President's Letter

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Progress on Strategic Plan, Negotiations Focus of AGM

Members to vote on new bylaws



Yordan Karaivanov, MD President

Dear Colleagues:

I invite you to attend our upcoming Annual General Meeting on June 7, 2014 to debate resolutions and help the Association set policy that will shape the future direction for the NLMA as we enter into 2015. The business session will be held in Lecture Theatre 'A' at the MUN Faculty of Medicine, Health Sciences Centre in St. John's.

During the business session, members will be updated on negotiations and the status of binding arbitration, progress on the goals and objectives of the 2013-2018 Strategic Plan, implementation of our new governance structure and the financial health of the organization.

I will be pleased to formally introduce our new Executive Director, Robert Thompson, and delegates at the meeting will be asked to confirm his appointment.

Members will also be asked to vote on amendments to our bylaws that support our new governance structure. Information about the bylaw amendments is included with the <u>May 5</u> <u>President's Letter Notice to NLMA Members of Vote by Members on Special Resolution</u> <u>Proposed By-law Amendments</u>. Please note that if you are unable to attend the AGM, you may assign your proxy vote on the bylaws to me by returning the enclosed <u>proxy form</u>.

Following the business session, we will hold our annual President's Dinner on Level 3 of The Rooms, which will include the presentation of honorary awards and the installation of incoming president, Dr. Wendy Graham.

Resolutions

Members are encouraged to submit resolutions by May 30 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 fax them to (709) 726-7525.

Register and Attend

To facilitate the ordering of food, you must pre-register to attend the President's Dinner. The <u>2014 NLMA AGM Registration Form</u> included in this package is also available on our website at <u>www.nlma.nl.ca</u>.

The early bird registration date is May 16. The deadline to purchase tickets for the President's Dinner is end of day on Monday, June 2. 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 Monday, June 2, 2014.

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*CME program cancelled

The CME session originally scheduled for the morning of the NLMA AGM has been cancelled. Unfortunately, the presenter had to withdraw and we were unable to find a replacement in the time remaining.

GP Section Meeting

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

Regards, STENDUN

Yordan Karaivanov, MD President

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