

# CAIR Liaison Positions 2011-2012

## CAIR on the National Stage

This document is a guide to CAIR's interactions with other national medical organizations, specifically those to which CAIR sends representatives. Through CAIR, Residents have a seat on committees and councils of almost all the major national medical bodies. This document provides information on these CAIR positions.

## CAIR Liaison Representatives

Liaison representatives represent the mission, vision, values and policies of CAIR in all interactions with national stakeholder organizations, advocating the collective interests of residents in educational, professional and well-being issues. They become knowledgeable about the liaison organization to which they are the representative.

Liaison representatives attend all liaison meetings and teleconferences of the organization to which CAIR is invited, and immediately following a meeting or teleconference, provide CAIR with a written report, using the CAIR report template. about the meeting, summarizing key issues as they relate to CAIR, and identifying issues requiring action by CAIR.

## CAIR's Education & Professionalism Committee External Liaison Positions. Click [here](#) to view the EPC's Terms of Reference

### Association of Faculties of Medicine in Canada (AFMC) Board – Observer

**Date of next meeting:** April 14-18, 2012, Banff

**Meetings per year:** 1

#### Information

The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) is the national voice of Canada's 17 faculties of medicine. AFMC is engaged in advocacy activities related to all facets of academic medicine. AFMC Standing Committees provide guidance on undergraduate, postgraduate, and continuing medical education as well as research and graduate studies. The AFMC Special Resource Committees and Resource Groups also address a variety of issues relevant to medical education.

#### Issues key to CAIR

- ◆ Increased role of the AFMC in advocacy and policy work
- ◆ Future of Post-Graduate Medical Education in Canada Project
- ◆ Increased collaboration between CAIR and the PG Deans
- ◆ Training Capacity
- ◆ Distributive Medical Education
- ◆ Accreditation & Inter-professionalism

### Canadian Association of Internal Medicine Program Directors (CAIMPD) – Observer

**Date of next meeting:** April 2012, location & date tbc

**Meetings per year:** 1

*The CAIR Representative shall preferably be an IM PGY2 or PGY3.*

#### Information

A nation-wide group of internal medicine program directors, who discuss issues important to all IM residents.

#### Issues key to CAIR

- ◆ Monitor implementation of the CaRMS-style match for R4.
- ◆ Engage in post-match survey
- ◆ Monitor Royal College's GIM/IM Proposal

**For details on how to become a CAIR Liaison Representative, see CAIR's information sheet, "Volunteering with CAIR". Click [here](#) to download this document.**

**Liaison Positions managed by the EPC (Continued)****Canadian Association of Medical Education (CAME)  
Board of Directors****Date of next meeting:** April 14-18, 2012, Banff**Meetings per year:** 1 + teleconferences**Information**

CAME is a grassroots organization created for medical educators by medical educators. CAME's goal is to promote excellence and scholarship in all aspects of medical education by advocating for medical education and medical educators, by supporting faculty and educational development, and by encouraging research in medical education through networking and scientific activities.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Future of medical education
- ◆ Industry relations
- ◆ Interprofessional education

**CAME Editorial Board****Dates of next meetings:** April 2012, tbc**Meetings per year:** 2 + teleconferences**Information**

The CAIR representative on the CAME Editorial Board is an important link with residents and the Editorial Board, engaging residents in efforts to showcase research, innovative work and ideas to colleagues via the CAME newsletter, website and e-bulletin.

**Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) Board  
– Voting Member****Dates of next meeting:** tbc**Meetings per year:** 2 + teleconferences**Information**

CaRMS is a not-for-profit organization that works in close cooperation with medical schools and students to provide an electronic application service and a computer match for entry into postgraduate medical training throughout Canada. CaRMS provides an orderly and transparent way for applicants to apply for residencies in all programs and at all schools in Canada. Positions for IM R-4 Match recently used a CaRMS-style match for the first time. Pediatrics will also use a CaRMS-style match for next year.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Monitor ratio of undergraduate to postgraduate positions
- ◆ Monitoring the implementation of the IM R4 Match
- ◆ Post-match survey
- ◆ Pediatrics Match

**The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)**

The College of Family Physicians of Canada is a national voluntary organization of family physicians that makes continuing medical education of its members mandatory. The College strives to improve the health of Canadians by promoting high standards of medical education and care in family practice, by contributing to public understanding of healthful living, by supporting ready access to family physician services, and by encouraging research and disseminating knowledge about family medicine.

