

Frequently Asked Questions about joining the SIDFP Board of Directors:

What is the role and responsibility of a Board and its members?

The role of the Board of Directors is to provide leadership and stewardship of the activities of the Division, while representing the interests of its' members and the broader community. In providing leadership, the Board works with staff and external stakeholders in looking towards the future, reviewing the mission and objectives, and determining outcomes. In providing stewardship, the Board relies on adherence to a budget and will ensure, through the creation of policies and evaluation of their implementation that the Division adheres to best practices in dealing with members and in utilizing staff and/or volunteers. In seeking direction, the Board of Directors ensures the Division operates with transparency and is active and forthright in its internal and external communications.

What is the time commitment?

The Board attends monthly meetings (approximately 2 hours each) and come prepared for input and discussion. The average required prep time is 1 hour (paid). The South Island Board meetings typically occur on the fourth Wednesday of every month (6:00-8:00pm) at the Division office.

What is the remuneration?

Board Directors are paid the current DoBC sessional rate for meeting (approximately 2 hours) and prep time (1 hour).

How long is a usual term?

A regular term is two years however, Directors may be elected or appointed for consecutive terms.

Are there additional professional development opportunities for Board members?

Yes, the South Island Division is committed to supporting professional growth for our Board of Directors. We encourage all Directors to complete an Indigenous Cultural Safety training course. Individual professional development opportunities are available upon request to the Executive Director.

How many Board positions will be available next term?

For 2022-2023, there are three Director positions available to fill. Once all Board Directors are announced at the 2022 Annual General Meeting, the Board will determine who will be the new Co-Chairs, Treasurer, and Secretary.

What are the sub-committees of the Board and how often do they meet?

There are 3 committees of the Board (as of July 2022):

- **Finance Committee:**
 - The purpose of the Finance Committee is to advise the Board of Directors in fulfilling its obligations and oversight responsibilities relating to financial planning of the Division.
 - This Committee meets in-person or virtually (dependent on membership) on a quarterly basis (April, June, October, January) for approximately 1-1.5 hours.
- **Executive Committee:**
 - The purpose of this Committee is to ensure the South Island Division fulfils its legal, ethical, and functional responsibilities as they relate to policy development, ongoing monitoring of Board activities, and the performance evaluation and expectations for Directors' and staff performance.
 - This Committee meets in-person on a quarterly basis (typically April, July, October, and January) for approximately 2 hours
- **Membership Engagement Committee:**
 - The purpose of this Committee is to closely connect the membership to the Board in order to identify opportunities and trends that meet the changing needs of the membership. Sample priorities include (but are not limited to) gathering member feedback on existing projects, identifying emerging needs of the membership, identify potential CME topics and speakers, as well as engage members in developing the services of the South Island Division.
 - This Committee meetings are in-person on a quarterly basis (April, July, October, and January) for 2 hours.