

## **UPDATE: MPA AGM and PhysioForum, Saturday, April 4, 2020**

Friday, March 13, 2020

Dear MPA Members and Attendees,

With the developments over the past 36 hours, the MPA Executive Leadership has decided to postpone the in-person aspect of our 2020 AGM and PhysioForum. Yesterday and again today Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) has issued Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Bulletin #8, #9 and #10. These bulletins recommend social distancing strategies for all Manitobans to limit the spread of COVID-19. These strategies include minimizing prolonged (more than 10 minutes) close (less than two meters) contact between other individuals in public and avoiding crowded places and events.

We will proceed with a virtual AGM and are currently planning to hold this by conference call on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will require a minimum attendance of 25 members to have a quorum for the meeting. Further details will be communicated in the next few days. Members of the Board of Directors, MPA Committees and several others who are active members will be asked to confirm their attendance to ensure that we will have a quorum. Everyone who is interested and available will also be invited. We will post the minutes of the AGM on our website after the meeting.

We were looking forward to the keynote presentation by Dr. Patricia Thille, the profiling of several research projects by local physiotherapists and also viewing the second year physiotherapy Master's students' poster presentations. We look forward to seeing the student poster presentations next year. We will work with the Professional Development Committee to reschedule Dr. Thille's presentation through possibly utilizing a webinar format. This event may also include the opportunity to learn more about the local research projects.

Since MPA members work in health care and interact with vulnerable populations, all members are encouraged to keep up-to-date with the latest official information. Sources of official information include MHSAL, the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

On behalf of Sheila Williams, President, and the Manitoba Physiotherapy Association Board of Directors,

Jim Hayes

Executive Director