**CFPC Accreditation Committee – Observer****Date of next meeting:** Jan 19-20, 2012, Ottawa; June 21-22, 2012**Meetings per year:** 2**Information**

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) accredits residency training programs in family medicine; family medicine/emergency medicine; and enhanced skills at all 17 medical schools in Canada. Residency training programs in palliative medicine are conjointly accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC). The accreditation of residency programs by the CFPC Accreditation Committee attests to the educational quality of accredited programs and allows residents from across Canada to qualify for the CFPC examinations.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Program accreditation – standards and visits
- ◆ Assessment and credentialing of IMGs
- ◆ Focused practices
- ◆ Implementation of CanMEDs-FM

**CFPC Board of Directors – Observer****Date of next meetings:** Oct 31-Nov 1 2011, Montreal**Meetings per year:** 2**Information**

The College's National Board of Directors is the final decision-making authority over the 10 provincial chapter organizations.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Ensure ongoing representation of residents on CFPC Board and Committees
- ◆ Harmonization of exams
- ◆ Transfer of credits between CFPC & RCPSC
- ◆ Negative image of family medicine as a career choice
- ◆ Training and licensure of IMGs
- ◆ Accreditation standards
- ◆ Accreditation of R3 Programs

**Liaison Positions managed by the EPC (Continued)****CFPC Board of Examiners – Observer**

**Date of next meeting:** Oct 6, 2011 teleconference; December 8-9, 2011, Mississauga

**Meetings per year:** 2 + 2 teleconferences

**Information**

The Board of Examiners is the Committee responsible for overseeing the College's examinations. This Committee is also responsible for standard setting for the examinations and sets the pass/fail criteria. It is responsible for maintaining the quality of the examination process through regular monitoring of the performance of the examination and the conduct of examination research.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Harmonization of exams
- ◆ Alternative route to Certification
- ◆ Use of CanMEDS-FM in curriculum
- ◆ Life-long learning
- ◆ Training issues including leaves of absence, part-time training, etc.

**CFPC Section of Residents (SOR) – Observer**

**Date of next meeting:** tbc

**Meetings per year:** 2

**Information**

The Section of Residents is an elected committee of family medicine residents representing all family medicine residency programs. Members bring forward local perspectives on issues of Family Medicine education and practice. Its mandate is to improve the quality of the family medicine residency experience and to have a positive impact on the delivery of health care to Canadians.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Image of family medicine as a career choice
- ◆ Template for renewal to highlight strengths and weaknesses at all family medicine programs across the country – "Guidelines for improvement of family medicine training". This document is updated regularly and used by residents and program directors to facilitate sharing of ideas and to promote excellence in residency training
- ◆ Extension of family medicine training to a third year
- ◆ Flexibility in training; transfer of credits between CFPC and RCPSC
- ◆ Assessment of International Training
- ◆ Continuity of FM skills
- ◆ Standardization of procedural skills
- ◆ Curriculum design
- ◆ IMG program standardization

**The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada**

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada is a national, non-profit organization established in 1929 by a special Act of Parliament to oversee the medical education of specialists in Canada. The Royal College is the voice of specialty care in Canada. It ensures that the training and evaluation of medical and surgical specialists in more than 60 specialties attain the highest standards. The Royal College requires Fellows worldwide to maintain their competence throughout their careers; it acts and speaks out in support of the most appropriate context for the practice of specialty care and the best patient care. The Royal College is not a licensing or disciplinary body; its mission is educational and dedicated to setting standards.

**Royal College Accreditation Committee – Voting Member & Observer**

**Dates of next meeting:** Oct 13-14 2011, Ottawa; Jan 19-20, 2012, Ottawa; May 24-25, 2012, Ottawa

**Meetings per year:** 3

*Note: the CAIR Position is held for two years, the first year as an observer and the second year as the voting representative. Each representative is expected to attend at least one survey during their term.*

**Information**

The Accreditation Committee (AC) is a subcommittee of the Royal College Education Committee., whose major role is to ensure that residency programs accredited by the Royal College meet the requirements and standards for accreditation and that programs are conducted in a manner that permits graduates of the programs to achieve a level of competence compatible with Royal College certification.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Resident involvement in accreditation surveys
- ◆ Standards of accreditation
- ◆ CanMEDS' additional roles
- ◆ Resident safety standards
- ◆ IMGs, Visa trainees
- ◆ Taskforce on Accreditation

