



Joe Masi, Executive Director

Convention theme timely

As you know, Convention is just around the corner. This year's theme, Strong Leadership, Strong Future reflects the need for dedicated leaders in order to build strong and sustainable communities for the future.

The Convention is one of the AMM's most important events as it brings together all our members for four days of learning, sharing, skill-building and having fun. This year's agenda will include many timely topics including a plenary on the activities of the Office of Rural and Northern Health, which looks at addressing the problem of physician shortages in Manitoba. As well, there will be a presentation on the community consultation process for identifying policing priorities for your community. Also, we will continue with

the Round Table Discussions that received a lot of positive feedback from last year's delegates. One major change we've made to the agenda is that the Convention will be ending at noon on Thursday afternoon.

Of course, delegates can expect many of the regular Convention activities such as the resolution sessions, elections for Vice-Presidents and President, the keynote address and the ever-popular Ministerial Forum. There will also be a special session for CAOs, presented by the keynote speaker. I also encourage all delegates to take the time to visit the trade show.

As always, AMM staff members are always available to help out delegates. If you have any questions or concerns about Convention, you can contact **Stacy Roteliuk**,

Events Coordinator at 204-856-2374 or Linda Hargest, Director of Administration and Marketing at 204-856-2361. As well, watch our website for up-to-date information on agenda items, sponsors, and the partner's program.

Delegates at this year's Convention might also notice three new faces on the AMM staff. I'm pleased to welcome Erin Boutang and Janna Switzer as our two new Policy Analysts as well as Julia Green, who is filling a brand new position at the AMM as Administrative Assistant. Please introduce yourselves when you see them around.

I hope to see everyone at Convention. ●

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