



SGP BULLETIN

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Physician Leadership and Participation

Dear Family Physician,

Leadership in Family Medicine

As you can appreciate, there is a significant level of activity at many levels in primary care. As family physicians, we are continually called on to act as leaders in many areas such as Primary Care Networks, community, zonal, and provincial health committees, professional committee work (AMA, College of Physicians and Surgeons, College of Family Physicians), as well as voluntary organizations many of us participate in to improve our local communities.

The Section of General Practice requires physician leadership in many areas. Over the past year, SGP has represented family physicians in several activities including the Income Equity Initiative, Central Patient Attachment Registry, Primary Care Alliance, Primary Care Networks, Physician Resource Planning and the Schedule of Medical Benefits Rules Initiative process.

We have a leadership role to play in the economic and financial aspects of family medicine: fees and allocation, pilot projects such as the Blended Capitation Model, and developing new strategies for compensation for family physicians to keep up with the changing demands of our practices.

We also play a political role advocating for our patients and family physicians in the health care system. SGP Executive and our Representative Forum delegates advocate for these issues inside the AMA and externally to AHS and Alberta Health. Currently, 42 of the total 139 RF Delegates are GPs (including section, zone and board reps).

I mention all of this to draw attention to the need for physician members and physician leadership in the Section of General Practice. There are currently 5206 GPs and CCFPs in Alberta, and only 2099 of those are members of SGP or SRM. As you know, there is strength in numbers and we would ask all family physicians to consider becoming a member of the Section of General Practice. The key to a vibrant and successful section is ensuring active and new participants with ongoing succession to balance experience with mentoring new leaders.

SGP Elections – ACTIVE VOTING MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE

On June 1, a call for nominations for SGP Executive positions was sent out. Nominations closed on July 25. There were no nominations for the positions of SGP Member-at-Large and SGP Nominating Committee Member-at-Large further to the slate presented by the SGP Nominating Committee. The individuals below will be acclaimed to their positions at the SGP AGM on September 14:

- Dr. Kathryn Andrusky – SGP Member-at-Large
- Dr. Allan Bailey – SGP Member-at-Large
- Dr. Wayne Chang – SGP Nominating Committee Member

An election is currently ongoing for the seven SGP Representative Forum Delegate positions (terms beginning October 1, 2017). If you are an active (voting) member of the SGP and have not yet submitted your electronic vote, you are strongly encouraged to do so.

Please note that voting closes at 4pm on September 1st. If you have any questions about the electronic voting process, please contact Section Services at section.services@albertadoctors.org.

The nominees for Representative Forum Delegates are as follows:

- Dr. Dianne Brox
- Dr. Wendy L.M. Dawson
- Dr. Heidi Fell
- Dr. Mindy Gautama
- Dr. Rabiya Jalil
- Dr. Peter Jamieson
- Dr. Jillian Ratti
- Dr. Jane Ballantine
- Dr. Maeve O'Beirne

If you are interested in learning more about leadership within the Section of General Practice, please contact me at gppres@albertadoctors.org. I would be happy to hear from you and to learn about your leadership interests.

Regards,



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