

SEAMO SIGNATORIES RATIFY EXTENSION AGREEMENT

Today, the five SEAMO Signatories ratified and signed an agreement to extend the SEAMO funding agreement. This extension continues the current funding provisions of the SEAMO agreement while providing an additional \$11.3 million annually. Ratification of the agreement followed a vote by the members of the Clinical Teachers' Association of Queen's. CTAQ members supported ratification by a vote of 96% in favour.

The SEAMO Governing Committee has not, as yet, developed guidelines for the allocation of these additional funds, which will include approximately \$3 million in retroactive funding.

The extension will be for one year or until the OMA and Government agree on a new framework agreement for the profession, whichever comes last. The OMA and the Ministry are now in negotiation with regard to a new framework agreement.