

FAST FACTS: An UMFA News Bulletin

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Hi everyone,

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UMFA receives award from University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association

Last week, three representatives of the Association attended the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association's Awards Ceremony, where UMFA received the Peter C. Dooley Legacy Award. The USFA recognized UMFA for both its cumulative contribution to the promotion of collegial governance and its recent actions to fight back against university administration's attempts to redefine or subvert collegial governance and the quality of decision-making that form of governance alone enables. The award and the generous gift that came with it are now in the UMFA office.



Image 1 - Left: Peter C. Dooley Legacy Award. Right: Gift of a stone carving of an owl

AGM Reminder

The AGM will be on May 17 at 2:30 p.m. in Marshall McLuhan Hall – slightly later than originally announced. The meeting is open to all Regular and Associate Members of the Association. After the meeting, please stay and mingle with your colleagues at our annual reception. RSVP your meeting attendance to faum@umfa.ca by May 5, 2017. Hope to see you there!

UMFA Vice-President Election Results

The election for UMFA's Vice President ended at 4pm on Friday, April 21, and ballots were counted shortly thereafter. The results were as follows:

Orvie Dingwall: 176 votes
Michael Shaw: 184 vote
Spoiled Ballots: 1

With over 50%+1 of the votes, Michael Shaw is hereby declared UMFA's new Vice President, with his term to begin on June 1, 2017.

Constituency Meetings

Just a reminder that UMFA Constituency meetings to discuss bargaining begin this week. For information on the dates and locations, please see our website here: <http://umfa.ca/news/62-umfa-constituency-meetings>. Please note that all meetings are open to all UMFA members, so if you cannot attend the one in your area, feel free to attend any other meeting.

Board of Representatives Nominations – May 12 Deadline

Nominations are now open for open seats on the UMFA Board of representatives. A complete list of constituencies where a term is coming to an end or a seat is open is available here <http://www.umfa.ca/news/63-board-of-representatives-nominations>. Nominations are open until end of day Friday, May 12. Contact Ilze Ceplis by email if you need a nomination form.

Unfair Labour Practice Update: Claim at Labour Board May 2 and 3

During bargaining the Employer informed UMFA that the government wouldn't allow any salary increases or a contract that was any longer than one year. UMFA claimed this is a violation of the Manitoba Labour Relations Act, and brought the Employer before the Manitoba Labour Board. Two days of hearings are being held all day Tuesday May 2 and Wednesday May 3, with more scheduled for June and October. Hearings are open to the public – Suite 500, 175 Hargrave Street.

EVENTS

Communities Not Cuts!

Saturday, May 6

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Oodeena Celebration Circle at the Forks

45 Forks Market Rd (near the Children's Museum)

Concerned with provincial budget cuts? ER closures and other health care cuts? Elementary school class size and education funding levels? University and college affordability? Respect for Indigenous rights? Funding for community services? Arts and libraries funding? Your rights as a worker? Minimum wage freeze? Newcomer rights and supports? Accessibility Act implementation?

You are invited to join this family and child-friendly event to stand up for community priorities. Together we are stronger!

Click [here](#) for more event information.

Standing Committee on Bill 28 (The Public Services Sustainability Act) Hearings

The Standing Committee hearings on Bill 28 (Public Sector Sustainability Act) have been scheduled for Monday, May 8. UMFA is currently making arrangements to testify. Interested Members who would also like to testify on their own behalf can contact the Office of the Clerk of the Manitoba Legislator at 204-945-3636 to sign up.