



Local Council Expectations

The purpose of the Local Council is to cast the vision for, and give primary direction to, the CMDA ministries carried out in our area. No one understands the needs of our healthcare professionals and students better than other local professionals. As decades of CMDA ministries all over the country have shown, such a team of ministry-minded healthcare professionals is a truly powerful force for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to be successful in this, it is very important that the Local Council has a clear sense of ownership and stewardship of the targeted ministry in our community. There are five areas of responsibility for Council members; they represent some commitment of time, talent and treasure:



An intimate and growing walk with the Lord

All leadership flows out of our relationship with Christ. Therefore, prayer and the pursuit of Christ-likeness in our personal, family, church, and professional lives are essential for the needs of this ministry. Because of this reality, it is imperative that all Local Council members accept the CMDA Statement of Faith and have personally experienced the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. *John 15:4*



Regular attendance of local Council meetings

(Whether bi-monthly or quarterly). Time is precious. Few professionals are looking for more meetings to attend. While it may not be possible to attend all meetings of the Local Council, these times are critical for this ministry's progress. These will be strategic times to review what we believe God wants to see happen through us, detailing future plans, as well as counseling & evaluating the Area Director (hereafter 'AD'). If a realistic plan has been developed, and clear goals and objectives have been defined, evaluation is a relatively simple process. The AD and the Council are a true team, and the AD must know the Council members are his friends and people to count on in times of need. *Hebrews 10:24-25*



Strategic Involvement in one aspect of the local ministry beyond the Council itself

Everyone has certain talents to be used in the Kingdom of God. Whatever particular talent God has given you should be exercised faithfully on the Local Council leadership team. Possible examples include: speaking at a CMDA meeting/medical school campus, attending doctor fellowships, periodic involvement with GHO missions trips, having students in your home or shadowing your practice, mentoring students, etc. *Matthew 28:19-20*



Financial support of the local ministry

Local ministries cannot function without the faithful financial support of the medical/dental community. Area ministries with CMDA are self-sustaining ventures of faith - all of the needed funds for ministry and the AD must be raised locally. The raising of these funds is a joint endeavor between the AD and the Local Council. Sources of support are also sought from sponsors, churches, and foundations. In addition to encouraging others to give, council members are expected to have this particular ministry be among their top giving commitments. In addition, the entire council will help develop fundraising strategies as needed. *2 Corinthians 5:12-13*



Membership with CMDA National

cmda.org/join/ It is important that all Council members are in agreement with the goals of the larger organization. Local ministries are an extension of the organization as a whole and the two must work together as one. *1 Corinthians 12:12*

Similarly, we also ask that the following brief leadership form be completed:

cmda.org/lcf

