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Dear Members

I am writing to bring to your attention an annual event that goes largely ignored – the BCMA election for District Delegates and the BCMA Executive.

We understand that life is more than busy enough, and can make the time and effort of deciding among candidates seem hardly worth the trouble.

We are confident that “**who**” gets elected can make a difference. You are due to receive your BCMA ballots shortly. Do not drop them into the recycling bin, do spend a few minutes to read over the candidates' positions, and cast your ballots for those who you trust will do their best to effectively serve our members.

Standing for election as at Friday April 17th were:

President Elect:	Zafar Essak Ian Gillespie
Chair of General Assembly:	Jorge Denegri Lloyd Oppel
Honorary Secretary Treasurer:	James (Jim) Busser Nasir Jetha

We would also like to inform you of two recent BCMA Board motions that support the Clinical Faculty, they are:

Resolution B09/04/17-35—From the April Board meeting

The BCMA directs its representative on the BCMA/Faculty of Medicine Liaison Committee to report to the June Board of Directors meeting on the needs and priorities of clinical faculty and present options on how the BCMA can move forward in addressing the needs of those members.

It now appears that the BCMA did in fact support the Clinical Faculty by passing the following motion at the Feb 8th Board meeting.

“Dr. Milt Baker was welcomed to the meeting and reported that the Section of Clinical Faculty is concerned that hospital privileges are being linked to Associate Clinical Faculty teaching appointments. Dr Baker responded to questions and the Board thanked him for his presentation.”

MOVED BY DR OPPEL/SECONDED
RESOLUTION B09/02/06-53

That the BCMA opposes the linking of hospital privileges to the requirement to teach and/or do research.

We are also informed the BCMA was told by UBC Lawyers that UBC would take action under the “Competition Act” against the BCMA, if the BCMA tried to bargain for the Clinical Faculty before the last contract was arrived at. Also it seems that UBC would have considered the BCMA sending out a contract for ratification by our membership, a breach of the “understanding” with the University, therefore rendering the contract null and void. The legal opinions stated that Physicians in this circumstance were still considered “Individual entities.”

The BCMA does agree that we need to know the true numbers of Clinical Faculty, as even they do not know, so that a survey will be going out soon to the BCMA membership, with consultation from the Section of Clinical Faculty, as well as others, to give us more information.

The above motions that have been passed recently give us support and show that the BCMA is willing to work to assist Clinical Faculty more in the future.

Yours truly,



Milt Baker, MD
President