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, President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President and a Chair, and a non-physician director. The Board reviewed plans to achieve this target and also recommended that, in future, the pool of potential candidates continue to include nominations from PTMAs and affiliates. It was also recognized, however, that in the future, sitting presidents and voting directors from these constituencies would not be eligible candidates owing to potential conflicts of interest in serving more than one organization.

Governance – Elections
With the pending culmination of General Council in 2018, the current election process will need to be replaced. Inclusion of the membership in electing key positions supports CMA’s efforts to be a more inclusive and member focused organization. In order to make the process more effective, transparent and accountable to the membership, the Board is recommending that elections for the President-Elect and Directors would take place electronically (online voting).

- Candidates for the President-Elect would continue on a geographic rotation model with elections held nationally (all Canadian members would be eligible to vote).
- Candidates for director positions would come from each province/territory for each available seat and elections would be held within each province/territory for each respective/available seat.
- Elections for the student and resident director seats would also be held nationally (all Canadian student members would be eligible to vote for the student director and all Canadian resident members would be eligible to vote for the resident director).

Electronic platforms available to all members like the Rounds would be used to profile the national character of the candidates. 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 March, the Board recommended 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.

In May, the Board also reviewed potential changes to the committee structure as well as a transition plan focused on attrition. This included reducing the size of some committees and reviewing composition so the skills basis is highlighted, as well as adding expert non-physicians as needed. The Board also approved terms of reference for a new Nominations and Appointments Committee (NAC). The NAC would promote the opportunities for CMA elections to constituents including PTMAs, affiliates and the membership at large. It would also promote opportunities to sit on CMA committees and working groups.