



## Section Newsletter

12th November 2008

### Annual General Meeting

Thursday October  
23<sup>rd</sup> 2008, 5.30pm

The Annual General Meeting for the BCMA Section of Clinical Faculty was held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008, at 5.30pm in the Conference Centre at St. Paul's Hospital, and was broadcast by videoconference to Prince George, Victoria, Kelowna, Nanaimo and Salmon Arm. David Wensley, the out-going President gave a summary of the previous year's activities and the ongoing challenges facing Clinical Faculty.

#### *Activities:*

Discussions between UBC and the BCMA through the liaison committee and clinical teaching sub-committee have been held throughout the year to develop a new contract. However, as of going to press, a new contract has not yet been offered to replace the one which expired in July.

Members of Clinical Faculty continue to raise concerns about attempts to tie clinical appointments to teaching and research, both in the traditional teaching hospitals and at the expansion sites. At the last CMA AGM a resolution was passed by 84% of delegates stating that that "the linking of hospital privileges to the requirement to teach and do research is unacceptable".

Presentations to the visiting team for Accreditation of UBC Medical School in March and to the BCMA Board regarding the impact of the Medical School expansion on practicing physicians. The report of the accreditation, [published on the UBC website](#), identified the relationship with clinical teachers as an area of non-compliance ([section ER-10, page 4 of the letter to UBC President](#)) and that this was "in transition". However the solution suggested in the accreditation report "revised affiliation or other agreements providing for appropriate academic authority in affiliated hospitals" needs careful review by all practicing physicians.

Support of Clinical Faculty in their dealings with UBC.

#### *Challenges:*

Clinical Faculty remain without independent representation in their dealings with UBC despite the [Mutual Responsibilities and Obligations document](#) signed with UBC in 1999.

Expired Clinical Faculty Contract: Inability to engage the BCMA Board in meaningful dialog regarding Clinical Faculty issues which affect over 3000 practicing physicians.

#### *Election of Directors:*

The following Directors were elected: President: Milton Baker, (Victoria), Past President: David Wensley (Vancouver), Secretary: Vacant, Treasurer: Dean Burrill (New Westminster), Communications Officer: Chris Sherlock (Vancouver), Members at Large: Bert Kelly (Prince George), Ed Welsh (Kelowna), Michelle Sutter (Prince George), Angus Rae (Vancouver), Derryck Smith (Vancouver), Chris Thompson (Vancouver), James Hayward (SGP rep, North Vancouver), Kenneth Fung, Richmond.

The following 2 motions were passed at the AGM after the President's and Treasurer's reports:

Concerning the proposed new UBC contract:

*"that the Annual General Meeting of Clinical Faculty requests that the BCMA Board send the proposed contract with UBC out for referendum to the BCMA membership"*

Concerning Section Board meetings:

*"That the BCMA Section of Clinical Faculty provide an honorarium to Board Members attending board meetings similar to the unit value of teaching provided in the Clinical Faculty contract."*

The Guest speaker this year was Dr. Brian Day, Past-President of the CMA. The title of his talk was: "A Medical School and its Clinical Faculty: A Public Private Partnership" A video with highlights of his talk and of the AGM will be placed on the [Section of CF website](#) shortly. Following his talk the following motion was passed:

*"that the BCMA Section of Clinical Faculty supports in principle the formation of a second medical facility at Simon Fraser University"*

As outgoing president of the Section of Clinical Faculty I would like to thank members of the Section for their help and support and wish Dr. Milton Baker, the new president every success in his new position.

**Concerns from  
Clinical Faculty  
Members**

We have had a number of concerns from members of Clinical Faculty in their dealings with UBC. Many of these arise from attempts to tie clinical privileges to academic requirements. The expansion of the Medical School is changing the environment in not only the traditional teaching facilities, but also those previously only concerned with clinical care. If you have concerns, please contact the Section of Clinical Faculty through [Diane Wong](#).

*David Wensley, Past President, Section of Clinical Faculty*