for discussion about medical student involvement in The Rounds. The Chair connects individual Medical Society Presidents with opportunities elsewhere in the CFMS, including various Education Subcommittee working groups. This year, the Chair has worked on identifying the unique role of this subcommittee and how its potential can be better harnessed. This has involved group discussion during teleconferences and informal meetings with each of the Presidents.

Western Canadian Deans Meeting:

Shortly after AGM, the Western Regional Representatives coordinated the Western Canadian Medsoc Presidents’ attendance and presentation at the Western Canadian Deans Meeting in Edmonton. This was accomplished through contacting each Medsoc President and finding out what issues were most pressing to their school. After comparing issues, we decided on discussing topics that had the most impact on the schools in attendance. The issues raised surrounded learner wellness, accreditation and absence policies. In addition, we spoke at length about the successes of Icebowl 2014 in Winnipeg and how we are planning to build upon that in 2015. The University of Saskatchewan will be hosting this year’s Icebowl from September 25-27 in Saskatoon. Questions can be directed to Ryan Verity (ryan.verity@usask.ca).

Nominations Committee/External Representatives:

Throughout the year, John and Kendra Komsa (Ontario Regional Representative) have chaired the Nominations Committee and managed the external representatives. The Nominations Committee has had two large calls for external representatives (Fall and Winter) in addition to evaluating travel applications for SGM 2015. This is the first year that the Nominations Committee has been formally adopted and it has been tasked with evaluating an unprecedented number of applications this year, showing its health and utility. The CFMS now has more external representation then ever before with new positions on different committees. With the help of Irfan Kherani (VP Education), we will now have a student sitting on the Board of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

AGM 2015:

John managed the call for applications and evaluations process for AGM 2015. Several members of the executive reviewed all applications and in the end, University of Western Ontario was selected as the host. We are extremely excited about this as it will be the first time AGM has been hosted in a Distributed Medical Site. Questions about AGM 2015 can be directed to Yousif Atwan (yatwan2017@meds.uwo.ca).

AFMC Representation:

With the launch of the new launch of the new AFMC Student Portal, we have seen a need for representation on committees associated with this. As a result, John has been positioned on the AFMC Student Portal Steering Committee and Student Portal Enhancements Working Group. Progress in resolving student concerns has been slow thus far, as there have been unforeseen legal and logistical issues with some schools’ scheduled implementation. There are several Portal related committee meetings scheduled for CCME 2015 where CFMS representatives will be presenting and contributing at all of these.

As the portal has had direct implications on the visiting electives process, John and other CFMS representatives have been invited to speak and participate at the AFMC Electives Group meetings at CCME. We look forward to communicating the successes and suggestions to help improve the electives process for our members.

SGM 2015

Taneille is the home CFMS Executive member for the SGM in Vancouver. Taneille helped organize meals, social events and wellness events for SGM. Looking forward to welcoming all of you to Vancouver!

**IV. FUTURE GOALS**

We will continue to prioritize our objectives for the remainder of our term as Western Regional Reps according to the needs of the Western Region and the CFMS executive. Our main objective for the year remains to establish consistent communication and collaboration with the western medical schools we represent to the CFMS executive. We are still looking for sources of funding to ensure each school has a representative at the Western Canadian Associate Dean’s Meeting being held in October 2014 in Edmonton, Alberta. We are still evaluating the utility of this event and whether it is feasible to concurrently hold an in-person Western Canada schools meeting at this event.

We look forward to the developments of SGM 2015! Once again we are always open to your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact us at any time at western@cfms.org