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## CMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS

### Summary December 2023 Meetings

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The CMA Board of Directors (“the Board”) met on December 14 - 15 to participate in professional development sessions, receive progress updates on key priority strategic initiatives, emerging issues, discuss upcoming bylaw consultation topics, and conduct other Board business. Highlights include:

#### Board Education

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- The Board engaged in a professional development session on effective social media use.

#### CMA Presidents and Spokesperson Updates

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- The Board received updates from Dr. Kathleen Ross, President, as well as Drs. Alika Lafontaine (Immediate Past President), Dr. Joss Reimer (President-Elect) and Dr. Jean-Joseph Condé (French spokesperson).
- Dr. Ross has engaged on important issues in response to the health care crisis, including: responding to the federal Fall Economic statement, meeting with the associate minister of health, several MPs and senators, and connecting with physicians at CFPC, MSPEI, YMA and CMA-PTMA forum. In addition, Dr. Ross co-hosted the Canadian Conference on Physician Health to build momentum and share the recommendations from the CMA’s Administrative Burden Working Group, attended the ongoing Globe and Mail Town Halls to consult physicians and patients on the balance of public and private care in Canada and the implication of shifting it, hosted a co-creation event with 40+ health organizations, participating in Centre of Excellence for the Future of the Health Workforce and attended COP28.
- Since October 1 alone, our spokespersons have participated in 28 interviews, written 3 op-eds, garnered over 3,200 media mentions and over 1.5B impressions.

#### Impact 2040 Strategy and Initiatives

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- Mr. Tim Smith, CEO, CMA and CMA Group of Companies, presented his report to the Board, highlighting his top-of- mind issues.
- CMA leadership provided updates on all activities and initiatives underway to move each of the Priority Strategic Initiatives (PSIs) and Emerging Issues forward. (For a list of CMA’s PSIs: [Link here](#))
- The Board received an update from Dr. Kirsten Patrick, Editor-in-Chief, CMAJ Group on the ongoing work and focus of the CMAJ.

#### Oversight

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- **Governance Committee Report:** The Board received a report from Dr. André Bernard, Chair, Governance Committee. The Board approved the bylaw changes to be presented at AGM 2024 to be held virtually on May 29. (For more information: [Link here](#)) Consultation surveys will be sent to members on the proposed changes and an information meeting will be scheduled in advance of the AGM. The Board agreed to bring forward proposed bylaw changes relating to the President-Elect electorate in 2025 to ensure that members had adequate opportunity to be engaged on the topic.

- **Audit & Finance Committee Report:** The Audit & Finance Committee report was delivered during an in camera session of the Board. The Board approved the 2024 budget for the CMA.
- **Risk:** The quarterly risk report was presented to the Board. Management continues to closely monitor a number of risk areas including: Strategy Execution Risk and Capacity Risk, in particular.
- **CMA Impact Stewardship Report:** The CMA Impact Inc. Board provided a stewardship report for information. The CMA Impact Board continues to oversee the funds held in the Long-Term Investment Portfolio with the assistance of the Investment Committee. The 2024 CMA Impact budget was presented to the Board for its information.
- **Human Resources & Compensation Committee Report:** The Board received a report from the Human Resources & Compensation Committee during an in camera session of the Board.

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