

ALAN GOW for BCMA PRESIDENT - ELECT



Dear Colleagues

UNITED WE STAND

Those words are especially true for our members – whose diversity in talent is only matched by the variability of the challenges they face. All too often, our ability to gain recognition of the tremendous value all doctors bring to the table is thwarted by those who would pit our colleagues against each other. In my years chairing the BCMA Board, the Council on Public Affairs and Communication, and the Negotiations Committee, I've learned how important it is to hear the voices of all our members and to bring us together to achieve our common goals. I believe that I have the experience necessary to help build the trust necessary to maintain unity, and work in a collaborative manner with all parties.

THE NEEDS OF THE SECTIONS

We need to strengthen our ability to hear the needs of our specialist colleagues. The successes we have seen with GPSC programs need to be replicated at Shared Care, SSC, and in our negotiations with health authorities.

THE VOICES OF PHYSICIANS

The past exclusion of physician expertise and insight from health care planning was an inexcusable oversight. Changes to MOCAP, OR closures, exclusion of physicians out of hospital credentialing discussions are some of the issues which have caused dismay. While progress has been made, the BCMA needs to keep government and Health Authorities aware that the health care system cannot function effectively, or experience meaningful change, without the leadership of doctors.

ENGAGING THE MEMBERSHIP

Although our association engages hundreds of volunteer physicians on various committees, and our members rate the BCMAs services very highly – we still need to ensure that we continue to bring our best new talent to the Board while recognizing the importance of experience. Both are needed to ensure that the BCMA offers a dynamic and credible voice for progress in health care delivery.

THE RIGHT LEADERSHIP AT THE RIGHT TIME

At a time when physicians' voices are necessary in healthcare planning, when joint programs were under threat, and while the PMA remains unsettled, we need to focus on our common goals and redouble our efforts to bring our disparate constituent groups together. The ability to rally those with diverse viewpoints, marshal the unique strengths of our members, and steer a fair and balanced course is something I have committed to as your BCMA Board Chair.

It would be an honour to do this as your President-Elect.

I hope you will cast your vote for me

Alan Gow