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Wrapping up one year, unwrapping the next

The AMM 9th Annual Convention has come and gone, and by all accounts it was a resounding success. A total of 970 delegates attended, making it our second-largest attendance in Brandon to date. We had a full slate of excellent speakers, both policy-related and motivational, along with seamless and efficient resolutions sessions.

As you know, the participation of our membership is crucial to the success of an event of this magnitude. The board and staff of the AMM collectively feel that this year in particular, the contribution of our members was extremely positive. An air of optimism and spirit of working together for a common goal was evident throughout the entire Convention. This, in my opinion, only helped to improve an already top-notch agenda, and will give us momentum as we move forward with our lobbying efforts in 2008.

The next item on the AMM events calendar is the first education session of 2008, *Communicating for Results: From Conflict to Cooperation*, on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at the Clarion Inn & Suites in Winnipeg. **Priti Shah** is an articulate and enthusiastic presenter who has been doing public speaking for more than a decade and who brings a diverse personal and professional background to her presentations. If you haven't registered yet, time is indeed running out. Log on to our website at www.amm.mb.ca to register online. If

you have missed the first session, don't worry – it is only the first of three excellent sessions we have scheduled for you this year. For more information, contact our Events Coordinator, **Donna Belbin**, at dbelbin@amm.mb.ca, or visit our website for complete details.

We will soon be taking registration for Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings online also – these are coming up in mid-March. Visit the AMM Events Calendar at www.amm.mb.ca for dates and locations.

Those of you who attended Convention will also be aware of our new logo – and if you did not hear about it there, you will see evidence of our new “look” throughout this magazine and on virtually everything else we produce. This logo is the first initiative in a year-long celebration of our 10-year anniversary, which we officially kicked off just prior to adjourning the Convention. Watch for further details on other events throughout the coming year. This is indeed an exciting milestone for our association and one we could not have reached without the ongoing support of our membership. It is this support, and the spirit of partnership I witnessed during Convention, that truly drives us to do the work that we do each day. Thank you and I wish you all the best in 2008! ☺



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