

BOARD ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Regular attendance at Board and committee meetings is essential in order to maintain continuity and cohesion in the management and governance of Cancer Wellness Support (CWS).

2. Purpose

- 2.1 This Board Attendance Policy is intended to encourage regular attendance at CWS's Board and committee meetings and to provide procedures to deal with any failures in such attendance.

3. Policy

- 3.1 Board and committee members are expected to demonstrate their commitment to the organisation by unbroken attendance at the Board or committee on which they sit, except when prevented by unforeseeable events or prior approval by the Board.

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BOARD ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

1. Responsibilities

- 1.1 It is the responsibility of the Board Chair to monitor the attendance of each member and to issue warnings as appropriate.

2. Processes

- 2.1 The Secretary shall notify members of forthcoming meetings no sooner than 21 working days before the set date of the meeting.
- 2.2 Where Board members are prevented from attending any Board meeting, they should notify the Chair of their intended absence.
- 2.3 Where a meeting is to be held either in the form of a teleconference or online, the Chair should notify members accordingly. Participation in these meetings shall be equivalent to attendance at a regular meeting.
- 2.4 If a Board member is absent for two consecutive meetings without first notifying the chair of their absence, or if a Board member is absent for three consecutive meetings having notified the chair of their absence, that Board member is in breach of their obligations and is liable to be removed from the Board, subject to the following processes.
- 2.5 Prospective members of the Board shall be issued with copies of the attendance policy and asked to commit themselves to observing its terms.
- 2.6 If a Board member is in breach of their attendance requirements, then the Chair shall consult them to discuss this matter.
- 2.7 If the Board member's difficulties are resolvable, then the Chair shall attempt to resolve them.
- 2.8 If no mutually satisfactory resolution is possible, and if the Board member wishes to continue on the Board, then the member's response will be put to the Board at its next meeting. The Board member shall be entitled to speak to this item. The Board member shall be then excused from the meeting. The Board will then decide what actions to take regarding that Board member's future membership on the Board.
- 2.9 Refer to the Constitution Clause 19 'Removal of committee members'.

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