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AMANS REGIONAL REPORT

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AMA Convention: The AMA Convention was quite successful both financially and in terms of feedback received. There were about 130 delegates in attendance.

opportunity was given for discussion of common issues and concerns. The Municipal Finance Corporation sponsored the event and about 50 people were in attendance.

Municipal Finance Officers Meeting-On the Tuesday before the convention the Municipal Finance Officers met. Several relevant presentations were made and an

During the AGM the proposed new By-laws were approved and they can be found on the AMA website.

Also at the AGM the new AMA Board was appointed. The following members make up the 2009/10 Board of Directors:

President:	Cathie Osborne , Halifax Regional Municipality
Vice-President:	Dan McDougall , Municipality of the County of Colchester,
Secretary-Treasurer:	Chris McNeill , Regional of Queens Municipality
Past-President:	Brian Keizer , LaHave Manor

Regional Representatives

Scott Fraser	Town of Westville, Representing the Pictou Region
Rennie Bugley	Municipality of Cumberland, Representing the Cumberland Region
Dave Gillis	Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, Representing the Antigonish/ Guysborough Region
Jacquie Farrow-Lawrence	Municipality of Annapolis County, Representing the Valley Region
Jim Davis	Town of Port Hawkesbury, Representing the Inverness/ Richmond/Victoria
Toni DeLorenzo	Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Representing the Cape Breton
Kim Paterson	Municipality of Colchester, Representing the Colchester/East Hants
April Whynot-Lohnes	Mun. of the Dist. of Lunenburg, Representing South Shore Region
Pam Caswill	Halifax Regional Municipality, Representing the Metro Region
Ken Moses	Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, Representing the South Western Region

A UNSM Representative will be appointed by the UNSM and is typically the Past President. Alex Dumaresq will serve as the MPA Student Representative.

Municipal Indicators

Recently, an MPA student conducted a program review of the MIP which included a number of recommended changes to the program. In addition, an internal review was conducted by AMA & SNSMR representatives in 2006. The recommendations of this review were never implemented. These two factors plus the recently released AIMS Municipal report card demonstrated a need to strike a committee to review the recommendations of both reports and develop a plan for implementation. Tara Manual and Shannon Bennett of SNSMR have been working with AMA representatives Dan MacDougall and Rennie Bugley to develop a Terms of Reference for this Committee. The TOR were approved at the last Board meeting and will be forwarded to members with a Call for Expression of Interest for Committee members.

Policy Initiative/Forum

The AMA is working with the UNSM to develop a process where local government can impact provincial policy decisions. (looking at all policy through a municipal lens)

Water and Waste Water Operator Courses

The AMA has worked with NSCC to offer a course in Water and Wastewater Operating training at the Nova Scotia Community College. NSCC will be taking enrollments this fall for these new courses. We will have some information on our website on these courses within the next week or so.

Civicjobs.ca

The AMA recently signed an agreement with Civicjobs.ca to post municipal employment opportunities on a national municipal job board CivicJobs.ca which is a national not-for-profit local government information service. The site

which was originally a co-operative venture between BC's local governments and Association provides a wide range of services to its members including promoting local government as a career choice. Last year the site went national and is currently experiencing about 24,000 unique visits and 135,000 page views per month, and traffic is climbing at such a rate that they expect these numbers to more than double in the year ahead.

The price structure for CivicJobs.ca is as follows:

Single jobs	
Regular rate:	\$150
Pre-Paid Packages	
Pre-Paid 3 Pack:	\$400
Pre-Paid 5 Pack:	\$650
Pre-Paid 10 Pack:	\$995
Six month unlimited:	\$2,995
One year unlimited:	\$4,995

Workshops and Conferences:

The AMA will be jointly holding a CAO/CEO Forum this Spring with the UNSM along with a workshop on Council/Staff Relations which will be held in conjunction with the UNSM's Spring Workshop.

AMA Spring Conference: This year's event will be hosted by the Pictou Region and will be held at the Pictou Lodge in June.

AMA Fall Convention will be held at Digby Pines October 5-8th

Joint AMA/UNSM Convention: The AMA and UNSM are striking a committee to explore the possibility of holding a joint Fall Convention in 2013.

Committees

Call for Expressions of Interest to serve on Committees will be going out early next week. We will be seeking members for the following Committees:

- **AMA Membership Committee**
- **AMA Education Committee**
- **M/P JAG Committee – Joint Advisory Group on Water & Wastewater**
- **AMA Reps to serve on PVSC Board**
- **AMA Model Policy and By-law Committee**
- **AMA Certification Committee**
- **Fall Convention and Spring Workshop Committee**
- **Municipal Indicators Committee**