**Royal College Committee of Specialties (COS) – Voting Member**

**Dates of next meeting:** March 31-Apr 1, 2011

**Meetings per year:** 2

**Information**

The Committee on Specialties (COS) is a subcommittee of the Royal College Education Committee. It is responsible for providing advice and making

**Liaison Positions managed by the EPC (Continued)****Royal College Committee on Specialties (continued)**

recommendations on matters relating to the specialties recognized by the Royal College.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Applications for recognition of specialties and sub-specialties
- ◆ Reviews of status of specialties and sub-specialties
- ◆ Supporting career choice, specialty switches
- ◆ Proposals for changes to the structure of PG training (e.g., FIM and GIM proposals)
- ◆ Capacity

**Royal College Council – Voting**

**Date of next meeting:** Fall 2011

**Meetings per year:** 2

*The Resident representative on Council is appointed by the RC.*

**Nominations are closed for 2010.**

**Information**

Council is the senior governing body of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Its overarching role is to ensure the legal and ethical integrity of the College. It defines the values, mission, vision, goals, objectives and strategic directions of the Royal College, and formulates and approves general policies. Council also ensures the accountability of the Royal College by monitoring and supporting the implementation of policies, directives and the general functions of the College. It fulfills this accountability and monitoring function through various means including the receipt and review of reports from the Executive Committee, Vice-Presidents, standing and other committees and the CEO.

The current resident on Council is Dr. Mark Masterson, a CAIR Board Member.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Resident representation on Council
- ◆ Alternate Routes to Certification

**Royal College Credentials Committee – Observer**

**Date of next meeting:** October 18-19, 2011

**Meetings per year:** 2

**Information**

The Credentials Committee (CC) is a subcommittee of the Education Committee. It advises on policies relating to credentialing as well as ruling on selected credentialing cases. It is responsible for determining the eligibility of applicants for specialty examinations. The committee

**Royal College Credentials Committee (continued)**

recommends minimum training requirements for each specialty qualification offered by the Royal College and determines if the credentials and training of applicants for the examinations fulfils the requirements as established by regulation. The committee must also satisfy itself to the professional and ethical standing of applicants.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Practice Eligibility Route
- ◆ IMG Credentialing
- ◆ Transfer of credits between the Royal College and CFPC, and between Royal College specialties
- ◆ Waiver of Training
- ◆ FITER as a criterion towards examination eligibility
- ◆ Harmonization
- ◆ Overlaps of training

**Royal College Education Committee – Voting Member**

**Date next meeting:** November 17-18, 2011, Ottawa

**Meetings per year:** 2 + teleconferences (2-3)

**Information**

The Education Committee (EdC), a standing committee of the Royal College Council, develops policies to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the Royal College's post-graduate medical education and evaluation processes in order to maintain the Royal College's high standards.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Definition of specialties and subspecialties, including their specialty-specific objectives and training requirements
- ◆ Assessment of applications for academic certification
- ◆ Promotion and implementation of policies that enhance PGME
- ◆ Accreditation Standards
- ◆ Evaluation instruments and processes

**Royal College Evaluation Committee – Voting Member**

**Date of next meeting:** October 20-21, 2011 Ottawa

**Meetings per year:** 2

**Information**

The Evaluation Committee (EC) is a subcommittee of the Education Committee. It advises on all matters relating to Royal College specialty certification examinations, including requests from candidates for formal reviews. This committee reports to the Education Committee and is responsible for developing standards and policies governing the Royal College evaluation process for specialties and sub-specialties; determining standards

**Royal College Evaluation Committee (continued)**

**Liaison Positions managed by the EPC (Continued)**

(quality) and methods for conducting the in-training evaluations and examinations; performing regular reviews of the content and administration of all specialty and sub-specialty examinations; and, overseeing the process for the formal review of examinations.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Examination process
- ◆ Use of the FITERs for borderline candidates
- ◆ Use of portfolios
- ◆ Evaluation of Practice Eligibility Route
- ◆ Standardization Assessments of Clinical Evaluation Reports (STACERS)

