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**UCFA Newsletter**

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**UCFA Annual  
General Meeting:  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 2007  
at the Holiday  
Inn.**

The UCFA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday January 18th 2007 at the Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre, 711 West Broadway, Vancouver V5Z 3Y2. **The guest speakers will be Dr. Penny Ballem and Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid.**

We are also asking for **nominations for new board members** for next year. Nominations will be accepted for President, Secretary, Treasurer and members at large. Please send nominations to Diane Wong, [dwong@bcma.bc.ca](mailto:dwong@bcma.bc.ca), prior to the meeting.

**BCMA Board  
supports liaison  
committee  
between UBC  
and BCMA**

At the last meeting of the BCMA board a motion was put forward in support of the development of a liaison committee between the BCMA and UBC. The UCFA is supportive of a committee such as this to allow ongoing dialog between the BCMA representing clinical faculty and UBC to provide a mechanism where issues can be resolved in a timely manner.

**Talks with UBC  
continuing: a few  
steps remaining**

A further meeting between the BCMA, representing clinical faculty at the request of the UCFA, and UBC is planned for later this week. We are optimistic that these discussions will provide a framework for a cooperative relationship between UBC and clinical faculty. While we are supportive of physicians continuing to teach during these discussions, ***the UCFA recommends that current and prospective clinical faculty DO NOT SIGN a contract with UBC until there is a satisfactory agreement with the BCMA.*** Further background information can be obtained on the [UCFA website](#) along with a [sample letter](#) to respond to a request for teaching.

**UBC Department  
of Medicine  
review raises  
concerns about  
Medical School  
Expansion**

The UBC Department of Medicine External Review held in October this year notes problems with funding and the equitable assignment of faculty rank for new teachers required by the expansion of the Undergraduate Medical Program expansion. The UCFA has brought these issues to the attention of the Medical School on a number of occasions in the past. We hope that an ongoing relationship where clinical faculty are represented appropriately will help to address these issues.

**UBC Conflict of  
Interest and  
Commitment  
requirement.**

UCFA requested an independent opinion of UBC Policy No: 97 which UBC requires researchers to sign. The advice we received is as follows: "I have reviewed the Conflict of Interest and Conflict of commitment policy of the UBC Board of Governors. Such conflict of interest policies are common and I did not see anything in this one that gave me concern. I was most interested to ensure that there is a fair review process and I think that exists." We are pleased to be able to reassure clinical faculty regarding this. Please [contact the UCFA](#) if you would like further information.

*David Wensley*