

## 2021 AGM – Board Motion

### President-Elect

The Nominating Committee is responsible for reviewing the nominations for President-elect and recommending a candidate for the Board's endorsement and for approval at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Any member who meets the criteria can be nominated for President-elect. The Nominating Committee reviews the nominations and recommends a preferred candidate to the Board of Directors for endorsement, and that person's name is brought to the AGM for approval.

This year the Nominating Committee is recommending **Dr. Leisha Hawker**. The Committee has determined that Dr. Hawker meets the selection criteria.

Dr. Hawker is a family physician practicing in Halifax, primarily at the North End Community Health Centre (NECHC). She served on the Board as a regional representative in 2018-2019 and has been a member of the e-Health Steering Committee since 2019, just this past year taking on the role of committee co-chair. Dr. Hawker has been a Doctors Nova Scotia (DNS) delegate at the CMA General Council and Health summit for several years. In 2015, she was one of the first CMA ambassadors and in 2017 she was one of four CMA ambassador hosts. Dr. Hawker has successfully completed the DNS Physician Leadership Development Program and is an active member of two DNS sections; the Section of Physician Leaders the Section for Indigenous Health Physicians. In October 2020 Dr. Hawker was one of three physicians who represented DNS before the Standing Committee on Health.

The Committee agreed that Dr. Hawker is a strong physician leader who has extensive knowledge of the governance of the association; they have no hesitation recommending her for the position of President-Elect. They noted that Dr. Hawker's work with the NECHC, which is a collaborative, technologically advanced health centre that serves a culturally diverse, low socioeconomic and often marginalized patient population, will offer a valuable perspective as the association works to advance equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives.

The Board of Directors passed a motion at its March 12, 2021 meeting to endorse the committee's nomination of Dr. Hawker. If approved, she will formally step into the role following the AGM until June 2022 when she will take over as President.

The following motion will be presented at the AGM:

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Doctors Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting approves Dr. Leisha Hawker as President-elect for 2021-2022.***