
President's Letter

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AGM to address the issues and challenges in the year ahead

Dear Colleagues:

I invite you to attend our upcoming AGM on June 11 to debate resolutions and help the Association set policy that will shape the future direction for the NLMA as we enter into 2012. The business session will be held at the MUN Faculty of Medicine Lecture Theatre A, located in the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's.

As you know, this past year has been both exciting and challenging for the NLMA. While much has been accomplished, much work remains. The AGM presents an opportunity to learn about our progress toward implementing our new MOA. Now that negotiations are behind us, we will also be turning our attention to strategic planning and a review of the NLMA's governance structures, which will be discussed in more detail during the business session.

Following the business session, we will hold our annual President's Dinner at the Johnson GEO Centre on Signal Hill Road. The dinner will include the presentation of honorary awards and the installation of our incoming president, Dr. Sandra Luscombe.

Resolutions

Members are encouraged to submit your resolutions by May 13 for debate during the meeting session. Resolutions will also be accepted from the floor and debated, time permitting. You must be present in person with your seconder. Please submit resolutions to Lynn Barter, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, by fax at (709) 726-7525 or e-mail lbarter@nlma.nl.ca.

Register and Attend

To facilitate the ordering of food, you must pre-register to attend the President's Dinner. The 2011 NLMA AGM Registration Form included in this package, is also on our website at www.nlma.nl.ca/agm or you can call NLMA House at 726-7424 or (800) 563-2003 to have the form faxed to you.

The early bird registration date is May 13. The deadline to purchase tickets for the President's Dinner is end of day on June 8. Tickets to this event will not be sold on site. No-shows will be billed unless we receive notice of cancellation by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

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CME program

With the assistance of the Office of Professional Development and Conferencing Services (PDCS) at Memorial's Faculty of Medicine, the NLMA will again be offering a CME program at the AGM. The PDCS brochure is included in this package and the full agenda for the CME session is also available on our website at www.nlma.nl.ca/agm.

The program will feature the sessions *What's New in Providing Care to Adults with Developmental Disabilities and their Families*, presented by Dr. Brian Hennen. It will be followed by the session *Achieving Balance and Reducing Burnout in Medical Practice*, presented by Dr. Kris Luscombe.

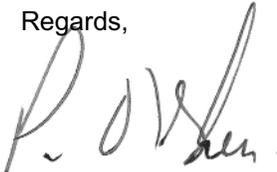
The CME program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Lecture Theatre A at the Health Sciences Centre. Registration for the CME is \$28.25 for physicians and is free for residents and medical students. Registration includes lunch and a nutrition break. This program has been reviewed on behalf of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been approved for up to 2.5 Mainpro-M1 study credits. This event is also an accredited group learning activity (SECTION 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and approved by PDCS.

Registration for the CME is available **online only** at <http://www.med.mun.ca/pdcs>.

GP Section Meeting

The CME session will be immediately followed by the annual meeting of the NLMA's GP Section. The meeting will be a working lunch beginning at 12:15 p.m. in Lecture Theatre A at the Health Sciences Centre. All interested family physicians are encouraged to attend.

Regards,



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