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UMFA Elections: President; Vice-President; Board

Nomination periods for the positions of UMFA President and Vice-President closed in February, with one nomination received for each position. The successful candidates would normally be announced at the AGM. As that meeting's been postponed (see below), today I'd like to announce that on June 1 current VP **Michael Shaw** (Biological Sciences) is taking on the role of UMFA President for 2020-2021. Treasurer **Orvie Dingwall** (Health Sciences Library) is taking on the role of Vice-President. **Janet Morrill** (Accounting and Finance) will then hold the position of Past-President.

Nominations for representatives to UMFA's Board are ongoing, and if your unit has an open position you will have received several announcements in your inbox. Another reminder will go out soon, as nominations close at 4pm Friday May 15. Please contact the office if you have questions or your unit has an open position and you're interested in joining the Board.

Yours,

Greg Flemming
Executive Director and Chief Returning Officer,
UMFA

Two important surveys for Members

There are two surveys that we encourage all UMFA members to participate in. One is a CAUT survey on the impact of COVID 19 on the working lives of staff at universities and colleges across the country. This information will be used by CAUT and member associations to inform policy and advocacy work. The CAUT survey is here: <https://caut.limequery.org/184689>.

The second is a survey from the UM task force on equity, diversity and inclusion (in which several UMFA Members participated) to identify and address obstacles and inequities on campus. The survey is open until June 1, 2020 and is available here: <https://news.umanitoba.ca/this-survey-belongs-to-all-of-us/>.

MOFA online

You may have noticed UMFA circulating more statements from The Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations (MOFA) in recent weeks. MOFA is comprised of faculty associations from Brandon University, Université de Saint-Boniface, University of Manitoba, and University of Winnipeg. With recent austerity measures by the Pallister government affecting post-secondary institutions and staff, MOFA is representing a collective voice against the measures. To follow news and statements from MOFA, visit the website here: <http://mofa-fapum.mb.ca/> and on social media here: https://twitter.com/MOFA_FAPUM.

Reminder: CAUT Bulletin online

If you've been wondering where your monthly *CAUT Bulletin* went, it has moved to an online-only format for the time being. The complete *CAUT Bulletin* is available for download in a PDF version on the CAUT website [here](#).

Social media to follow

News and action against the Pallister governments cuts to the public sector keeps pouring out of the pages of newspapers and online. A few key places to watch for opportunities to voice your disapproval while this continues to unfold are: [Tell Pallister What the Family Really Thinks](#) on Facebook and Communities Not Cuts Manitoba on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). For news on the latest coming out of Broadway, as well as other labour and education issues, visit [Labour and Education in the News](#) on the UMFA website. Please like, share, and retweet items from these sources to help get more people involved in speaking out against the unnecessary actions of the government.

UMFA AGM postponed; join an UMFA committee

The Board of Representatives recently voted to postpone the AGM until further notice: there are too many technological limitations, privacy issues, and difficulties confirming Membership (and conferring regular-Membership) during an e-meeting. In the meantime, the Executive Council is working to organize several 'UMFA town halls' so Members can meet and discuss issues that concern us all.

As the Constitution gives the Board the power to approve budgets, the budget for the coming year was discussed, voted, and approved by the Board on April 30. The Board also received the auditor's positive review of the Association's finances for the 2019-2020 financial year.

You're also needed to serve on the following committees:

- Health and Safety (OSHAC) (1 rep, 1 alternate – See the [UM's LASH Committee page re: OSHAC](#))
- Diversity and Equity Committee (open committee)
- Winnipeg Labour Council (11 reps)
- Reserve Fund Committee (4 to 6 reps – see [section 7 of the Reserve Fund Policy](#))
- Merit Awards Committee (4 reps – see [article 25 of the CA](#))
- Anomalies Fund Committee (2 reps – see [article 26 of the CA](#))
- Solidarity Committee/Flying Squad (open committee)
- Constitution, Rules and Procedures Committee (open committee)
- Membership Committee (open committee)
- Staff Benefits Committee (5 representatives)

Descriptions of these committees can [be found here, at page 26](#). To nominate yourself for a committee or get more information, email Executive Director Greg Flemming: gflemming@umfa.ca.

If you have information or an event that you'd like to share in an upcoming issue, please email the item to umfa-communications@umfa.ca for consideration.

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