

To the CAEP Membership:

As you know, this year's CAEP Conference in Ottawa has been cancelled, which has necessitated the postponement of our Annual General Meeting (AGM). In accordance with federal legislation, approval has been sought and obtained from Corporations Canada to delay our AGM until this Fall when, hopefully, the demands on our membership will have lessened. The new AGM date will be finalized and shared in the coming month.

The AGM will be held virtually, and options are being examined that will respect the requirements of the Act as well as our By-Laws. Changes to our By-Laws will be put forth to formalize the ability to conduct a virtual AGM. In the interim, the audited financial statements will be shared as well as our Annual Report. The process will be redone for the Board slate, and the Nominations Committee will ensure that its report is up to date when it is shared again with the membership.

Until the AGM is held, the current Board membership composition will remain as-is.

As with many medical associations during this pandemic, 2020 will be a difficult year financially for CAEP. All significant revenue streams except membership have stopped and membership itself is down. Thankfully, we have maintained a healthy reserve fund which will allow CAEP to survive this year; however, all non-essential expenditures are being cut. One of those is the suspension of the printed version of CJEM which has been made freely available to all CAEP members. The digital version of CJEM will continue uninterrupted.

Throughout this very difficult time it has been amazing to watch our members not only work hard at the frontlines of the pandemic, but also selflessly donate their time and energy to advocate and share knowledge. In the last 2 months CAEP has issued 17 advocacy statements, participated in government roundtables and discussions, as well as hosting a weekly COVID Townhall. It is more important than ever that the voice of emergency medicine be strong, clear and widely heard.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, we want to thank all CAEP members for unifying the voice of emergency medicine and wish you and your loved ones well.

Sincerely,



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