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ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND CREATED

At its June meeting, the SEAMO Governing Committee established an Endowed Scholarship and Education Fund of approximately 1.5 million dollars. This week, the Governing Committee established the Terms of Reference for the Fund.

The purpose of the fund is to support individuals and projects which further scholarship in the continuum of medical education, including:

- improvement of our understanding of or application of such knowledge in the teaching of medical students;
- improvement of the training program of residents and fellows;
- support for continuing medical education.

Those eligible for support must be :

- in receipt of SEAMO-sourced compensation;
- Queen's School of Medicine Geographic Full time faculty members; and
- a member in good standing of CTAQ.

A Committee, including the Senior Associate Dean, Medical Education, two individuals appointed by the Clinical Teachers' Association, and, as a non-voting member, the Director for Health Science Education will allocate these funds.

Further information in regard to the application cycle and process will be made available once the Committee has been established.

CONCERNS RAISED REGARDING HOSPITAL RESOURCES

SEAMO Governors raised great concern with regard to the intense pressure on teaching hospital resources. It was noted that the Health Sciences Centre's capacity to meet the needs of patients across this region is being seriously eroded. Unacceptably high cancellation rates, the inability to accept critical patients from this region and the transfer of patients to other Centres including the United States are all of great concern.

At the present time, the financial picture for the teaching hospitals appears to be deteriorating, threatening both patient care and the academic programs of the medical school.

The SEAMO CEO was asked to meet with hospital partners to discuss this situation and what steps can be taken to address Governors' concerns.