

ACCADA *NEWS*

Association of Canadian Clinical Academic Department Administrators

Dedicated to the improvement of the administration of Canadian medical schools and their departments through professional management

UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Welcome to ACCADA News, a new opportunity for your Executive to provide an update on various association activities since the last AGM. We hope to use this as a means of communicating with the membership throughout the year as well as to provide you with an opportunity to give us feedback.

The Executive has been meeting regularly via conference call to discuss ACCADA issues and to connect with the fall conference organizers. Here is a summary of what we have been up to.

Membership Information

This year we are offering membership renewals/applications with the conference registration. When you sign up for the conference, you can also renew your membership and pay for both simultaneously. The conference organizers will forward all member information to the membership director. If you are not going to attend the conference you can still renew your membership through the conference registration process or you can go to our website and submit an application form directly to the membership director. Your annual membership will now be valid from conference date to conference date. This first year of the transition your 2014 membership will be valid until September 2015. Let us know if this is a more convenient method of renewing your ACCADA membership.

2015 Conference

The fall ACCADA conference will be held October 5th to 7th and is hosted this year by the University of British Columbia. Registration will be opening soon so make your plans to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to network with your colleagues and to engage in some professional development. The agenda is looking great and our colleagues at UBC are working hard on all the details to offer a great conference experience. Don't miss it!

2016 Conference

We are pleased to officially announce the host University for the 2016 conference is the University of Ottawa! Susan McCumber is putting together a committee to plan the 2016 event. Thanks so much for stepping up U of O! We look forward to visiting our nation's capital in the fall of 2016.

2017 Conference

We are still looking for a host University for the 2017 conference. While some universities have been considering the possibility, they have been unable to get official approval and commitment to date. If you and your colleagues would like to host 2017, please let us know. We would like to have 2017 scheduled with a host university prior to the 2015 conference in Vancouver. If we follow our 'east/west' alternating hosts, then 2017 would be back out west – anywhere west of Toronto!

And it's never too soon to be thinking about 2018!

Website Update

We are in the process of updating our website. If you have any suggestions of changes and/or additions, please contact Stephen Jefferson at Stephen.Jefferson@albertahealthservices.ca .

Legal Status

At the 2014 AGM there was a discussion about becoming a fully registered association. The executive is exploring the pros and cons of establishing a legal association with the intent to present the findings at the 2015 AGM for a vote of the membership. If you wish to contribute to this discussion prior to the AGM please forward your comments to Susan McCumber at smccumber@toh.on.ca .

University Representatives

We would like to have official ACCADA representatives at each member university who would be a contact for our membership director and wave the ACCADA flag encouraging their colleagues to join and attend future conferences. If you would like to be a university representative please let us know. When you receive the 2015 conference registration information, send it to your university colleagues and encourage them to attend.

AGM

If you have any agenda items for the upcoming AGM, please forward them to Carolyn Sisley at Carolyn.Sisley@cdha.nshealth.ca .

Thanks

As we transition to a new executive, we would like to offer our thanks to Dinah Frank and Gregg Parchomchuk for their years of service to ACCADA in the roles of President and Secretary/Treasurer respectively.

Your Executive Team:

Carolyn Sisley (Dalhousie) - President

Diane Titley (University of Alberta) - Secretary/Treasurer

Susan McCumber (University of Ottawa) - Membership Director

Stephen Jefferson (Alberta Health Services) - Communications Director