
President's Letter

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IMG, rural issues focus of two new NLMA advisory councils

Dear Colleagues:

In recent weeks we have updated you on proposed changes to our governance model and progress in developing a new strategic plan to guide the Association for the coming years.

As outlined at the annual meeting in June, and reported in the Summer issue of Nexus, the proposed new governance model would include an enhanced committee structure. This new structure would respond to the needs of distinct groups within our membership, ensuring they have a strong voice and that their unique issues are addressed.

While formal approval of the membership at large is required to authorize a new governance structure, our current bylaws allow us to move forward with the introduction of new committees.

To that end, and in response to the clear and urgent needs facing both rural physicians and our International Medical Graduates, we are seeking your interest in participating on the Rural Physicians Advisory Council and the IMG Advisory Council.

Membership on these two new advisory councils will be comprised of those who fit into each respective category. The councils will report directly to the NLMA Board of Directors.

While the general context of the new councils is obvious, council members will have a direct say in the work of the new bodies and will develop the terms of reference and identify priorities as their first order of business.

Interested IMGs and rural physicians are invited to put their names forward by **September 14, 2012** by email to Lynn Barter at lbarter@nlma.nl.ca.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Gabriel".

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