

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba

Board Members

Council

Allan Fineblit, Winnipeg ^
Marvelle McPherson, Winnipeg ^

Complaints Committee

Eleanor Thompson, Winnipeg ^
Ardith Sigurdson, Gimli ^

^ government appointment

Mandate:

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba is the statutory body responsible for maintaining standards of medical practice within Manitoba through the administration of *The Medical Act*, Regulations, and related By-Laws, including the Code of Conduct.

The College's mandate is to protect the public as consumers of medical care and promote the safe and ethical delivery of quality medical care by physicians in Manitoba.

Responsibilities:

Council

In accordance with The Medical Act, the Council has the responsibility to govern, determine, control, and administer the affairs of the College, including:

- exercise disciplinary jurisdiction over members, associate members and medical corporations;
- enter into or make or cause to be entered into or make any contract or agreement which the College may lawfully enter into or make;
- cancel the licence of any member, associate member or medical corporation for non-payment of fees under The Medical Act or the by-laws of the College and impose terms or conditions on the reinstatement of the licence;
- authorize any Committee of Council to exercise and carry out any of the powers, authorities, rights, privileges and duties conferred or imposed upon the council by The Medical Act;
- enter into such agreements and make such arrangements as it sees fit to promote and maintain the standards of health care;
- establish and maintain professional standards of medical practice.

Complaints Committee

The Complaints Committee reviews all formal written complaints brought against any member of the College and takes part in the deliberations and decision making with respect to same and how the complaint should be handled.

Membership:

The Council of the College shall be composed of:

- a) two duly qualified medical practitioners selected by the faculty, from members of the faculty;
- b) not less than 16 duly qualified medical practitioners who shall be elected in the manner hereinafter set forth;
- c) four lay members, two of whom shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and two by the council;
- d) one associate member, elected from the persons on the education register, to serve for one year; and
- e) the president and past president whether or not they have been re-elected or re-appointed as provided in this subsection.

Complaints Committee

The Complaints Committee shall consist of:

- (a) The Chair who must be a Councillor;
- (b) At least two Public Representatives; and
- (c) At least two Members of the College,

but at least one third of the persons appointed to the Complaints Committee must be Public Representatives.

Length of Terms:

Council

The term of office for each councillor shall be four years from the date of election or appointment, except that the councillor elected by associate members shall be elected for one year and the term of office by councillors who are public representatives shall be four years unless sooner terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, or council, as the case may be. (4 years, 2 terms maximum)

Complaints Committee

Except for the Public Representatives appointed to the Complaints Committee by the Minister, members shall be appointed for a one year term. Public Representatives appointed by the Minister shall be appointed for a three year term.

No person shall be eligible to be a member of the Complaints Committee for a period of greater than six years.

Desirable Expertise:

Council

A person who is not registered under this Act, who is not and never has been a medical practitioner.

Complaints Committee

Some knowledge of the health care system would be beneficial but not essential.

Time commitment:

Council

Typically held 4 times a year - September, December, March and June (Annual Council Meeting) for half a day in the morning.

Complaints Committee

The committee meets approximately every five to six weeks (9 – 10 meetings per year) except during the summer months. Typically for a full afternoon on a Tuesday.

Meetings:

The meetings are held in Winnipeg.

Remuneration:

\$700.00/full day or \$350.00/half day. \$100.00/evening meeting (after 4:00 pm)