Health Summit – CMA’s new Health Summit will engage and mobilize a large number of participants on the theme of ‘Inspiring a Future of Better Health.’ Join us on Aug. 20-21 in Winnipeg (online registration coming later this month) to explore how we can:

- embrace innovation to achieve culturally inclusive and more accessible care;
- leverage technology to enable and encourage patient-centred care;
- prepare patients and physicians for the world of AI, robotics and disruption;
- accelerate change and embrace technology to better serve vulnerable populations; and
- prioritize the values of humanity, inclusivity and responsive care when designing a future of better health.

Annual General Meeting – Draft agenda Aug. 22, 2018:

- Presentation of Annual Report (incl. 2019 membership fees)
- Appointment of Auditors
- Approval of Bylaw Amendments
- Installation of President and inaugural address

FAQs to address transitions to the AGM from General Council and new member proposals are available here (online submission forms will be available on cma.ca later this spring – so please check back).

General Council – Draft agenda Aug. 22, 2018:

- Code of Ethics 150th anniversary celebration and revisions
- Elections

This year’s GC will be special in many ways but must notably as attendees review a new Code of Ethics and Professionalism and celebrate the 150-year anniversary of CMA’s first Code.

Awards – The Board approved honorary memberships (which will be presented at respective PTMA meetings) and the recipients of the awards of distinction for 2018. Awards will be presented during the gala in Winnipeg, on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Registration information will be available shortly on cma.ca. In the meantime, save the date – Aug. 19-22, 2018 in Winnipeg – and attend the summit, AGM and General Council.

Governance – Future Board Model – Subject to the approval of bylaw amendments at the AGM in August, the Board is recommending moving forward with a model that would reduce the Board’s size in 2019 to one seat for each province/territory, as well as seats for our students and residents. The new model would also allow us to add a seat for a non-physician who can bring a patient perspective to our deliberations and help us deliver on CMA 2020. There would also be seats for the President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President and a Chair (total seats 18-19).

Governance – Elections – With the potential culmination of General Council in 2018, the current election process needs to be replaced. Inclusion of the membership in electing key positions supports CMA’s efforts to be a more member focused organization. The Board is recommending that elections for the President-Elect and Directors take place electronically (online voting) within each province/territory for each respective/available seat (as is currently done with the president-elect nominee elections). Results would be announced to the membership and successful candidates introduced at the AGM. Changes are subject to bylaw approval in August. If approved, a call for available positions would be sent this fall.

Governance – Committee structure – In addition to the above, the Board is also recommending that due to the potential culmination of General Council, the election of at-large members to committees, including the Committee on Ethics, as well as committee reporting would move to the Board. The Board would continue to use working groups and task forces for topic-specific projects and as such, approved terms of reference for a new Patient Voice group to provide insights on patient engagement strategies and highlight emerging issues that matter to patients and the public.