

College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba

Board Members

Council

Barry Smith, Winnipeg ^

Complaints Committee

Kayla Harold, Oakbank ^

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Inquiry Committee

Alix Kravetsky, Winnipeg ^

Darlene West, Selkirk ^

Darlene Gerior, Winnipeg ^

Board of Assessors

Laura Matlashewski, Winnipeg ^

^ government appointment

Mandate:

The College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba is the regulatory authority for the practice of physiotherapy in the province. CPM receives its regulatory authority from provincial legislation called "*The Physiotherapists Act*".

The mission of CPM is to protect the public interest by regulating and continually improving the practice of physiotherapy in Manitoba. CPM protects the public interest by dealing with issues related to registration of qualified practitioners, regulations, professional and ethical conduct, education, complaints and practice standards.

Responsibilities:

Council

The board may make, amend and repeal by-laws to:

- prescribe the terms of office of members of the Board and the manner in which the vacancies on the board may be filled;
- establish the time for, the manner of, and the election or appointment and the number of members of the board;
- fix and regulate the time, place, calling and conduct of annual and special general meetings of the members of the association and meetings of the board; and
- generally facilitate all such matters as may be deemed by the board to be necessary or desirable for the administration of the association.

Complaints Committee

Receive and review complaints brought against a member in writing and, where the committee considers it appropriate, shall attempt to informally resolve the complaint.

Inquiry Committee

All complaints are first reviewed by a Complaints Committee. When the Complaints Committee has done its investigation and the complaint is of a serious nature, the next step in the process is the Inquiry Committee (quasi-judicial body). The Inquiry Committee renders decisions based on the evidence heard.

Board of Assessors

Look at issues concerning registration of new registrants including international students coming to Manitoba and foreign education equivalents. Also review requests for renewal of license to practice from members who license has been suspended or cancelled.

Membership:

Council

9 members – 1 public representative

Complaints Committee and Inquiry Committee

12 members – 3 public representatives

Inquiry Committee

5 members – 2 public representatives

Board of Assessors

8 members – 1 public representative

Length of Terms:

Council

3 year terms to a maximum of 2 terms.

Complaints Committee

2 year terms with no maximum terms.

Inquiry Committee

2 year terms with no maximum terms.

Board of Assessors

2 year terms with no maximum terms.

Desirable Expertise:

- A person not a member of the Association.
- Someone with no medical expertise and a purely public viewpoint.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Understanding of the principles of natural justice.
- Ability to consider information and articulate an impartial opinion.
- Previous committee experience would be an asset.

Time Commitment:

Council

The Board of Directors meets monthly except July and August between the hours of 4:30 – 8:00 pm.

Complaints Committee

Committee meets when there are complaints before it. Meeting dates and locations are usually scheduled to meet the preference of all members.

Inquiry Committee

Meet as needed. Meetings have been mostly evenings (there have been day-time meetings).

Board of Assessors

Meet on a monthly basis between 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

Meetings:

Meetings are held in Winnipeg.

Remuneration:

No remuneration. Reimbursement for expenses is provided in accordance with CPM policy.