

NLMA Section of FFS Consultants Terms of Reference

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The Section of FFS Consultants is organized for the purpose of providing a forum for practicing FFS consultants in the province to discuss the delivery of consultative medical services and the advancement of issues that are common to FFS consultants. The section will identify solutions to systemic problems affecting practice and delivery of care; develop strategies for consideration by the Board of Directors to enhance the physician and patient experience; and serve as a forum to voice expressions of concern and/or opinion for the benefit of the NLMA on any matter that may be of concern to the Section.

Membership

Any practicing FFS consultant may opt to participate as a member of the Section.

Executive Committee

The section shall elect an executive committee of a minimum of five (5) members comprised of at least one (1) consultant from the medical specialties, at least one (1) consultant from the surgical specialties, and at least one (1) consultant from either the anesthesiology, radiology or nuclear medicine specialties. The remaining members shall be members at large. A minimum of two (2) members must be Rural Region representatives (members from outside the St. John's area). A chair shall be voted from within the executive. Members shall be eligible to serve on the executive committee for a three (3) year term.

To ensure the executive contains a minimum of two (2) Rural Region representatives, up to two (2) additional members may be appointed by the elected members of the executive. The appointment process for Rural Region representatives, as necessary, shall be determined by the executive.

No more than two (2) executive committee members may be from the same discipline.

Meetings

The section shall meet quarterly, or at the call of the chair, and a record of proceedings of meeting shall in a timely fashion be submitted to the Executive Director following such meeting.

The executive committee shall meet as necessary to facilitate the quarterly meetings of the section.

The chair of the executive committee shall call a special meeting when the input and feedback of a speciality or specialties, or the whole section, is required on an issue.

Authority

Members of the Association may organize Sections or Special Interest Groups as outlined in Section 17 of the NLMA By-Laws. The Section of FFS Specialists shall not make by-laws or policy(s) that are inconsistent with By-Laws and policy(s) of the NLMA. Neither the chair of the section, or any member of the Section shall have the right to speak for the Association, but any resolution passed at a meeting of a Section or Special Interest Group may be submitted to the Board for consideration and such action as the Board may deem appropriate.