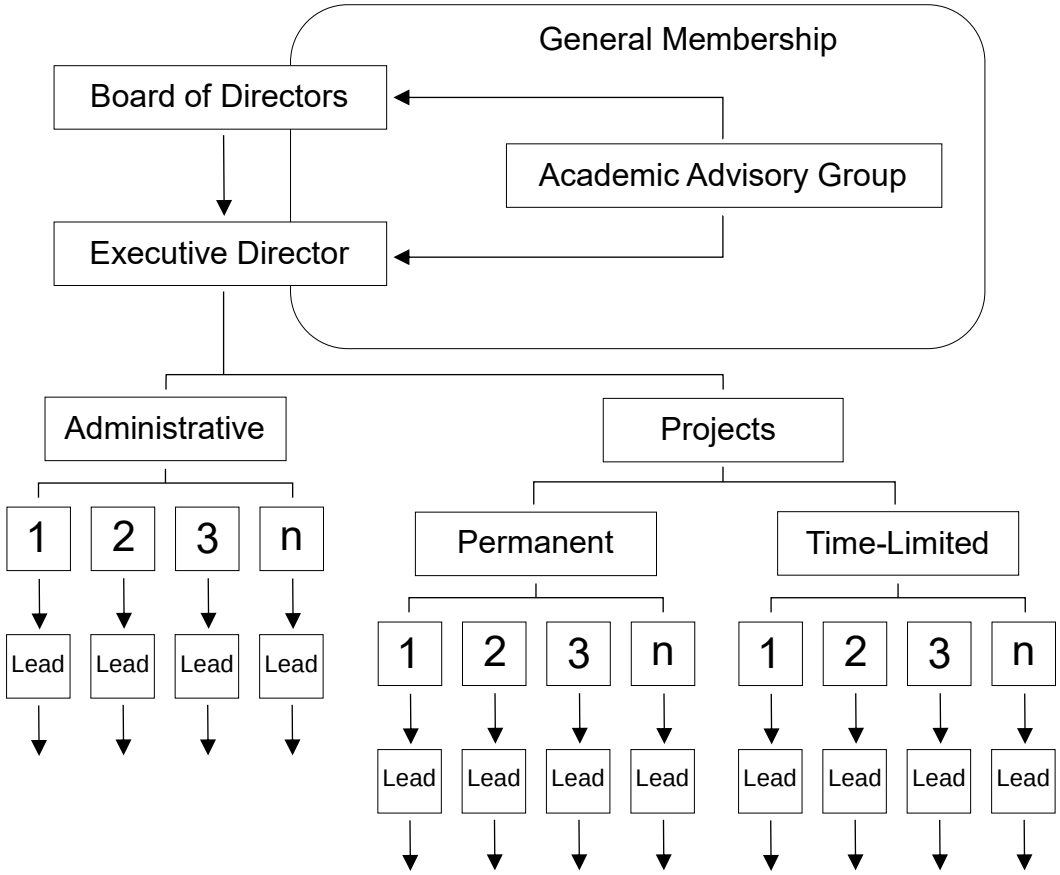
CLSG/GCEL: The Academic Advisory Group

i. CLSG/GCEL Organizational Structure



ii. The Academic Advisory Group (AAG)

As illustrated in **i.** above, the AAG is a subset of the CLSG/GCEL membership that reports to the Board, and interacts with the Executive Director.

The AAG will have one representative from each Canadian medical school, as well as other representatives from leukemia-treating centres that are not affiliated directly with a university medical school. Thus, while the CLSG/GCEL Board is mandated to include members from diverse Canadian regions, it is the AAG membership that will ensure comprehensive cross-Canada representation. At least one member of the AAG will be a member of the Board of Directors, as nominated by the AAG.

Thus, the AAG will have specific duties that ensure regional representation:

- AAG members will facilitate bi-directional CLSG/GCEL communication with their constituents
    - communicate CSLG/GCEL initiatives to their colleagues

    - communicate local/regional needs to the Board
    - propose working group (or other) initiatives
    - find members for CLSG/GCEL working groups to ensure cross-Canada representation

How will the AAG function?

- The AAG will represent all of Canada
- The AAG will help disseminate CLSG/GCEL news, initiatives, and working group membership requests
- It is suggested that the AAG function semi-autonomously
    - The AAG will solicit local opinions/suggestions on an ongoing basis
    - The AAG may be structured as one cross-Canada group, or may be divided into regional sub-groups, that then report more centrally
    - It is suggested that the AAG meet ~3 times per year
    - The AAG may establish its own regional/central structure
    - The AAG will elect its own group lead on a yearly basis, who will become the AAG representative on the Board of Directors.
    - The AAG lead will report to the Board on an ongoing basis (at least 3 times per year, or more frequently, as appropriate)
    - AAG meetings may be attended by Board members on an *ad hoc* basis