

# MEMBER SERVICES

The AMM hosts four main events for our members each year, as well as series of high quality professional development opportunities.

## AMM Annual Convention Winnipeg Convention Centre — November 22 to 25, 2004

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The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the AMM saw delegates enjoy a series of round table discussions, workshops, plenary sessions, and guest speakers.

Three keynote speakers were featured: Bob Gray, George Cuff, and Alvin Law. Delegates also had the opportunity to attend workshops on various issues of interest to municipalities, including *the status of Lake Winnipeg, the review of the RCMP Policing Model in Manitoba, an overview of the Manitoba Floodway Expansion Authority, an introduction to the new Crown Corporation Travel Manitoba, the need for healthy communities, Manitoba's Ground Search and Rescue system, and effective local government leadership.*

Speakers for this year's Convention included the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs & Trade, Scott Smith, Leader of the Manitoba Official Opposition, Stuart Murray, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Ann MacLean, Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party, Dr. Jon Gerrard, and The Honourable Reg Alcock, MP Winnipeg South. The AMM also offered two plenary sessions focussing on the *Federal New Deal* and *Education Funding*.



Intergovernmental Affairs & Trade Minister Scott Smith chaired the 2004 Ministerial Forum.

## Resolutions Summary

Number of Resolutions	60
Number of Late Resolutions	2
Total Number of Resolutions	62
Number carried	56
Number defeated	5
Number withdrawn	1

Intergovernmental Affairs & Trade Minister Scott Smith chaired the 2004 Ministerial Forum. He was joined by Premier Gary Doer and Ministers Oswald, McGifford, Mackintosh, Chomiak, Bjornson, Struthers, Robinson, Lemieux, Wowchuk, Ashton, Rondeau, and Sale. Questions fielded by the Ministers were focused on health, transportation, water, education funding and policing issues.

### Election results — AMM 2004 Annual Convention:

President — Ron Bell, Mayor, Town of Birtle  
Vice President, Rural — Garry Wasylowski, Reeve, RM of Armstrong  
Vice-President, Urban — Lorne Boguski, Mayor, Town of Roblin

## Municipal Officials Seminar (MOS) and Trade Show February 28 and March 1, 2005

This event, held each year in Brandon's Keystone Centre, provides members with an opportunity to participate in education and policy related workshop sessions. Over 800 municipal officials attended workshops on topics such as *creating healthy communities, promoting older Manitobans, school division budgets, immigration and community planning, and RCMP resources.* As well, plenary sessions were offered on *property tax in Canada, the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program, and the Planning Act.*

In conjunction with MOS, the MTCML holds its largest trade show event of the year. This one-day trade show is held the first day of MOS and included over 100 booths.

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## Mayors, Reeves and CAOs Meetings

March 14 to 23, 2005

Held over a two-week period in each of the AMM's seven districts, these meetings are used to enhance communication between the AMM and its members. This year, a primary issue discussed was land use and water resource planning.

The 2005 Mayors, Reeves and CAO's Meetings took place in Alonsa, Treherne, Virden, St. Lazare, Grand Rapids, Teulon, and La Broquerie.

## June District Meetings

June 13 to 23, 2005

Also held in each of the AMM's seven districts, June District Meetings offer members educational workshops and presentations on current policy issues. Resolutions passed at June Districts are brought forward to the AMM Annual Convention. Every second year each district also has the opportunity to elect its Director on the AMM Board. As this past year was an election year, four new directors were elected.

This year's June District Meetings saw 162 of 199 municipalities represented. They were held in The Pas, Roblin, Gladstone, Whitemouth, Fraserwood, Winkler, and Glenboro.



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## AMM Education Program

AMM members were offered several high quality professional development sessions this year. October's "Whose on First Base?" and March's "Decision-Making for Councils and Boards" were held in Portage la Prairie and both had attendance of over 100 people. May's "Communicating When Strangling Isn't an Option" was held in Winnipeg and was also well-attended by over 100 municipal officials.

## Outgoing AMM Directors

The AMM said farewell to four directors during June District Meetings this year, including:

- Steve Lupky, Councillor, Town of Arborg — Interlake Urban Director
- Harold Foster, Reeve, RM of Bifrost — Interlake Rural Director
- George Harbottle, Reeve, RM of Alexander — Eastern Rural Director
- Albert Nabe, Reeve, RM of Shell River — Parklands Rural Director



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