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2012 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday June 12th: Guest Speaker, Tim Paziuk and Dancing, Paul Yanko & the Phoenix Band - The Resurrection Shuffle!

Our Division is sponsoring a very special evening at the Coast Kamloops Hotel and Convention Center. A short business portion to allow time for a collegial evening to connect with each other as well as our specialist colleagues, retirees and significant others. The event is FREE for Division members and \$50 for non-members (spouses, specialists, etc.). In addition to our guest speaker, we will enjoy a buffet dinner, dance with Paul Yanko & the Phoenix Band, win some door prizes, and bid in a silent auction with the proceeds going towards the Marjorie Willoughby Snowden Memorial Hospice Home.

Tim Paziuk has over 30 years experience working with professional corporations in Canada. His first book, Professional Corporations – The Secret to Success, provided an in depth look into the benefits of incorporation and the steps required to realize all the benefits that a professional corporation has to offer. His second book, The Financial Navigator – Managing Your Success, is meant to help professionals “navigate some of the raging rapids and dangerous detours and allow you a safer, smoother journey on the road to financial independence.”

[Click here for registration information!](#)

Call for Nominations – Anyone interested in becoming a Board member, please contact a current Board member or Chris Hollstedt, Executive Director, at director.trdofp@telus.net.

Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

We would like to welcome Dr. Bamidele Olalekan Olabiya, a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, who joins us from Nigeria by way of Ireland. He is now opening a part time office practice and is accepting referrals for children and adolescents with mental health concerns for psychiatric assessment and/or follow-up. Please address the referrals to: 782 Seymour Street, Kamloops, BC V2C 2H3 Phone: 250-372-3086 Fax: 250-372-1569.

Walk With Your Doc Tuesday May 8th

The 2nd annual Walk With Your Doc event in Kamloops is supported by the BCMA. It was developed to coincide with the World Health Organization’s Move for Health Day. We encourage you to get your inactive patients moving, ask them to join you for a walk around McArthur Island to emphasize the importance of being physically active and receive a FREE pedometer. There will be groups to accommodate all fitness levels, a “stroll to get started” group, a “walk to keep active” group and a “run to good health” group. Resource packages are currently being sent out to all members. [More information is here!](#)

Beyond the MOU Event February 28th

Thank you to those who responded to our survey and were able to come out to the membership event at Accolades Dining Room. The great ideas provided there will allow your Board to have a clear mandate for our Division office to move ahead. For information about the survey and our draft Vision/Mission, [click here](#). The ideas gathered from the meeting are available by [clicking here](#).

MOU for In Hospital Care

For those involved in this MOU, you have received your cheque for the period which ended March 31st. Physicians, IH and the MoH are working on appropriate funding models going forward. Due to the work of the Access & Flow Group, our Division has an opportunity to submit proposals to look at improvements in Transitions in Care and a possible collaboration between PITO, PSP and the Divisions which has additional funding attached. Please stay tuned for updates.

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As always, please email the Division at trdofp@telus.net if you need more information on any particular topic or wish to volunteer for something, anything!

BCCFP CME Roadshow April 28th

The BC College of Family Physicians CME Roadshow will be in Kamloops April 28th at the Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre. [Additional information & registration is here.](#)

Upcoming Events

April 28th – BCCFP CME Roadshow

May 7th – Residential Care Committee Meeting

May 8th – Walk with your Doc

June 12th – Annual General Meeting Dinner & Dance with Special Guest Speaker Tim Paziuk

June 14th/15th – Provincial Integrated Primary & Community Care Learning Session

Residential Care Working Group & Chronic Pain Management Committee

The Board has supported the creation of a Residential Care Working Group led by Dr. Phil Sigalet. We have a core group of physicians who are working on supporting call groups and assisting new residents in finding Family Physicians who will cover specific facilities. If you have interest in joining the working group, please contact the Division office or Dr. Sigalet directly.

Our member survey indicated this is our #2 priority with mental health being our #1 issue. IHA Sr Executive Team just announced they plan to develop a comprehensive Pain Management Strategy with physician input. Dr. Rob Baker has stepped forward to represent the our Division. The Board has agreed to fund and support a committee of interested physicians and valued partners. Please contact our Division office if you are interested in this committee.

Community Care Tip of the Month

A Provincial After Hours Palliative Nursing Service Telephone Support program has been funded by the Ministry of Health to begin in early April. Only patients currently receiving palliative home care nursing services from IHA are eligible. This service was designed to support palliative patients to stay at home longer with their families or caregivers, and to die at home if they wish to do so. This Palliative Nursing Call Line is meant to augment the services our existing Family Physicians and Palliative Care Call Group currently provide. Your palliative care patients can also call the Marjorie Willoughby Snowden Hospice House to access after hours advice as well at 250-372-1336. [Full information is here.](#)

Locum Information

If you are a locum or are looking for a locum, please contact the Division office to put your requests on our locum forums which are now available on [our website](#).

Welcome to the Division

Please welcome Dr. Ken Bates and Dr. Janet Bates from Scotch Creek, as well as Dr. Rodney Klassen, Dr. Orlando Passerin and Dr. David Stoltze!

Important Updates

Check out these important updates on the [Division website](#).

The **Neurodiagnostic** referral criteria & form for CTS vs EMG studies [are here](#).

The Interdivisional Strategic Council announced the **Advance Care Planning Initiative** (My Voice booklet). The program aims to ensure alignment with the "Provincial End of Life Care Action Plan for BC". More information is on [the Division website](#).

The RIH **MAC** meeting was held April 3rd. [Meeting minutes are available here](#).

IHA is evolving out of the present **Integrated Health Networks** consisting of a number of practices in Kamloops for a broader integration of community services around all family physician's/general practitioner's offices. This change will take place in 2013. Member input was obtained at the Beyond the MOU event & more will be sought to create a clear picture of what we would see as a new model.

Check out the **Provincial Division's newsletter** for [February 2012 here](#).