

## **Education, Ethics and Public Policy (E2P2) Terms of Reference**

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### **Brief Description**

The Education, Ethics and Public Policy (E2P2) Committee supports mandates of the CCMG in matters of education, ethics and/or public policy. The Committee makes proposals to the Board of Directors (BoD), and undertakes initiatives at their request that reflect issues of the day. These activities may range in scope from matters specific to the College or its members, through outreach to students and health care professionals and work with other policy makers, to communication about medical genetics and genomics to the public-at-large.

### **Mandate**

1. To propose projects related to education of various stakeholders - including students, geneticists, physicians, provincial and federal governments, and the general public - and on ethical issues and policies as they relate to the practice of medical genetics or genomics
2. To consider and advise the College about means for effective communication about medical genetics and genomics
3. To respond to requests from the Board of Directors to undertake initiatives or develop statements in the realm of education, ethics or public policy that pertain to the practice of medical genetics in Canada.

### **Composition and Tenure**

- The committee shall consist of at least nine CCMG members, including the Chair, with representation from clinical and laboratory disciplines, and with due consideration to geographic and other demographic variables. Inclusion of a fellow-in-training (FIT) is encouraged.
  - In addition, the committee shall include a Board representative.
  - In addition, the committee may include one to two members from the CAGC.
  - In addition, the committee may include *ex officio* representatives from outside the College on an *ad hoc* basis, as special needs arise.
- The term for committee members shall be 3 years, renewable once. The maximum term may be extended if a member is elected as Chair.
  - The term for committee Chair shall be 3 years, renewable once.
  - A FIT member will serve a complete 3 year term, continuing as a non-FIT member after becoming a fellow of the College; members who join the committee as a FIT will have the option to serve three terms.

- At the meeting 1 year prior to the Chair's retirement, a Chair-elect will be chosen and recommended to the BoD; in the event committee consensus cannot be achieved, the Chair will make the recommendation at least 9 months prior to the anticipated turnover.
- The retired Chair shall normally remain as a member of the committee for one additional year.