

# SEAMO NEWSLETTER

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## Budget Process

A draft budget is being prepared for SEAMO's 2005-06 year. Preparation of the budget will consider:

- Mission of this Academic Health Sciences Centre
- Submissions by departments
- Information on activities within each department
- External benchmarks
- The work of the Negotiations Preparation Committee, and
- The tentative agreement with the Ministry of Health

In accordance with SEAMO policy, the draft budget will be submitted to the SEAMO Resources Committee for discussion and ultimate recommendation to the Governing Committee. If approved this will be transmitted immediately to departments and once individualized, it will be used as the basis of CTAQ ratification.

The budget will contain recommendations on processes and procedures to oversee departmental deliverables and activities in order to guide and inform SEAMO in this new environment.

## Negotiation Update

On March 29, the negotiators for SEAMO, the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and the Ontario Medical Association reached agreement at the negotiating table on a proposal for a new multi-year funding agreement. If ratified by the parties, this agreement would be retroactive to 2005 January 1. It would be coterminous with the OMA's *Master Agreement* ending 2008 March 31.

On April 7, the Ministry and SEAMO signed off on a written *Agreement in Principle*. This *Agreement in Principle* is designed to guide legal counsel in the drafting of a funding agreement. Ministry practice requires that a first draft of all alternative funding arrangement be prepared by the Ministry's legal staff.

On May 3, SEAMO was informed that the Alternative Payment Program Unit had still not received from Ministry lawyers the draft contract, although it was expected sometime this week.

It is critical that a draft contract be agreed by both negotiating teams before the SEAMO Governing Committee finalizes the budget for 2005-06. Additionally, the budget should be finalized before Signatories are asked to ratify the agreement.

Copies of a final contract draft will be made available to all Clinical Teachers as soon as it becomes available.

## SEAMO Governing Committee Membership 2005-06

With the appointment of a CTAQ member at large, an appointee by the School of Medicine Council, the appointment of the Department of Surgery and the appointee of Hotel Dieu Hospital, the membership for the SEAMO Governing Committee for 2005-06 is now complete. Frank Norman, Chair; David Walker, CEO; Hoshier Abdollah; John Cain; Joe de Mora; Gregory Davies; Cathy Dunne; Ken Edwards; Hugh MacDonald; John McCans; Dale Mercer; Michael O'Connor; David Pichora; Sam Shortt; Lewis Tomalty; David Zelt, Iain Young.

Frank Norman has indicated his intention to step down as Chair of the Governing Committee and Signatories Committee prior to the completion of the 2005-06 year.

## Electronic Voting

Votes have now been cast electronically using a secure website for both the extension to our current funding agreement and for the election of a CTAQ appointee to the Governing Committee. This process has provided confidentiality and expedited the voting process.

Electronic voting will continue and will next be used for the vote on the ratification of a new funding agreement.