

President's Letter

May 5, 2017



**Christopher Cox,
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President**

AGM will feature interactive discussions, new webcasting option

Dear Colleagues:

I invite you to attend our upcoming Annual General Meeting on **June 3, 2017**, 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 for new to practice physicians, as well as a panel discussion on the e-Consult program. The meeting will also feature an update on the progress of the provincial eDOCSNL EMR program and the Family Practice Renewal Program. The Business Meeting will feature a keynote address from Dr. Patrick Parfrey on Choosing Wisely NL. 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. A preliminary AGM program is included with this letter.

President's Dinner

Following the business session, we will hold our annual President's Dinner at the Johnson Geo Centre to install incoming NLMA President Dr. Lynn Dwyer. The event will include a keynote address from Dr. Laurent Marcoux, President-Elect of the Canadian Medical Association. The dinner will also feature presentations of the NLMA and CMA Honorary Life Awards. This year, the NLMA is honouring Dr. Falah Maroun, Dr. Ian Simpson and Dr. Chaker Hobeika. CMA Honorary Life Awards will be presented to Dr. Jesse De Villa and Dr. John Cronhelm. Cocktails begin at 7 pm.

Register and Attend

Delegates can register online for both the AGM Business Meeting and the President's Dinner at <http://www.nlma.nl.ca/nlma/forms/agm>. Delegates must pre-register for the Business Meeting to receive lunch (at no cost) at the AGM Business Meeting. Registration is not required to attend the Business 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 early bird registration date is May 24. The deadline to purchase tickets for the President's Dinner is **5 pm, Wednesday, May 31, 2017**. President's Dinner no-shows will be billed unless we receive notice of cancellation by 5 pm, Wednesday, May 31.

AGM Webcast

Members who are unable to attend the AGM in person may attend online via webcast. To obtain the webcast link, please email rupike@nlma.nl.ca.

GP Section Meeting

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

Resolutions

Members are encouraged to submit resolutions by 4:30 pm on June 2 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.

Regards,

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President

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NLMA President Dr. Christopher Cox extends a warm welcome to all of you to attend the **92nd Annual General Meeting of the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association.**

Business Meeting – Main Auditorium, Health Science Centre, Registration in HSC Foyer (near Main Auditorium)

President's Dinner – Johnson Geo Centre, 175 Signal Hill Road, St. John's

- 9:45 am **Registration (registration desk will remain open until 3:30 pm)**
Location HSC Foyer (near Main Auditorium)
- 10:15 am **GP Section Annual Meeting**
Location Main Auditorium
- 11:15 am **eDOCSNL EMR Presentation**
Speaker Mr. Craig Pelley eDOCSNL Program Director
- 11:30 am **Family Practice Renewal Program Update**
Speaker Ms. Glenda Nash, Program Director, Family Practice Renewal Program
- 11:45 am **Lunch Pick-up**
Location HSC Foyer (near Main Auditorium)
- 12:00 pm **e-Consult Panel Discussion (working Lunch)**
Reducing waitlists and improving referrals between GPs and specialists
Speakers Dr. Gerard Farrell, Ms. Jane Parry, Family Physician (TBA), Specialist (TBA)
- 1:00 pm **New to Practice Panel Discussion**
Location Main Auditorium
Speakers Dr. Megan Hayes, Dr. Amy Pieroway, Dr. Paul Bonisteel
- 2:00 pm **Business Meeting Official Opening**
Location Main Auditorium
AGM Speaker Dr. Patrick O'Shea
- 2:05 pm **Keynote Address – Choosing Wisely NL**
Speaker Dr. Patrick Parfrey
- 2:25 pm **President's Address**
Speaker Dr. Christopher Cox, President
- 2:35 pm **Stewardship Report**
Speaker Mr. Robert Thompson, Executive Director
- 2:45 pm **Finance Report & Appointment of Auditors**
Speaker Dr. Paul Moorehead, Chair, Finance & Administration Committee
- 2:50 pm **Amendments to By-Laws**
Speaker Dr. Patrick O'Shea, AGM Speaker
- 2:55 pm **Introduction of New President-Elect**
Speaker Dr. Patrick O'Shea, AGM Speaker
- 3:00 pm **Nutrition Break**
Location HSC Foyer (near Main Auditorium)
- 3:15 pm **NLMA Physician Health Program Presentation**
Speaker Dr. Susan King, Medical Director
- 3:20 pm **MD Financial Management Presentation**
Speaker Ms. Lucie Boucher, Regional Vice-President Atlantic Region
- 3:25 pm **OMA Insurance Presentation**
Speaker TBA
- 3:30 pm **Resolutions & Debate**
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- 7:00 pm **President's Dinner Cocktail Reception**
Location Johnson Geo Centre, 175 Signal Hill Road, St. John's
- 7:30 pm **Dinner**
- CMA President-Elect Address **Speaker** Dr. Laurent Marcoux
 - Presentation of Awards & Installation of President
 - NLMA President's Address **Speaker** Dr. Lynn Dwyer

Registration

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