

## **Communication Report April 2017**

### **Member communications:**

Effective and valuable communication with our members is a fundamental function of the Manitoba College of Family Physicians. We continue to assess and enhance our website and continue with our regular e-News updates. This has proven to be a useful platform to keep our members up to date with current and emerging MCFP activities. We continue to have good success using our email listserve to communicate various opportunities such as CPD sessions in our Boardroom and committee membership requests. We are always pleased to see enthusiasm and interest in participation. We continue to have an active presence on Twitter (@MBFAMDOCS).

### **Government communications:**

We met with Health Minister Kelvin Goertzen in September and have an upcoming meeting in April. We have been successful in getting commitment for periodic ongoing meetings (quarterly) with the Health Minister. Ongoing, monthly meetings with the Primary Care department of Manitoba Health, Senior and Active Living (MHSAL) continue to occur. We feel it is a valuable opportunity to meet with various levels within the Health Ministry.

### **Communication/networking with other organizations:**

The Manitoba College of Family Physicians has ongoing collaborative relationships with several organizations including the University of Manitoba, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, Doctors MB, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety, and the Centre for Healthcare Innovation. We are pleased to facilitate and promote discussion amongst stakeholder groups on issues that have important implications for our members and for the health of Manitobans.

## **Constitution Report April 2017**

We are currently in the final stages of an update to our Bylaws. We have spent the past several years collaborating with CFPC to revise our current bylaws to ensure compliance with Canada's Not-For-Profit Act. We anticipate that these will be approved by the CFPC Board and ready for presentation at our AGM in 2017.

## **Membership Report April 2017**

The Manitoba Chapter continues to have strong membership. MCFP currently has **1327** members. This represents more than **90%** of the total family physicians practicing in Manitoba – amongst the highest percentages in all of Canada. Our attrition rate remains extremely low – less than 1 percent – also amongst the lowest in Canada. This is something to be proud of and we hope is a testimony to our value.

Our First Five Years of Practice committee continues to be active and plan events. Drs. Leon Wayne and Ian Alexander are the current co-chairs of this group. We are pleased to offer the fifth annual "First Five Years of Practice" meal (this year it is breakfast instead of lunch) at this year's ASA (Friday, April 28).

Our IMG Networking Group has made big strides in holding several events and developing several useful tools including "routes to practice" and "glossary of terms". As well, they are nearing the implementation of a mentorship/peer support program. Drs. Deirdre O'Flaherty and Amir Mazhari Ravesh have taken a lead role in this committee. We pleased to offer the third annual IMG Networking Breakfast at this year's ASA (Thursday, April 27).

We have also been in the early development stages of a Transitions Networking Group to be championed by Dr. Susan Fair and several other wise folks including Dr. Don Klassen and Dr. Ian Goldstine. Look for an initial kickoff for this group at the Social And Networking Reception at the ASA on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>!

I continue in my role as the Manitoba representative for the CFPC's Membership Advisory Committee. This is truly the committee at which the "rubber hits the road" in terms of delivering value for our members across Canada.