

Concerns, questions are welcome at MAHCP membership meetings

The spring continued to be a very busy and uncertain time for MAHCP and all public-sector unions in Manitoba. In this issue, you will read about changes we are facing, both in terms of health care delivery, and the legislative environment affecting our members.

Recruitment & Retention Fund

This negotiation of this fund has been completed as previously reported. However, I have recently been hearing from a number of members asking why this has not yet been distributed. An email was sent by the Provincial Labour Relations Secretariat to all employers across the province in April. We are looking into this and hopefully these funds will be completely distributed very shortly. You can expect a further update when we have heard back from the Employer regarding this extremely long delay.

Membership meetings

As I write this, we have held a total of three General Membership meetings, at a location near Seven Oaks General Hospital, and at Concordia and Victoria hospitals. These meetings were well-attended for the most part (SOGH is being rescheduled to hold the meeting on-site to give members better opportunity to attend).

We are hearing a lot of your specific concerns and questions, so please keep those coming. We intend to continue to meet with WRHA officials to convey these questions and concerns so that we can better provide information. As yet, there is a definite lack of planning regarding how our members will be affected once services are relocated across the system. We will be keeping you up to date as soon as new information is available to us.



MAHCP President Bob Moroz speaks to members at Concordia Hospital on May 24, 2017, and members at Victoria General Hospital (top) on May 30, 2017. Photos by Bernice Pontanilla

Rallies and events

I am extremely proud of our members who have participated in the various rallies held around the city of Winnipeg and elsewhere supporting our health care system and the patients we care for. There will likely continue to be opportunities to attend all sorts of events as the summer unfolds. Please consider attending one or more of these events.

Coming up is Diabetes Canada's Lace Up for Diabetes Run/Walk and,

for the first time, we at MAHCP are proud to be participating in the Pride Winnipeg Festival Parade. Both events take place on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Please consider joining us!

With all the uncertainty that is involved with Health Care in Manitoba, it is my sincere hope that you have an opportunity to enjoy all that our Manitoba summer has to offer!

In Solidarity,
Bob Moroz
MAHCP President