

Agenda Item# 8.1

2023 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.

The Nominating Committee is recommending **Dr. Gehad Gobran** as President-elect in 2023-24.

Dr. Gobran is a community family physician with over a decade of experience serving the needs of patients in Nova Scotia. He immigrated to Halifax as a fully licensed cardiologist and worked as a clinical associate before becoming a family doctor. He is an assistant professor at Dalhousie Family Medicine and has been with the Duffus Health Centre, a collaborative care practice in Halifax, since 2005. He is the medical director at Sagewood Continuing Care Centre in Sackville and a member of the Care by Design program.

He has previously served on the DNS Board of Directors (2019 –2022), as the Board representative on the e-Health Committee and the Board liaison with the Family Doctors Council. He is also Chair of the Long-Term Care Section.

Dr. Gobran also practices at the Newcomer Health Clinic. He identifies as BIPOC and, along with his colleagues, advocates for equity, diversity and inclusion within their practice and strives to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for physicians and patients from diverse backgrounds. He personally has been impacted by the many barriers faced by immigrant physicians and wants to ensure equity and diversity are incorporated into Doctors Nova Scotia's practices and policies.

The Nominating Committee believes Dr. Gobran meets all the criteria and will bring a valuable perspective to the Board and the association's leadership.

The Board of Directors endorsed the committee's nomination of Dr. Gobran. If approved, at the AGM he will formally step into the President-Elect role following the AGM until June 2024, when he will take over as President.

The following motion will be presented:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Doctors Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting approves Dr. Gehad Gobran as President-elect for 2023-2024.