



Position of the CCPM Board regarding the proposed bylaw change:

The Board recommends rejection of the first two motions pertaining to sections 4.01 and 4.02 of the bylaws. The third motion, pertaining to section 4.04, is supported. The rationale is as follows:

Currently, the Board of the CCPM is required to be formed of Fellows, a distinction which recognizes those Members as leaders within the field. The stated intent of the bylaw changes to sections 4.01 and 4.02 is to provide proportional representation of non-Fellows and Fellows on the Board. With the current membership distribution, the Board composition would eventually be 5 non-Fellows and 3 Fellows, after existing terms expire. If the bylaw proposal passes, the ability of the CCPM to provide the Fellowship could be in jeopardy. In order for the CCPM to provide a Fellowship exam, the Chief Examiner and the Deputy Chief Examiner must be Fellows of the College because of their role in organizing the FCCPM exam. Furthermore, all Board Directors participate in the development and/or review of FCCPM exam questions, and also participate in the examination of the FCCPM candidates. During the process of credentialing of FCCPM candidates, some candidates are deferred to the Board for final decision regarding their eligibility.

Since the Fellowship is used in some provinces to determine salary and promotions, the proposed change could ultimately have a negative impact on the career progression of medical physicists. In the 2015 CCPM membership survey, the majority indicated support for retention of the Fellowship distinction. For these reasons, the CCPM Board does not support the proposed changes to sections 4.01 and 4.02. of the CCPM bylaws.

The Board supports the third motion since the inclusion of the word "Fellows" in section 4.04 is awkward and does not have any effect if sections 4.01 and 4.02 either remain as they are or are changed.