**Royal College Fellowship Affairs Committee – Voting Member**

**Date of next meeting:** tbc

**Meetings per year:** 2

**Information**

The Fellowship Affairs Committee (FAC), a standing committee of Council, addresses a wide spectrum of issues pertinent to Fellows of the Royal College. FAC receives recommendations and reports from its subcommittees and serves as one mechanism for the membership to provide input to Council and other Royal College committees on College programs and policies.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Resident Membership in Royal College
- ◆ Communications between Fellows & Residents
- ◆ Physician Health and Well Being
- ◆ Injury prevention
- ◆ Formal review of credentialing and examination processes
- ◆ Patient Safety

**Royal College International Conference on Residency Education Committee (ICRE) – Member**

**Dates of next meetings:** Monthly teleconferences and ICRE (September 22-24, 2011 Quebec City)

**Meetings per year:** 2 + teleconferences as needed

**Information**

In 2008, the Royal College made a strategic decision to transform the traditional broad annual conference into a series of individual conferences which would offer more focused programming on a particular area of interest to members. The ICRE Committee is responsible for defining the program content of the ICRE, inviting participants and performing all the organizational tasks

**Royal College International Conference on Residency Education Committee (continued)**

necessary to run the conference. The goal of the conference is to promote excellence in residency education in Canada and worldwide.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ National Resident Leadership Workshop
- ◆ Duty hours across borders symposium
- ◆ Resident assessment

**Royal College Professional Development Committee – Member**

**Date of next meeting:** Fall 2011, Ottawa; date tbc

**Meetings per year:** 2

**Information**

The Professional Development Committee is a standing committee of the Royal College Council and is responsible for recommending, implementing and monitoring policies relevant to the development of the Maintenance of Certification program (MOC), the promotion of excellence in lifelong learning processes, strategies and tools for professional practice and the monitoring of practice assessment and improvement strategies that guide innovation, evaluation and scholarship.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Continuous quality improvement
- ◆ Continuing professional development theory and practice
- ◆ Maintenance of Certification

**The following Liaison Positions managed by CAIR's Advocacy & Policy Committee. Click here to view the APC's Terms of Reference.**

#### Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) – Observer

**Date of next meeting:** September 23-25, 2011, Calgary

**Meetings per year:** 2

#### Information

The Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) is a national organization that represents 8000 medical students attending 17 Canadian medical schools.

#### Issues key to CAIR

- ◆ Student/resident collaboration
- ◆ Accessibility to medical education and flexibility in training
- ◆ Distributive Medical Education and capacity of training system
- ◆ Competency based training

#### Canadian Medical Association (CMA)

The Canadian Medical Association is a national, voluntary association of physicians that advocates on behalf of its members and the public for access to high quality health care, and provides leadership and guidance to physicians. The CMA was founded in 1867 and is guided by its mission and vision statements. It is a federation made up of the ten provincial medical associations and represents more than 70,000 physicians.

#### CMA Advisory Group for the Canadian Physician Health Network (CPHN)

**Date of next meeting:** October 28-29, 2011 Toronto

**Meetings per year:** 1 + teleconferences

#### Information

The Canadian Physician Health Network (CPHN) represents an informal alliance of Canadian Medical Association (CMA), Divisional and physician support program staff representatives and representatives from the Canadian Association of Internes and Residents (CAIR) who have responsibility for policies and / or program services regarding physician health and support initiatives in their respective jurisdictions. The function of the CPHN is to develop and strengthen a network of informed individuals involved with the physician health initiative and to provide an environment where mutual support, resource sharing and promotion of ideas and innovation on behalf of physician health and well-being can occur.

#### (CMA Advisory Group for the Canadian Physician Health Network continued)

#### Issues key to CAIR

- ◆ Resident well being issues
- ◆ Raise awareness of the Centre as a resource for residents
- ◆ Professional Development Curriculum for physician leaders

#### CMA Board of Directors—Voting Member

#### Dates of next meetings:

August 21-24, 2011, St. John's

October 3-4, 2011, Ottawa

December 3-4, 2011, Ottawa

**Meetings per year:** 4 in Ottawa + 1 in another city

#### Information

The Board of Directors is the executive arm of the CMA responsible for managing the affairs of the CMA in accordance with policies established by General Council. (Board members must attend the General Council meeting.).

#### Issues key to CAIR

- ◆ Physician human resources issues
- ◆ Health care transformation
- ◆ Physician wellbeing and mental health
- ◆ Medical Education training capacity
- ◆ Global Health

#### CMA Committee on Education and Professional Development – Voting

**Date of next meeting:** April 11-12, 2011

**Meetings per year:** 2

#### Information

The Committee is concerned with medical workforce issues. Its objective is the provision of an adequate supply of well-prepared physicians and to ensure quality health care service for the Canadian public.

