



Section Newsletter

7th October 2008

Annual General Meeting

Thursday October 23rd 2008, 5.30pm

The Annual General Meeting for the BCMA Section of Clinical Faculty will be held on **Thursday 23rd October 2008, at 5.30 pm** in the **New Lecture Hall, in the Conference Centre at St. Paul's Hospital, Level 1 Providence Building**. This meeting will be broadcast by videoconference to Prince George, Victoria, Kelowna and Nanaimo. The **Guest Speaker** will be **Dr. Brian Day, Past-President of the CMA**. There will be an open discussion to obtain Clinical Faculty input into pressing issues relating to teaching by practicing physicians. A notice will be sent out in the next few days with full details.

Still no current UBC Contract

The 2007 UBC Clinical Faculty Contract expired in July 2008. Discussions to develop a new contract were held between the BCMA and UBC during the spring and it is expected that these will be resolved soon but, at time of press, Clinical Faculty are still without a formal contract.

Representation of Clinical Faculty

The Section has had a number of discussions with the BCMA executive regarding representation of Clinical Faculty within the BCMA. We would like your input into how practicing physicians can be represented in areas related to teaching and academic pursuits. We will be placing a survey on the Section of Clinical Faculty website this week and will send another email giving details of this.

Accreditation of the UBC Medical School 2008

The final report from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education site visit to UBC from March 9th-12th 2008 has been placed on the [UBC website](#), along with the accreditors' [summary letter](#) to the university president. This is a very lengthy document that will require some study. Members of the Section of CF Board met with the accreditation team and they heard some of our concerns. In section ER-10 of the summary letter it is noted that faculty recruitment is not yet complete and that there is an indication of tension among physicians, health authorities, and the education programs. In the [memorandum from the Dean](#) placed on the UBC website with the accreditation report, the authority of clinical department heads in affiliated hospitals is also identified as an area to review. It will be important to ensure that practicing physicians have a say as equal partners in this process. We would value feedback on this issue from Clinical Faculty.

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