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## Reflections – a strong past, a promising future!

The 2006 MMAA Conference theme was *Reflections – A Strong Past, A Promising Future!* We had a very successful 75<sup>th</sup> conference with membership welcoming in the new Executive Council member, and I started my term as President at that time.

For some time now, our membership and elected officials alike have identified a need for training in the area of Employee Management. In 2006, we are very pleased to introduce a new series of workshops, called the Performance Management System for Municipal Government Administrators and Supervisors. This four-part series created and facilitated by **Dr. Bob Kent**, will provide the tools required for municipal administrators and supervisors to give leadership, direction and motivation to employees in a constructive, effective manner. Dr. Kent has conducted seminars for the MMAA in the past and is heralded as a presenter whose training includes information and tools that you can actually use on a day-to-day basis. The series has already begun with sessions scheduled for September 8, 2006 and October 13, 2006. Members and non-members alike are welcome to register.

For some 20 years now, the national Public Sector Accounting and Auditing Board has been working on establishing accounting rules that are specific to government entities. Some say for better, some say for worse, but the fact is that federal and provincial governments, along with the accounting profession, are adopting these rules and compliance will be mandatory in Manitoba municipalities in the near future. MMAA is working with the Province to determine what impact this will have on municipalities, what timeline will be provided and required for implementation, what training and orientation will be needed, and what processes must be

initiated. The goal is to make the changes necessary with the least possible interference in current procedures. The MMAA is pleased to have been brought to the table at this juncture and we are confident that we can provide positive, valuable input for all those involved.

As you can see, there is not much time for transition in this position. You just jump right in with both feet. I would like to take this opportunity to commend Past President **Val Turner** and her Council members for their dedication over the past two years. I would also like to thank our current Council

members along with members of the Board of Directors of the AMM for their warm welcomes. I am looking forward to the challenges involved in the work I will be called upon to do with all members of the MMAA, our Executive Council and the AMM Board in service to the citizens of Manitoba. I believe there is a very promising future for municipal government. ☺

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