



CPA Board of Directors

What you need to know

Duties and Responsibilities

The Board of Directors comprises 10 elected volunteers who oversee the activities of the Association on behalf of all its members. The CPA Board of Directors also acts as the Board of the Physiotherapy Foundation of Canada (PFC).

The Board is accountable to all members of the Association.

The CPA Board of Directors provides leadership and supervision for all CPA business. It is responsible for approving the Strategic Plan, designating the CEO and delegating the necessary powers. The CEO is responsible for the management of the Association and the objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan.

The Board may also form standing committees or special committees on issues of particular importance to the Association, and oversees smooth running of branches, divisions and assemblies, as components of the Association.

The roles and responsibilities of the Board are described in more detail in the CPA bylaws, available on the CPA website.

The President

The Board elects the President from within the Board itself. External Directors or the PTA Director are not eligible to be President. The President holds a four-year term, one as President-Elect, two years as President and one year as Past President.

Additional Duties



Face-to-face meetings x3

Weekends in February/March, May/June, and November



Conference calls x2

Evenings in May and September



Board committee meetings x4

Evenings via conference call

Board Elections

Election to fill vacancies on the Board happen in March and April. The number of open positions can vary.

(All board director terms, except president are three years)

Candidate nominations must be submitted by members from November to January. Candidates for Board Elections are required to complete a "Candidate Statement", detailing their experience and interest in the position and an "Issues of the Day" essay, discussing current topics relevant to physiotherapists.

New Board Members receive a full orientation session on the governance of the CPA and their specific responsibilities as a Director.

The Board of Directors consists of:

- 1 President (PT member)
- 1 Physiotherapist Assistant Director
- 2 External Directors
- 6 Physiotherapist Directors

Expenses incurred while on Board-related business are covered by CPA. Board members may be asked to sit on various ad hoc committees and task forces, as well as represent CPA at provincial AGMs/events and university PT program convocation ceremonies.

For more information on Board Elections, visit the website or contact us at elections@physiotherapy.ca.

Administrative support for the Board of Directors is provided by the Executive Assistant to the CEO.

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