#### Issues key to CAIR

- ◆ Length of training
- ◆ Training Capacity
- ◆ Debt
- ◆ HHR research

**CMA Committee on Ethics – Voting****Date of next meeting:** October 2-3, 2011, Ottawa**Meetings per year:** 2**Information**

Interprets and recommends amendments to the Code of Ethics. Addresses problems related to ethics referred to the Association. Advises the Association on matters pertaining to ethical issues that arise from scientific and technological progress in the health sciences and ethical issues of interest or concern to the medical profession. Advises the Association on ethical issues related to its core strategies and priorities.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Professionalism
- ◆ Privacy issues

**CMA Committee on Nominations – Voting****Date of next meeting:** June 2011**Meetings per year:** 1 teleconference**Information**

This committee makes recommendations to General Council regarding membership on the various committees, physician advisory groups and councils of the CMA.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Ensure that resident experts are represented in CMA governance structures and that potential candidates are well informed on resident issues and concerns

**CMA Committee on Health Care and Promotion (CHCP) – Voting Member****Date of next meeting:** October 2-3 or 3-4, 2011, Ottawa**Meetings per year:** 2**Information**

The Council on Health Care and Promotion is concerned with the provision of comprehensive health care in the protection and promotion of the health of the individual, the family and the community. Within this framework the council concerns itself with the role and scope of activities of physicians and other providers of health care.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Formulation of CMA national health goals
- ◆ Physician resident health
- ◆ Child health

**CMA Committee on Health Policy and Economics (CHPE) – Voting member****Date of next meeting:** tbc**Meetings per year:** 2**Information**

The Council on Health Policy and Economics is concerned with the assessment and formulation of policy options relating to the economics, organization and management of the health care delivery system, including health human resources. The Council works with other committees of the Association, provincial/territorial medical associations, affiliates, associates and other internal and external bodies to ensure that proposed policy options are consistent with the findings of the Council and with the strategic direction of the Association.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Monitoring national health policy issues and initiatives
- ◆ Health care transformation

**CMA General Council – Voting member****Date of next meeting:** August 21-24, 2011, St. John's**Meetings per year:** 1**Information**

The governing body of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is General Council, consisting of Members of the CMA Board of Directors, The Speaker and Deputy Speaker of General Council, Each provincial or territorial division president (or his or her delegate), Divisional representatives, the number based on membership (governed by bylaw), Chairs of councils and statutory committees, Past presidents of the CMA; past speakers of General Council; past chairs of General Council; past chairs of the Board of Directors; and past secretaries general, Surgeon General, Canadian Forces Medical Services, Representatives from each CMA affiliated society, Federal deputy minister of health. General Council reviews and approves all actions taken during the past year and instructs the Executive in its activities for the upcoming year.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Represent residents' interests at the GC
- ◆ Advance discussion on post-graduate training capacity
- ◆ Distributed Medical Education

**Liaison Positions managed by the APC (continued)****CMA Political Action Committee (PAC) – Voting Member****Date of next meeting:** October 2-3, 2011**Meetings per year:** 2**Information**

The CMA PAC identifies for the Board issues that have political implications for CMA and its members. It advises the Board on the use of political (and public affairs) strategies that will help CMA attain its objectives when dealing with the federal government and will ensure that CMA is a recognized political force at the national level. It discusses and makes recommendations on issues referred to it by the Board and other CMA councils and committees.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ To contribute to physician/government interaction on issues of importance to health care and to residents
- ◆ Long term HHR planning
- ◆ Wait Times Alliance
- ◆ Health Care transformation
- ◆ Monitor political environment issues relevant to medical education

**CMA Specialist Forum****Date of next meeting:** August 21, 2011, St. John's; Feb 10-12, 2012 tbc**Meetings per year:** 2 + teleconferences**Information**

This committee is comprised of all the affiliated organizations of the CMA and provides an opportunity to work with specialty and sub-specialty organizations on issues of mutual interest.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ New models of health care delivery
- ◆ Wait times
- ◆ Specialty/PGME mix

**Canadian Medical Forum (CMF)****Date of next meeting:** May 18, 2011; November 24, 2011, Ottawa**Meetings per year:** 2*\*Note: Attended by CAIR President and Executive Director***Information**

