President's Letter

January 1, 2011

2011 membership fee increase

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed in this package is your NLMA membership renewal for 2011. When you review your invoice, you will notice an increase of \$335 to the Full category fee. Three hundred dollars of this increase is a **<u>one-time</u>** levy, which was approved by NLMA members at the 2010 Annual General Meeting in order to replenish the operating reserve. This was deemed necessary as a result of the extraordinary expenditures that occurred in conjunction with the Cameron Inquiry and more recently the public relations campaign associated with the negotiations for our current contract with the government. The levy will be discontinued next year.

During the 2010 AGM, NLMA members also decided to discontinue absorbing a \$15 CMA fee increase dating back to 2007. The current invoice also reflects a \$20 CMA fee increase for 2011. Thus, the total fee for the Full practicing category in 2011 is \$2,030. The deadline for payment of membership fees is February 15, 2011.

New Administrative Fees

Members are encouraged to store their membership receipts in a safe place as issuing duplicate receipts for the 2011 membership year and beyond are now subject to a \$25 replacement fee. The fee for NSF cheque payments has been increased to \$50. Late payments will continue to be assigned a fee of \$50 per month after February 15 of each year.

When you view your invoice, please ensure you review your personal and professional information in the Membership Profile Review section for accuracy. You should also contact the NLMA anytime this information changes throughout the year.

Regards,

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