

2022 AGM – Board Motion

Section of Planetary Health

The Annual Meeting is being asked to approve a new **Section of Planetary Health**.

The combined effects of climate change, pollution, and decreased biodiversity is a triple threat encompassed by the discipline of Planetary Health. This discipline is not new and was first introduced as a concept in the 1990's; however, the health professions have been slow to embrace the challenge. That is changing quickly with the increased recognition of the health threats posed by environmental change.

The initial objectives of the section would be to:

- Provide a forum where DNS members can connect.
- Establish a link to other medical society climate groups.
- Provide an expert resource for DNS and other groups.
- Contribute to advocacy for solutions.

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 Planetary Health.