

2022 AGM – Board Motion

Section of Black Physicians

The Annual Meeting is being asked to approve a new **Section of Black Physicians**.

This Section would be specifically for physicians of African descent in Nova Scotia but may also extend to physicians of African descent in the other Atlantic provinces. The creation of this Section will be beneficial for both Black Physicians of Nova Scotia (BPNS) and Doctors Nova Scotia (DNS).

This Section would provide BPNS with:

- a more formalized relationship with DNS.
- access to resources and support from experienced DNS staff.
- a forum for issues related to equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI).
- a forum to interact with DNS and other Sections.

This Section would provide DNS with:

- a more formalized relationship with BPNS.
- access to Black physicians regarding EDI issues.
- the opportunity to engage Black physicians as DNS works to address systemic racism.
- the opportunity to support Black physicians as they advocate for themselves and their communities.

Section 2 of the Rules & Regulations (below) outlines the requirements for forming a new Section.

2. SECTIONS

2.1 Creation

- (a) Any group of ten or more members of the Society who are primarily interested in any aspect of the science and/or practice of medicine may be recognized as a Section of the Society with the approval of a formal application at the time of the Annual General Meeting provided that such an application is endorsed by the Board of Directors at a meeting not less than 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) This application will include:
 - (i) the name of the proposed Section;
 - (ii) the names and signatures of the ten (10) or more Society members sponsoring the proposed Section;
 - (iii) the names of the interim chair and secretary of the proposed Section; and
 - (iv) the reason why the formation of a new Section will benefit both the members of the proposed Section and the Society as a whole.

The Board of Directors has reviewed the application and is satisfied that the requirements set out in the Rules & Regulations have been met. To be recognized as a Section of Doctors Nova Scotia, approval at the Annual General Meeting is required.

The following motion will be presented at the AGM:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Doctors Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting approves the creation of the Section of Black Physicians.