

Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) Regional Committee

Terms of Reference

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1. INTRODUCTION

These Terms of Reference are to be read in conjunction with the Governance of College Bodies By-law. Both the [Governance of College Bodies By-law](#) and these Terms of Reference govern the College Body.

1.1. Established

The Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) Regional Committee is established under the authority of the AFPHM Council to perform the Functions set out in these Terms of Reference and all matters ancillary to those functions.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) Regional Committee is to advise the AFPHM Council of matters relevant to the Faculty in their region.

3. FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) Regional Committee are:

- a) promote AFPHM in their region;
- b) respond to new and emerging AFPHM issues relevant to the Faculty as they arise provided the issue is approved by the Faculty President or Faculty Council prior to work commencing; and
- c) work with other relevant appropriate College Bodies and staff in relation to:
 - i. training and continual professional development; and
 - ii. contributing to policy and advocacy matters.

4. MEMBER COMPOSITION

The Membership of the College Body shall comprise up to 13 members, comprising:

4.1. Ex-officio Members

- Up to two Regional Education Coordinators who represent their jurisdiction on the AFPHM Training Committee

4.2. Appointed Members

- Chair
- up to nine Fellows
- up to two trainees, one of whom represents their region on the AFPHM Trainee Committee

4.3. Co-opted members

Co-opted members may be appointed for a particular purpose or term.

5. MEETING

This section is to be read in conjunction with the Governance of College Bodies By-law.

5.1. Number of Meetings

The College Body may hold four meetings per calendar year and shall meet face to face (maximum once per year) or by videoconference.

5.2. Chair

The Chair or their appointee will Chair all meetings.

5.3. Quorum

A quorum is one half of the total College Body membership.

5.4. Voting

Decisions will be made by consensus of the majority of members.

5.5. Secretariat

Meeting agenda, supporting papers and minutes or outcomes will be provided prior to the date of the meeting by committee members as agreed.

6. REPORTING

The AFPHM Regional Committee is required to provide a report on activities and updates from the region to the AFPHM Council each year.

Further, the AFPHM Regional Committee must report and make recommendations to the AFPHM Council as required.

7. DEFINITIONS

Term	Means
Board	The Board of Directors of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians
College	The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, an incorporated body limited by guarantee ACN 000 039 047.
College Body	Has the same meaning as in the College Constitution
Conflict of Interest	Has the same meaning as the Governance of College Bodies By-law
Ex-officio	Has the same meaning as the Governance of College Bodies By-law
Member of a College Body	Has the same meaning as the Governance of College Bodies By-law
Member of the College	Has the same meaning as the Governance of College Bodies By-law

8. HISTORY

Commencement		
These terms of reference were approved by the AFPHM Council and commenced on 21 April 2016.		
Revision	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	24 August 2022	Transferred to the new template aligning the Governance of College Bodies By-law with the current terms of reference to be the guiding governance documents for this College Body.
2.0	29 November 2024	Changed Regional Education Coordinator role from 'appointed' to 'ex-officio'.
3.0	25 August 2025	Amended Regional Education Coordinator role to allow for up to two on the AFPHM Regional Committees. Amended reporting requirement to AFPHM Council.
4.0	30 June 2026	Amended reporting for AFPHM Regional Committee Chairs to attend/report to AFPHM Council once a year on regional activities