

President's Letter

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AGM will feature interactive discussions on topical issues

Dear Colleagues:

I invite you to attend our upcoming Annual General Meeting on June 4, 2016, to debate resolutions and help the Association set policy that will shape the future direction for the NLMA. The meeting will be held in the Main Auditorium of the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's. This year, the AGM will feature interactive presentations on topics of interest, including a panel discussion on the new e-Consult program, which has the potential to improve relations between GPs and specialists by eliminating referral issues between both groups. The meeting will also feature a presentation on the new provincial electronic medical record program and a demonstration of the Med Access EMR product. Members will also be briefed on the new Primary Care Renewal Program by the new program director. All members are invited to attend these sessions. The Business Meeting will feature a keynote address from Hon. Dr. John Haggie, Minister of Health and Community Services. Members will also be updated on the goals and objectives of the NLMA's Strategic Plan, as well as the financial health of the organization.

President's Dinner

Following the business session, we will hold our annual President's Dinner at the Clovelly Golf Club to install incoming NLMA President Dr. Christopher Cox. The event will include a keynote address from Dr. Chris Simpson, Past-President of the Canadian Medical Association. NLMA Honorary Life Awards will be presented to Dr. Donald Hodder, Dr. Thomas Rossiter and Dr. Paul Patey. CMA Honorary Life Awards will be presented to Dr. Robert Butt and Dr. Gerald Warren. Cocktails begin at 7 pm.

Register and Attend

Delegates must pre-register to receive lunch (at no cost) at the AGM Business Meeting. Registration is not required to attend the meeting, but only those who pre-register will receive lunch. Also, to facilitate the ordering of food you must pre-register for the President's Dinner. Tickets to the President's Dinner will not be sold at the door. The 2016 NLMA AGM Registration Form is included in this package and is also available at www.nlma.nl.ca. The early bird registration date is May 24. The deadline to purchase tickets for the President's Dinner is 5 pm, **Monday, May 30**. President's Dinner no-shows will be billed unless we receive notice of cancellation by 5 pm, Monday, May 30, 2016. Members who are unable to attend in person but would like to listen to the Business Meeting portion of the AGM may listen live via teleconference. To obtain the phone number and access code, email jcarpenter@nlma.nl.ca.

GP Section Meeting

The annual meeting of the NLMA's GP Section will begin at 10:15 am and will focus on the micro-allocations exercise. All interested family physicians are encouraged to attend. The GP Section Meeting will be followed by presentations on the Primary Care Renewal Program, the EMR demonstration and the e-Consult panel discussion, which all members are invited to attend.

Resolutions

Members are encouraged to submit resolutions by 5 pm on June 3 for debate during the business session. Resolutions will also be accepted from the floor and debated, time permitting. Delegates must be present in person with their seconder. Resolutions can be emailed to Lynn Barter, Associate Executive Director, at lbarter@nlma.nl.ca or faxed to (709) 726-7525.

Amendments to Articles of Continuance

Members will also be asked to vote on amendments to the NLMA's Articles of Continuance, as governed by the provincial *Corporations Act*. This will permit the Association to modify and modernize the categories of NLMA membership. A summary of the proposed amendments can be found in your package as well as a proxy form. Members can vote on the amendments in person at the AGM on June 4 or by proxy.

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Regards,

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