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The Tasmanian Regional Committee

A BY-LAW PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE TASMANIAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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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 Tasmanian Regional Committee (the Committee).
- 1.2** The Board has established the Committee to: -
- 1.2.1** Advance the interests of local members in each region as policy and advocacy champions.
 - 1.2.2** Lead regional College bodies for the development of local based policy priorities.
 - 1.2.3** Facilitate effective connections with state/territory governments and advocate on behalf of the College to respective state/territory health or other portfolio Ministers on state/territory based issues.
 - 1.2.4** Contribute to College wide policy through nomination and participation on the College Policy Advocacy Committee (CPAC) to represent regional perspectives and to strategically shape the College's policy and advocacy agenda - including bringing locally based policy challenges to the attention of CPAC.
 - 1.2.5** Advocate for local policy priorities back through the College.
 - 1.2.6** Advocate for College wide policy priorities locally with Fellows, trainees and relevant stakeholders.
 - 1.2.7** Contribute to College wide strategic direction through nomination and participation on the College Council to represent regional perspectives and to strategically shape the College's strategic agenda - including bringing locally based policy challenges to the attention of the Council.
 - 1.2.8** Enable positive interactions and liaison points with health-related organisations and regulators to support initiatives that improve health outcomes for local communities and maintain standards of the profession for local Fellows and trainees.
 - 1.2.9** Seek to represent the College in the media on local issues following receipt of approval via the College's media evaluation process.
 - 1.2.10** Recommend College representatives for nomination on external state/territory bodies to the RACP President for approval.
 - 1.2.11** Facilitate and promote educational opportunities for Fellows and trainees within each jurisdiction.
 - 1.2.12** Facilitate coordination and communication between Directors of Physician Education and supervisors of all aspects of training.
 - 1.2.13** Deliver locally organised education forums and other events to Fellows and trainees.
 - 1.2.14** Provide insights to the College Education Committee and the Continuing Professional Development Committee on the needs of regional members.
 - 1.2.15** Advocate on training matters within local hospitals and other health and clinical settings.
 - 1.2.16** Promote College wide education policy with local Fellows, trainees, health authorities and other stakeholders.
 - 1.2.17** Advise College on education and training issues pertaining to the state/territory.

2 THE COMMITTEE

2.1 Committee prohibitions

The Committee must not: -

- 2.1.1 enter into contractual relationships; or
- 2.1.2 represent or imply in any way that the Committee is a body independent of the College.

2.2 Composition of the Committee

The Committee shall comprise no more than 11 members, who must be resident in Tasmania, composed of the following: -

- 2.2.1 Five elected Members, including at least one: -
 - Member of the Adult Medicine Division;
 - Member of the Paediatrics and Child Health Division; and
 - Member representing the Faculties.
- 2.2.2 Five appointed members nominated by the respective Division, Faculty or Chapter Body they are representing.

(Note: If more nominations are received than there are positions available, then the Board will make the decision as to which nominees are appointed, taking into account any recommendations made by the elected members of the Committee.)

- 2.2.3 A Chair or a representative of the Victorian and Tasmanian Trainees' Committee.
- 2.2.4 Board members may attend meetings of the Regional Committee in the state/territory in which they reside, as observers.

2.3 Chair

From the membership of the Committee, the College Board will appoint one member as Chair.

2.4 Election and Term

- 2.4.1 The term of membership of the Committee shall be two years.
- 2.4.2 Elections for the Committee will be held every two years.
- 2.4.3 All College Members resident in Tasmania are eligible to vote in the election of Committee members.
- 2.4.4 Members of the Committee are able to complete consecutive terms, as outlined in the Governance of College Bodies By-Law.
- 2.4.5 A Trainee member of the Committee who becomes a Fellow during their term as a Committee member may serve out the remainder of their term.

2.5 Working Groups

- 2.5.1 The Committee may create time-limited specific purpose working groups as the Committee may determine from time to time. These must be reported to the Board at its next Meeting.
- 2.5.2 Any working group that requires additional funding will require approval from the College's Finance and Risk Management Committee.

3 REPORTING

- 3.1 The Committee is a Board Committee and reports to the Board as required.
- 3.2 The Committee may make exception reports to the Board to address emergent or risk management issues as required.

4 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 College.
- “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 a Division, Chapter or Faculty of the College.

Approved by the Board on 13 October 2017



By-law History as from 13 October 2017		
Commencement of By-law		
This By-law was approved by the Board of the College on 13 October 2017 and commenced on 1 July 2018.		
Subsequent amendments to By-law		
Item	Amendment	Commenced
2.2.4	Addition of sub-clause 2.2.4 – Board members may attend meetings of the Regional Committee in the State/Territory in which they reside as observers	01.07.2018
2.2.1	Amended from Four (or six if representation of each Faculty preferred) to Five, and removal of trainee dot point	01.07.2018
2.2.2	Amendment from Six (or Four if Faculties represented individually) to Five appointed members nominated by the respective Division, Faculty or Chapter Body they are representing	01.07.2018
3.1	Amended from “quarterly” to “as required” as the Committee provides its minutes at each Board meeting as part of the Minutes and reports for noting – any other reporting to be done on an as needs basis	01.07.2018