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Briefing Note

About the SA Medical Board and 2017 Vacancies

Summary of the purpose of the Board

The State Board deals with registration and notification matters in relation to individuals as per the Medical Board of Australia Instrument of Delegation.

Board composition

The SA Board is comprised of 12 members; 8 health practitioner and 4 community members, as set by the Medical Board of Australia. There are no compositional requirements of the Board however, consideration is given to ensure that there is a balance of gender, expertise and qualifications, cultural diversity or regional location amongst the Board membership.

Vacancies arising in 2017

There are 4 health practitioner and 1 community member position expiring 30 June 2017.

Expectations of members – availability and commitment

Board Meetings - occur the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm – 7:30pm, with expectation that all members attend in person.

Members are expected to be available for out of session work (pre approved by the Board Chair) as and when required. This may include out of session decisions, feedback on consultations, consideration of late papers, health reports etc.

Committee meetings – there are 4 standing Committees of the Board (Registration and Notifications Committees A, B and C) which meet once a month. All board members are expected to be a member on 1-2 of these Committees and to regularly attend in person. Committee appointments are made by the Medical Board of Australia and can include non-board members.

Immediate Action Committee meetings – all board members are appointed as Immediate Action Committee members by the MBA. Meetings are scheduled weekly, every Friday from 12:30pm – 1:30pm by teleconference according to a pre-agreed roster. The Committee is comprised of a minimum of 5 members. Committee membership is shared amongst board members according to a roster which rotates every month.

Special meetings – from time to time members may be required to attend other meetings relating to Board decisions or other business such as orientation and training sessions.

Meeting preparation – materials (agenda packs) are provided to members at least 5 days prior to the day of the meeting. The agenda packs can vary in size from 300- 800 pages. Reading time can take between 1.5 - 4 hours and must be completed in advance of a meeting.

The **estimated time involvement** of a typical board member is 8-12 hours per month (includes attendance and reading time).

Term of Appointment

The standard length of term is 3 years and members are eligible for reappointment for a maximum of up to 3 terms.

Remuneration

Members are entitled to receive remuneration for all board, committee or panel attendances.

Government employed members of the State Board are not eligible to receive remuneration for attendance unless exemption has been granted jointly by the Minister for Health and the Chief Executive, Department of Premier and Cabinet. Grounds for exemption include private practice rights or evidence that board attendance is conducted outside of hours in which the member receives remuneration as a government employee.

AHRPA can apply for the exemption on behalf of the member, however it is recommended that this be raised at the time that the member is applying for appointment to the Board.

Further information

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