

Dear Colleagues

I am asking again for your support to continue on as your BCMA Board delegate for another term. To do so would be a privilege; while occupying a fair amount of time, I find that my position on the Board is rewarding.

I have been your delegate since 2001. While serving in this position, I have also been active on many different committees within the BCMA. While some may claim that new voices should be heard, I view myself as a seasoned veteran with a great deal still to offer.

Some of the many issues still facing our profession that I want to continue working on:

- While the last few years have seen a major shift towards the adoption of Electronic Medical Records, their usage in patient care remains embryonic. Many issues remain to sort out. We need to have these records 'talk' to each other, and easily transmit clinical information between providers. We need to ensure that the costs of adopting these systems are fairly compensated;
- While family practice has seen a rejuvenation in the last few years, we need to ensure that this continues;
- We need to support specialists in providing care in a world of ever-increasing demands and lengthening waitlists;
- We need to enhance the relationships between family doctors and specialists to improve the sharing of the workload and improving patient care;
- We need to incorporate the use of non-physician providers into a team-based model that improves our ability to provide care in a co-operative rather than competitive manner;
- We need to continue to support the fair compensation of physicians, in both monetary and non-monetary ways, no matter what payment system they are using.

These are issues that I have been engaged in over the last several years. While many successes have been enjoyed by the Board, the GP Services Committee, the Specialist Services Committee, Share Care Committee and PITO, there is still a great deal of work to be done – and I want to remain involved at these tables.

In asking for your vote, I am asking for your trust that I will approach these and all other matters in a thoughtful, committed way.

Respectfully,
Bill Cavers