

	BOARD POLICY
Subject:	Guidelines for Members' Forum
Date Approved by	January 23, 2015

Background

Based on a recommendation from the Governance Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors, the association has added a Members' Forum to the day of the annual general meeting (AGM).

Purpose

This session provides an open and informal forum for members to dialogue with the DNS Board of Directors and senior staff on any key activities and/or issues that are of interest and relevant to them.

Objectives

To provide an opportunity for DNS members to engage in an open dialogue with, and ask questions of the DNS Board of Directors and senior leadership team to gain a better understanding of:

- 1) members' views on key health care issues;
- 2) members' opinions and questions regarding DNS activities;
- 3) members' perceptions of DNS; and
- 4) how DNS may represent members more effectively.

The session may also provide an opportunity to inform, clarify and update members on DNS activities.

Session Outline and Process

Moderator: Chair, DNS Board of Directors

DNS representatives Board of Directors and members of the DNS senior leadership team

Part 1 Introduction and session expectations (Chair of the Board)

Part 2 Question-and-answer session (moderated by the Chair of the Board)

- Inter-active session that allows members to discuss items of interest, including off-site members who are participating via live webcast.
- Session topics to be driven by the members.
- Brevity is appreciated; the moderator will monitor the time allotted to one speaker/topic to ensure everyone wishing to speak has an opportunity to do so.

- Formal motions are not required. A summary of the discussions will reviewed by the Board of Directors in September. The Board will determine at that time if further consideration or action is required.

Part 3 Next steps and closing remarks

- In the year following the AGM the Board of Directors will provide a report to the membership on discussions at the Members' Forum and any action that may have been taken by the Board of Directors.