This is a forum of medical organizations including: CAIR, CFMS, CFPC, RCPSC, CMA, MCC, AFMC, FRMAC and SRPC. The forum focuses on issues of medical education, training, certification, licensure, practice, portability, physician resources, and medical student and resident issues.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Ensure CAIR's core issues and concerns are integrated into national stakeholder policy making
- ◆ Health Human Resources

**Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) – Observer****Date of next meeting:** November 17-18, 2011**Meetings per year:** 2**Information**

The CMPA is a mutual defence organization for physicians who practise in Canada. Its *raison d'être* is to protect a member's integrity by providing services of the highest quality including legal defence, indemnification, risk management, educational programs and general advice.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Monitor involvement of residents in CMPA risk management program
- ◆ Education Initiative for trainees
- ◆ Raising awareness amongst residents re: rights, processes in academic matters

**Canadian Post-MD Education Registry (CAPER)—Member****Date of next meeting:** April 2012, Banff tbc**Meetings per year:** 1 + 2 teleconferences**Information**

CAIR was one of the founders of CAPER (The Canadian Post-M.D. Education Registry) which was established in 1986 through the co-operation of national medical organizations with an interest in the post-M.D. clinical education of physicians in Canada. CAPER is incorporated within the by-laws of The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada with the mandate to provide accurate information which may be used for medical manpower planning on a national basis. To accomplish this task, an individual longitudinal file is maintained containing socio-demographic information and details of the current and past training programs of each resident or fellow under the supervision of the Canadian faculties of medicine on November 1st of each year.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Ensure that CAIR utilizes CAPER data to inform its various initiatives
- ◆ Coordinate requests from PHOS for CAPER data
- ◆ Promote use of CAPER data in CAIR's initiatives as appropriate
- ◆ Bring forward CAIR's data needs to CAPER

**Liaison Positions managed by the APC (continued)****Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) – Observer****Date of next meeting:** June 9-12, 2012, Toronto**Meetings per year:** 1**Information**

FMRAC is a national association of provincial and territorial medical regulatory authorities. Its purpose is to provide a national structure for the provincial and territorial medical regulatory authorities to present and pursue issues of common concerns and interest, and to share, consider and develop positions on such matters; and to develop services and benefits for its Members.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Promote equitable policies for both Canadian trained physicians and IMGs
- ◆ Monitor IMG credentialing process
- ◆ Labour mobility

**Medical Council of Canada (MCC) – Observer****Date of next meeting:** October 23-25, 2011, Ottawa**Meetings per year:** 1

*\*In addition to the CAIR observer position, there is a Resident representative on Council appointed independently by MCC.*

**Information**

The Medical Council is responsible for promoting a uniform standard of qualification to practice medicine for all physicians across Canada. The qualification, known as the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC), remains acceptable to provincial medical regulatory authorities. This ensures portability across the country, while continuing to guarantee that each province and territory maintains the right to grant the license to practice medicine.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Monitor the costs of examinations
- ◆ Monitor the development of IMG credentialing processes
- ◆ Standards of Professionalism
- ◆ National Assessment Collaboration

**Royal College Health and Public Policy Committee – Member****Date of next meeting:** tbc**Meetings per year:** 1-2**Information**

The Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC), a subcommittee of the Executive Committee, provides advice and recommends policies and approaches that assist the College to fulfill its mandate in areas related to

health and public policy, advocacy and research, in keeping with the vision, values and mission of the Royal College.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Medical Professionalism
- ◆ Health Human Resources
- ◆ Labour mobility/changing regulatory landscape

**Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC) – Observer****Date of next meeting:** Fall & Spring 2012**Meetings per year:** 2**Information**

The Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC) is the national voice of Canadian rural physicians. Founded in 1992, the SRPC's mission is to provide leadership for rural physicians and to promote sustainable conditions and equitable health care for rural communities. On behalf of its members and the Canadian public, SRPC performs a wide variety of functions, such as developing and advocating health delivery mechanisms, supporting rural doctors and communities in crisis, promoting and delivering continuing rural medical education, encouraging and facilitating research into rural health issues, and fostering communication among rural physicians and other groups with an interest in rural health care.

**Issues key to CAIR**

- ◆ Portability of licensure
- ◆ National Rural health strategy
- ◆ Monitor initiatives to promote Family Medicine residency
- ◆ Participate in initiatives to support rural residents
- ◆ DME and capacity

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