

Teaching Tomorrow's Doctors

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Section Newsletter

Annual General Meeting, June 27 2019 Annual General Meeting, Guests included (DOBC Negotiat

The Annual General Meeting of the DoBC Section of Clinical Faculty was held on Thursday June 27th 2019 at the DoBC offices and by teleconference. Guests included Dr. Kathleen Ross DoBC President) and Mr. Paul Straszak (DOBC Negotiations Director). With Dr. Gurdeep Parhar leaving his position as Executive Associate Dean, UBC, there was no UBC report.

The constitution of the University Clinical Faculty Association (UCFA), the SCF Society registered in BC, was changed on November 2018 18th following the AGM in 2018 to comply with the new *BC Societies Act*.

Highlights included representation of the SCF on the DoBC Representative Assembly following the change in the DoBC governance structure in 2017, continued representation on the UBC DoBC Clinical Faculty Working group and increase in SCF membership over the past 3 years.

The current SCF Directors on the Board are: Drs Eric Cadesky, Michael Curry, James Heilman, Edward Hillary, Jesse Kancir, Peter Lennox, Elaine Mah, Ryan Pattterson, Alicia Pawluk, Angus Rae, Alan Ruddiman, Charles Webb, Elizabeth Wiley and John Yee.

DoBC/UBC Clinical Faculty Working Group

Mr. Paul Straszak reported at the AGM that the Clinical Faculty Working Group has met on a number of occasions over the past year. The 2018 DoBC Clinical Faculty Survey was used to guide recommendations to the Dean. Similar trends from previous years continue – with many respondents continuing to teach because of the enjoyment and professional responsibility, but increasing numbers are dissatisfied with the time and financial burdens of teaching, and opportunities for recognition, including promotion. Interestingly, the time spend in didactic teaching, teaching with patient care and administrative time related to teaching appears to be increasing, but the dissatisfaction with the support for teaching also continues to increase. *Thank you to all who took to the time to complete the survey*.

UBC reports that 6000 physicians in the province are Clinical Faculty, but despite this number, UBC continues to struggle to attract and retain clinical teachers. The unit rate payment for Clinical Faculty has not increased in the past 11 years, since 2008.

Letters of recommendation were sent to the Dean in June. One on nonmonetary issues was sent jointly from the UBC and DoBC representatives, and a second letter recommending increase in payment was sent from the DoBC representatives. We are awaiting the responses from the Dean.

DoBC Representative Assembly

Bylaws change – remuneration of Directors at meetings The DoBC Representative Assembly are held every 4 months. The SCF executive will be requesting a discussion regarding teaching in the Patient Medical Homes and Patient Care Networks for the next meeting in October.

Following discussions at the last 2 AGM's an electronic referendum will be sent out regarding a change in the bylaws to allow SCF directors to be paid to attend board meetings. More information will be sent soon.