

Eastern Regional Meeting

PMA held an Eastern regional meeting at the Marystown Hotel & Convention Centre on September 10, 2010, with 36 administrators in attendance.

Two sessions were held:

- 1) **Budgeting** - Facilitated by Edison Goodyear, Municipal Analyst, Dept. of Municipal Affairs.
- 2) **Weather, Climate, and Your Community** - Facilitated by Melanie Irvine and Nicole Renaud, Dept. of Geography, MUN, and Robert Keenan, CCRC.

A Power Point Presentation was shown for both seminars, with discussion throughout. Copies of the Budgeting presentation and Budget Submission Form were distributed to everyone in attendance, and are available at the PMA office for anyone who would like a copy forwarded to them.

PLEASE NOTE: The next regional meeting is tentatively scheduled for Gander on Nov. 26, 2010.

PMA Board of Director's Meeting

While in Marystown, the PMA Board of Directors held a Board meeting to discuss current issues and future plans for the association.

- 1) PMA has developed a **tentative** training calendar for 2011. It is as follows:

January - Avalon Region

Tax Collection

Dealing with Difficult People

April - Convention (Gander)

Capital Works Projects

Tendering Process

Proper Procedures-Council Meetings/Minute Taking/Motions/Resolutions
Computer Software Training
Preparing Financial Statements/Evaluation forms

NOTE: These will be offered through PMA at Convention. There will be workshops/information sessions provided by other organizations as well.

June - Western/Northern Region

Labour Relations/Standards
Roles, Rights, Responsibilities of Municipal Administrators

September - Eastern Region

Budgeting

November - Central Region

Proper Accounts Management - What Your Auditor is Looking For

(Dates and locations will be announced once confirmed.)

- 2) An Oath of Office has been developed by PMA for all Board members. The Oath was taken by all members at the Board meeting. At the 2011 AGM, any newly elected members will take the Oath at that time.
- 3) A Constitution Review Committee has been formed to review the current boundary structure. The idea is to determine if boundaries should be altered to even out the # of municipalities per region.
- 4) Discussion took place around regionalization and amalgamation. It was agreed that PMA will participate on all committees around this subject in order to be a voice for municipal administrators who may be affected.
- 5) Diane Gear was welcomed to her first Board of Director's meeting as the new Northern Director.

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A sincere thank you to the PMA membership who support the activities of our association. We look to the future with a vision of improved and increased services to allow for a more improved workplace, and a more effective local government.

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