



## Section Newsletter

16th December 2009

### BCMA Members survey of Clinical Faculty issues.

Following requests by the Section of Clinical Faculty to send the last contract out for ratification, in November 2008 the BCMA Board passed this motion: "...the BCMA will conduct a poll of BCMA membership to collect demographic information and clarify their views about the Clinical Faculty contract and the processes which developed it..." Ipsos-Reid was contracted by the BCMA to develop a survey to explore and help define the BCMA's role in supporting practicing physicians in their dealings with UBC. This was sent out in September 2009. We understand that the results of the survey were presented to the BCMA board at the end of November. We have requested the results to be made available to members of the BCMA and we look forward to working with the BCMA board to respond to BCMA members' opinion. **Please contact your regional BCMA board representatives to request that the survey be made available.** Check the [BCMA website](#) for contact details for your regional representatives.

### Annual General Meeting Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009

The Annual General Meeting for the BCMA Section of Clinical Faculty was held at the Holiday Inn on Broadway in Vancouver. The President Dr. Milton Baker, gave a summary of the previous year's activities and the ongoing challenges facing Clinical Faculty. The treasurer's report presented by Dr. Dean Burrell demonstrated that the finances were healthy, and recommended no changes in the current Section dues. A number of long-standing members of the Board resigned, including Dr. Chris Sherlock and Dr. Dean Burrill and their services and support were recognized. The following officers were elected to the new board: President: Dr. Milton Baker, Past President: Dr. David Wensley, Treasurer: Dr. Kirsten Emmott, Members at Large: Dr. Kenneth Fung, Dr. Albert Kelly, Dr. Derryck Smith, Dr. Michelle Sutter, Dr. Christopher Thompson, Dr. Edward Welsh. The positions of secretary and communications officer remain vacant at this time.

Dr. Angus Rae, Past President and founding member, of the University Clinical Faculty Association, was the guest speaker this year. His presentation entitled, "A Clinical Education - Future Worth Working For" provided historical insight into the relationship between practicing physicians and the university and the attempts to develop independent representation for Clinical Faculty. UBC full and part time faculty are represented by an independent body, the Faculty Association, in their dealings with UBC. Clinical Faculty are considered "independent contractors" and have no representative body acting on their behalf. Dr. Rae concluded that, despite some difficulties in past relationships, the natural representative body for practicing physicians in their dealings with the university was the provincial medical association and that there was an opportunity to develop a healthy partnership to support the shared goals of renewing the profession and enhancing health care for the people of British Columbia. [Video highlights](#) of the meeting, and the [minutes](#) have been posted on the Section website.

### Administrative Changes

It is with regret that we said goodbye to Mr. John Barr, our communications consultant, and Ms. Sandra Banks, our administrative secretary at our board meeting this November. They have provided excellent assistance and support over the past few years and we will miss their help. However, we look forward to working with Ms. Deborah Folka, our new communications consultant and Ms. Jana Anderson, our new administrative secretary.

*Best wishes for the holiday season*

*Milton Baker, President*

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