

Membership Committee Report to Annual Meeting Mount Tremblant, Quebec

May 29th, 1999

Committee Members:

- [Dr. J. Herst](#) (Chairperson)
 - [Dr. D. Barnard](#)
 - [Dr. M. Bond](#)
 - [Dr. R. Card](#)

Following the 1998 annual meeting in May, the membership Committee was charged with several issues. Recommendations were brought forward to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee on December 7, 1998.

Emeritus Members

The mechanism for nomination of emeritus members had not previously been established. It is recommended that the Membership Committee bring forward names of potential emeritus members to the board. Emeritus members would be members of the association who were no longer in a position to continue active membership (this could be for a number of reasons, including retirements and illness), but who would be in a position to continue to provide input to the association. The appointment would be in recognition of active participation and involvement in the affairs of the association over the years. Emeritus members would not pay dues, would not have a vote, and would not be eligible to be on the board or executive, but could be appointed to subcommittees. Emeritus members would receive all mailings from the association. This proposal needs to be brought forward to the membership for ratification so that the bylaws could be altered. On the presumption that the above will be approved, the Membership Committee again brings forward the names of Dr. Alan Giles, Martin Inwood, and Hanna Strawczynski to be the initial emeritus members of the association.

Programs Per Centres

In studying the list of the 40 current members (excluding the three emeritus members) it is clear that some centres have more members than others. It is still difficult to fully determine what constitutes a separate pediatric and adult program in centres where there are not two different sites. The interpretation of the Membership Committee is that there are 20 adult programs in the 20 cities, and possible 13 pediatric programs. A proposal for consideration by the membership is that where the director is in a separate site from another director, and there are clearly separate resources (i.e. nurse coordinator at the two sites), then there are two separate programs. On the other hand, where the pediatric and adult presence are in the same site and share the same nursing resource, then there is only one clinic. This is brought forward for discussion by the membership.

Membership

Bearing the above in mind, it is the recommendation of the Membership Committee to the board that all eligible directors and associate directors be accepted for membership in the association, and there not necessarily be a limit in each centre. In essence, membership is "inclusive" rather than "exclusive".

Support to Attend Meetings

One concern that has been brought forward is whether or not membership in the association automatically entitles the director or associate director for financial support for travel to the various meetings. It is clear that there are insufficient funds for that, and since some centres have more directors than others, this would not be fair to all centres. Since the Membership Committee is charged with determining membership, it should be the board and the members who make the final decision as to the overall support. However, it would seem to be important to determine what constitutes a separate program (see previous). Then the board and executive could decide on the basis of financial considerations what support is possible on a per program basis. A recommendation had been brought forward to the board at the December 1998 meeting to develop a questionnaire to be sent out to the various programs so that it could be determined whether or not there were separate programs, and that has not yet been done.

Changes in Membership since May 1998

Please see on the enclosed table the current membership as reviewed by the Membership Committee. The table assumes that the emeritus members are ratified and that three new members are ratified. Please note that there has been one resignation, Dr. Jobin in Quebec City and Dr. P. McCusker has moved from London to Winnipeg.

Recommendations

Recommendation I

That the AHCDC establish a classification of membership of emeritus members. The emeritus members would be nominated by the Membership Committee with recommendations put forward to the board. The qualifications are outlined above.

Recommendation II

- Dr. Alan Giles, Kingston Ontario
- Dr. Martin Inwood, London Ontario
- Dr. Hanna Strawczynski, Montreal Quebec

That the above be given emeritus membership in the association.

Recommendation III

- Dr, Michael Delorme, London Ontario
- Dr. John Kang-Min Wu, Vancouver British Columbia
- Dr. Manual D. Carcao, Toronto Ontario

That the above be admitted to regular membership in the association.

[Dr. Robert T. Card](#)

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