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MEMORANDUM

To: General Surgeons of Ontario
From: Ontario Association of General Surgeons & Section on General Surgery
Re: OMA General Meeting of Members – tPSA Vote
Date: August 8, 2016

The Ontario Medical Association has recently re-released full details pertaining to the upcoming **OMA General Meeting of Members** and how to vote on the **tentative Physician Services Agreement (tPSA)**:

Date: Sunday, August 14, 2016 @ Noon
(Registration: 9am / Meeting: 12 noon sharp)
Location: Allstream Centre, 105 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON M6K 3C3 (Exhibition Place)
Target Audience: All OMA Members

Reissued Information Package: OMA members were initially sent an email on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from the Ontario Medical Association, which included voting instructions as well as your individualized proxy form. Since then, however, **that initial package and its proxy forms have been rendered invalid.** As such, the OMA has since had to replace that package with a newer version in which the individualized proxy now contains 3 resolutions instead of just one. This was circulated to OMA members as early as August 3. **So, if you are not attending the meeting in person and you submitted your proxy form up until then with just 1 resolution, it has since been invalidated and you will need to resubmit the new proxy form with the blue bar instead. Please ensure your new form has 3 resolutions on it before resubmitting it.** If you have not received the new package/proxy form via email or regular mail, please call Computershare at 1-800-564-6253. (Proxy form submissions are due at noon on Friday, Aug.12.)

How to Vote: This vote on Sunday, August 14 will be binding. **OMA members are required to vote in-person at the General Meeting or send instructions by proxy.** As per the OMA bylaws, online voting is not permitted. If you cannot attend in person, your signed proxy or appointment can be done online with Computershare no later than noon on Friday, August 12, 2016. If you are attending in person, however, you do not need to register in advance - just arrive early and bring appropriate OMA/CPSO identification **and** government-issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license or passport). Registration will begin as early as 9am; the Meeting will begin at 12noon sharp.

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Appointing a Proxy: (If you are attending the meeting in person, please disregard this paragraph.) **If you are unable to attend the General Meeting in person on August 14,** you can appoint a proxy to vote for you. As such, we are willing to offer names of 2 proxies that you can appoint on your form **before the Aug.12 proxy deadline:**

- **Dr. Alice Wei** – Whether you are voting yes or no, you can appoint her as your proxy on the new form with the blue bar in the OMA package.
- **Dr. Chris Vinden** – If you are undecided, however, you can appoint him as your proxy. Complete the form but refrain from checking off the yes/no boxes. *
* *Your appointed proxy (Dr. Vinden) will have the discretion to vote appropriately on your behalf – how it will most benefit the Section. Please note that if there is an additional resolution on the day of the vote, then your appointed proxy will take the same discretion.*

How to Submit a Proxy (deadline Aug.12):

- Completing your proxy over the Internet at www.investorvote.com
- Scanning and emailing your signed proxy to OMA2016@computershare.com
- Faxing your signed proxy to 1-866-249-7775 (within Canada or the United States) or to 416-263-9524 (outside of Canada and the United States); or
- Mailing your signed proxy using the OMA postage prepaid envelope *...likely too late for mail at this point*

SPECIAL NOTE: As per our previous OAGS/Section statement dated July 25, we strongly encourage ALL OAGS and Section on General Surgery members to be informed and to vote – ensuring the voice from General Surgery is heard. If you cannot vote in person, please appoint a proxy with your instructions using the proxy form. The OAGS Board/Section Executive does not have a recommendation regarding the tPSA vote and advises members to vote based on perspectives they think is best for our profession. Thank you.

Resources:

- **OMA Voting FAQ Sheet:**
https://www.oma.org/Member/Resources/Documents/GeneralMeetingFAQ.pdf?utm_source=Member+Master+Enews+9+June+2016&utm_campaign=a88215537e-OMA_Vote_PSA_2016_8_6_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_52bf5db1f1-a88215537e-23914837
- **OMA Voting details:** <https://www.oma.org/member/Pages/default.aspx>
- **tPSA Agreement in full & Other documents:** <https://www.oma.org/Member/Resources/AgreementCentre/Pages/Tentative2016PSA.aspx>
- **OAGS/Section Statement (July 25):** http://www.oags.org/private/OAGS-Section_Response-PSA_2016.pdf
- **Academic Health Science Centre Governance Organizations in Ontario Statement:**
http://static.ow.ly/docs/TPSA_AHSCGovernanceChairsLetter_56gV.pdf
- **OMA General Meeting Formal Protocol Summary (Aug.8):**
<https://www.oma.org/Mediaram/PressReleases/Pages/OMAPublishesFormalProtocolForGeneralMeeting.aspx>
- **OMA General Meeting Formal Protocol Bylaws (actual):** <https://www.oma.org/Resources/Documents/Aug14GeneralMeetingProtocol.pdf>

Sincerely,



Dr. Alice Wei
President, Ontario Association of General Surgeons



Dr. Chris Vinden
Chair, OMA Section on General Surgery

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