



The Royal Australasian
College of Physicians

By-law

AUSTRALASIAN FACULTY OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE

**A BY-LAW PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A
FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE AUSTRALASIAN FACULTY OF
REHABILITATION MEDICINE**



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1 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Board of the College, pursuant to the Constitution of the College, has established the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.
- 1.2 The Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine has been established to:
- 1.2.1 support the professional development of Fellows and Trainees of the Faculty;
 - 1.2.2 work with appropriate College Bodies and staff to lead:
 - 1.2.2.a education, training and assessment of trainees;
 - 1.2.2.b training and continuing professional development;
 - 1.2.2.c policy and advocacy;
 - 1.2.2.d the assessment of overseas trained professionals,
 - 1.2.2.e workforce; and
 - 1.2.2.f researchas each relates to Rehabilitation Medicine;
 - 1.2.3 promote and advance the body of knowledge in Rehabilitation Medicine;
 - 1.2.4 act as the College's authoritative source of advice in connection with Rehabilitation Medicine; and
 - 1.2.5 recommend to the Board candidates for membership of the Faculty.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE FACULTY

A person is a member of the Faculty if they have been admitted as a member by the Board on the recommendation of the Faculty in accordance with the Constitution.

3 COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY

3.1 Council

A Council for the Faculty is to be established and it will be the peak decision making body for the Faculty.

3.2 Role of the Council

The Council may do all things necessary to further the purposes of the Faculty, subject to this By-law and the direction of the Board.

3.3 Council prohibitions

The Council must not:

- 3.3.1 enter into contractual relationships; or
- 3.3.2 represent or imply in any way that the Faculty is a body independent of the College.



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3.4 Composition of the Council

The Council of the Faculty shall comprise:

- 3.4.1** the President of the Faculty;
- 3.4.2** the President-Elect of the Faculty;
- 3.4.3** the Chair of each branch of the Faculty in Australia and New Zealand;
- 3.4.4** the Chair of the Faculty's Education Committee;
- 3.4.5** the Chair of the Faculty's Policy and Advocacy Committee;
- 3.4.6** the Chair of the Faculty's Trainees' Committee;
- 3.4.7** the immediate Past-President of the Faculty; and
- 3.4.8** the Faculty Council may appoint one or more other Fellows as required.

3.5 Committees of the Council

The Council may, under delegation of the Board, create such other committees or time-limited or specific purpose working groups as the Council may determine from time to time.

4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.1 Establishment of Executive Committee

The Council may, under delegation of the Board and if it considers it necessary to do so, establish an Executive Committee.

4.2 Membership of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will comprise :

- 4.2.1** the President of the Faculty;
- 4.2.2** the President-Elect of the Faculty/ Chair Faculty's Policy and Advocacy Committee
- 4.2.3** the Chair of the Faculty's Education Committee;
- 4.2.4** the Chair of the Faculty's New Zealand Committee;
- 4.2.5** one representative from amongst the Australian AFRM Regional Committee Chairs.

4.3 Role of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall meet in the intervening periods between Council meetings and as otherwise required by the Council, to exercise such powers of the Council in managing the business and the interests of the Faculty, as may be delegated to it by resolution of the Council, or as the President, in cases of emergency may decide.

5 ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

- 5.1** Every two years the President-Elect for the Faculty shall be elected by members of the Faculty.



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- 5.2 The President-Elect holds that office for a two year term commencing at the end of the first Annual General Meeting of the College following his/her election.
- 5.3 The President-Elect automatically becomes the President of the Faculty from the date of the third Annual General Meeting of the College following his/her election.
- 5.4 The President holds that office for a two year term ending at the conclusion of the fifth Annual General Meeting of the College following his/her election as President-Elect of the College.
- 5.5 Every two years elected members of the Faculty Council shall be elected by members of the Faculty.
- 5.6 Elected members of the Faculty shall take office from the Annual General Meeting following their election and will hold office for two years.
- 5.7 The Trainee representative appointed by Council shall be appointed for a period of two years.

6 BOARD APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to the Constitution and the appointment of a Board member from the Faculty, the Faculty may appoint the President of the Faculty or another Fellow member of the Council to the Board.

7 REPORTING

- 7.1 The Council is a Board Committee and must report to the Board as required by the Board from time to time.
- 7.2 The Council may make exception reports to the Board to address emergent or risk management issues as required.

8 EXCEPTIONS TO OTHER BY-LAWS

- 8.1 Members of Council or its Committees may be permitted to appoint an alternate or nominee to attend meetings in their place, by approval of that College Body.
- 8.2 Appointments to and removals from a College Body which is a committee or other sub-group formed under the auspices of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine may be made by that sub-group and the Chair of the committee to which the sub-group reports.

9 DEFINITIONS

- “Board” means the Board of Directors of the College.
- “College” means the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (ACN 000 039 047), an incorporated body limited by guarantee.
- “Constitution” means the Constitution of the College as amended from time to time.
- “Fellow” means a Fellow of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.
- “Trainee” means a person who is undertaking a program of Basic Training or Advanced Training approved by the College in order to gain Fellowship of Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Approved by the Board of the College on the 27th day of July 2012.

Date of Commencement of By-law: 20 March 2014



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By-Law History as from 27 July 2012		
Commencement of By-Law		
This By-Law was approved by the Board of the College on 27 July 2012 and commenced on that date.		
Subsequent amendments to By-Law		
Item	Amendment	Commenced
3.4.6	Removal of the 'Chair of the Faculty's International Affairs Committee' from the Composition of the Council	20 March 2014
5.7	Changed Trainee term to two years	9 November 2015