

Update from the Governance & Nominations Committee

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Update from the Governance & Nominations Committee (G&NC)

The G&NC met twice in 2017 and discussed the following issues:

- Overseeing implementation of the Governance Strengthening Process (update to the Board in Ottawa, May 2017)
- Board leadership transitions;
- Board rotation;
- Establishment of a Strategy and Finance Committee; and
- Governance implications of the EWEC alignment.



Board leadership transitions

- Board Vice Chair
- Host organization
- Board Chair

Board rotation

- The G&NC reviewed Board members' and alternates' terms and rotation schedules as of 31 December 2017.
- The following steps will need to be taken by constituencies and the G&NC will write to constituency chairs accordingly:
 - The Academic, Research and Training Institutes constituency will be asked to develop a staggered rotation plan for its Board members and alternates and to fill its currently vacant alternate seat.
 - Two new Adolescents & Youth alternates are to be identified, now that the constituency has grown in its membership.
 - The Donors & Foundations constituency will be asked to fill the two currently-vacant alternate seats.
 - The Healthcare Professional Associations constituency needs to fill at least one of its alternate seats from a global organization different from the current permanent members.

Establishment of a Strategy and Finance Committee

- G&NC endorsed a proposal to establish a Strategy and Finance Committee (SFC) combining roles of the Finance Committee and the Ad Hoc Strategy Group.
- SFC to have 5-7 members, drawing from PMNCH's constituencies, as well as independent experts. SFC members will not act on behalf of their institutions but in an independent expert capacity and as representatives of their constituencies.
- Under the oversight of the Executive Committee and the Board, the SFC will lead on identifying strategic topics and directions relevant to the future of SRMNCAH and attainment of the EWEK Global Strategy goals and targets. This includes PMNCH's contributions within the EWEK architecture, development of the 2019-2020 Business Plan, financial, operations and budgetary oversight, as well as review of annual financial reports and supporting PMNCH resource mobilization efforts.

Governance implications of the EWEC alignment

- Once a decision is made on the way forward with EWEC alignment, the G&NC will support implementation of the decision(s), including exploring possible implications for PMNCH governance, and will develop proposals to address these issues.



Thank you

