Canadian Association of Pathologists/Association Canadienne des Pathologistes (CAP-ACP) Section of General Pathology

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Proposed Section

• May 6\textsuperscript{th} proposal for creation of a Section of General Pathology at the CAP-ACP
• The proposed Section of General Pathology mission statement, goals, and bylaws
• The proposed executive officers for the Section of General Pathology are:
  – Chair: Davinder Sidhu
  – Vice-Chair: Heidi Paulin
  – Secretary: Allam Shawwa
Mission Statement

The Section of General Pathology will advance the interests of General Pathologists and General Pathology Residents in Canada
1. Advocate for General Pathology both within the Canadian Association of Pathologists/Association Canadienne des Pathologistes (CAP-ACP) and with external organizations including the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

2. Improve laboratory medicine in Canada through the support of rural and community pathologists and by increasing educational opportunities in these centres.
Goals and Objectives

3. Provide opportunities for general pathology training, presentation of research, exchange of ideas, and promulgation of employment opportunities at the CAP-ACP Annual Meeting.

4. Promote General Pathology as a career choice among medical students in Canada.
1. Members – Eligibility and Privilege

a. Members of the Section may belong to any of the categories of CAP-ACP (Association) Membership and will have associated voting privileges as stipulated by the Association by-laws, provided they have applied for Membership in the Section in writing, including electronic mail.
Bylaws

2. Members – Applications and Admission
   
a. An application to become a Member of the Section shall be made in writing or by electronic mail to the Secretary who shall forward the application to the Vice-Chair.

b. Membership in the Section shall be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Ordinary Members present at an AGM or participating in an electronic vote.
3. Executive

a. The Executive is composed of Officers that include the Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, Secretary, two (2) Members-at-Large, and any other Member of the Association co-opted in an ex-officio capacity.

b. All the Executive Members with the exception of Members-at-Large are elected for a one (1) year term in a given position. At the end of this term, they will be eligible for progression through the remaining positions as stipulated in section 3e. Members-at-Large are limited to two (2) terms not exceeding four (4) years from the date of initial appointment.
Bylaws

4. By-law Amendments

a. The by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Members present at the AGM or by electronic mail

b. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing, at least ninety (90) days before such meeting/electronic mail vote and shall be circulated by electronic mail to all Members at least thirty (30) days before the date of such meeting
Bylaws

5. Activities

a. The Section shall hold its AGM in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association. It may hold other meetings as its Section Executive deems necessary, provided that five (5) Members request a meeting in writing or electronic mail addressed to the Secretary.

b. The Section shall provide an annual report of their activities to the Executive of the Association.
Bylaws

6. Committees and Programs

a. Specific goals and objectives of the Section may be delivered through the activities of permanent committees, ad hoc committees or programs as needed. The terms of reference for the above standing committees/subcommittees/programs shall be developed by the designated committee/subcommittee/program chairs in consultation with and the approval of the Executive.
Bylaws

7. Suspension

a. If the Section becomes inactive, fails to hold at least one meeting annually, or initiates policies or actions that are detrimental to the Association, the circumstances will be discussed by the Executive of the Association which may appoint a new slate of officers or may make a recommendation to dissolve the Section to the Association AGM, and the Section may be suspended until such meeting.
Plenary Items

• Section website
• CAP sponsorship opportunities
• Clinical pathology talks/workshops for future meetings
• Section Recruitment and challenges
• GP List serve generation and outreach
• Resident jobsite and list serve and active links
Questions and Next Steps?