



## Manitoba Director's Report

October 2019

Greetings from Manitoba,

The year 2019 was a very important one for the MACT as we unanimously passed our new MACT Bylaws at a Special Meeting held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Our bylaws had not been updated in twenty-five years, so this was a very anticipated and much needed change. The work involved was a collaborative effort of the Bylaw Committee and the MACT Board of Directors.

As well, we had a very successful Education Day and AGM which was held at St. Boniface Hospital's I.H. Asper Centre on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with 41 members in attendance. The day began with the introduction of our new Honorary President, Dr. Clarence Khoo - Cardiologist in the Electrophysiology Lab at St. Boniface Hospital. Dr. Khoo has been very supportive of our profession and will continue to do so in the future. There were three presentations on the itinerary, starting with Dr. Ali Khadem - Head Cardiologist in the Electrophysiology Lab at St. Boniface. His presentation was entitled "Asymptomatic EKGs" and was very informative and interesting. The next speaker was Ms. Sue Boreskie - CEO of the Kinsmen Reh-fit Centre in Winnipeg, who talked about the importance and the many benefits of Cardiac Rehabilitation. The final speaker, Bob Moroz - President of the Manitoba Association of Healthcare Professionals, informed our members about the healthcare changes occurring in Manitoba and what they, as a union, are doing to help their members. Bob stayed to answer questions for those who had concerns or wanted some clarification. All speakers were well received and appreciated. There were several donors for our AGM and we had great door prizes for anyone who stayed for the entire day

After lunch, we conducted our AGM and elections. Reports were read and a focus was placed on the upcoming end of the current CEU triennium, the new bylaws, the decision to go to E-transfer for dues payment instead of using PayPal. This was also the first year of our staggered elections (under new bylaws), with half the board being elected for only one year, for this year only.

The results of the election are a new BOD and the appointment of a new Webmaster. Under our new bylaws, we now have a Registrar which was created to take a load off of the Treasurer and the addition of another Member at Large. We have also enshrined into our bylaws the striking of a Bylaw Committee to keep our bylaws up to date on a going forward basis.

Manitoba is still in the midst of health care reform and union restructuring and the uncertainty that all that brings. Hopefully we will stay united as an association and weather the changes as they come.

Respectfully,

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