
President's Letter

April 19, 2013

AGM to focus on governance, strategic planning

CME session features a variety of short snappers



**Tony Gabriel,
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President**

Dear Colleagues:

I invite you to attend our upcoming Annual General Meeting on June 8, 2013 to debate resolutions and help the Association set policy that will shape the future direction for the NLMA as we enter into 2014. The business session will be held in Salons C & D at the Sheraton Hotel in St. John's.

The AGM also presents an opportunity to learn more about how our new governance structure and the strategic plan will be implemented.

Following the business session, we will hold our annual President's Dinner in Salon B of the Sheraton, which will include the presentation of honorary awards and the installation of incoming president, Dr. Yordan Karaivanov.

Resolutions

Members are encouraged to **submit resolutions by May 13** 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 2013 NLMA AGM Registration Form included in this package is also available on our website at www.nlma.nl.ca.

The early bird registration date is May 17. The deadline to purchase tickets for the President's Dinner is end of day on June 5. 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 5, 2013.**

CME program

With the assistance of the Office of Professional Development and Conferencing Services (PDCS) at Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine, the NLMA will again be offering a CME program at the AGM. A morning session consisting of five short snapper sessions, will feature:

- dementia assessment and medication;
- medication interactions and adverse drug reporting;
- screening for bipolar disorder and identifying pharmacological risk concerns;
- suicide risk assessment; and,
- key components of a medico-legal report.



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Sessions will be led by Ms. Lisa Bishop, Assistant Professor (Pharmacy), MUN School of Pharmacy and Faculty of Medicine; Mr. Peter Browne, QC, civil litigation, labour, administrative law; Dr. Roger Butler, Associate Professor (Family Medicine), MUN Faculty of Medicine; and, Dr. Kristopher Luscombe, Assistant Professor/Clinical Education (Psychiatry), MUN Faculty of Medicine.

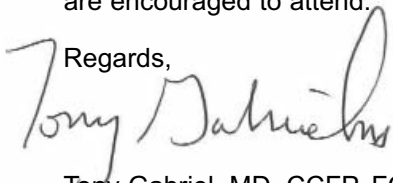
The CME program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Salon D of the Sheraton Hotel in St. John's. Registration for the CME is \$56.50 for physicians and is free for residents and medical students. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and a nutrition break. This program has been developed to consider the CanMEDS-Family Medicine Competency Framework, including the roles of: Medical Expert, Communicator, Collaborator, Manager, Health Advocate, Scholar and Professional. It is designated for up to 2.6 credit hours for MAINPRO M-1 of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and is 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, approved by Memorial University of Newfoundland. Through an agreement between the American Medical Association and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Memorial University of Newfoundland designated this live educational activity for maximum of 2.5 AMA PRA category 1 credit(s)TM.

Registration for the CME is available **online only**.

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 Salon D of the Sheraton Hotel. All interested family physicians are encouraged to attend.

Regards,



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