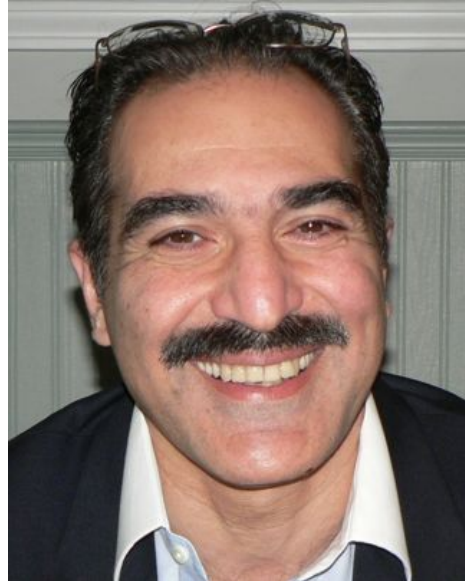


Luay Dindo for BCMA District 16 Delegate

Hello Colleagues,

I wish to thank you in supporting my election to the BCMA in 2010. I ask your support again for another 2 year term. The past 2 years have been a learning experience for me in medical politics.

Two years ago, I campaigned for change in the BCMA. When I became a Board member, I discovered that the Board is a fluid organization that changes yearly and is able to evolve and adapt to these changes in a positive way. I became aware of a large number of threats and challenges to how we work as doctors. The BCMA is continuously working for solutions. I ask your support to allow me to continue to work in this organization to help it continue its work for our profession.



Our district is vulnerable in many ways. These past two years have seen how Program Management changed the way we work within our two hospitals. Entire programs cancelled, local administrative powers transferred to regional heads, OR rooms and ward closures, recruitment of specialists no longer a local Hospital's responsibility but the regions'; all in an effort to save money and consolidate health care. As President of Surrey Memorial Hospital's medical staff, I sit on HAMAC and am aware of how this process is evolving. So far, local doctors' input into this process has been minimal.

On the other hand, the Health Authority has been expanding our two hospitals rapidly to accommodate the fast growth of our district. I would like to represent you and find ways to work with this Health Authority as partners in decision making for the welfare of our patients. Being a delegate for our district at the BCMA will help me use its resources to accomplish this. Serving as a BCMA delegate for our district, President of Medical Staff, and member of HAMAC, I have an understanding of what our issues are, and how to best work for them. I admit it is challenging and occasionally frustrating to work in different levels of medical politics, but ultimately, I believe it is physicians input into healthcare decisions which will best address our issues.

Finally, I continue to be active academically. I am a member of the local faculty of the new residency program in Family Practice at Surrey, recently approved by UBC Faculty of Medicine. This will allow training and future recruitment of new family physicians for our growing communities.

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