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# President's Letter

August 1, 2013

## President's Tour will focus on negotiations priorities

*Members also asked to identify ways to improve efficiency, cost-effectiveness*



Yordan Karaivanov, MD  
President

Dear Colleagues:

Our current *Memorandum of Agreement* with the provincial government expires on September 30. In anticipation of talks beginning on a new MOA in the coming period, the focus of my President's Tour this fall will be on identifying your negotiations priorities.

While identifying priorities will be very important, equally as important will be identifying our recommendations to government to improve efficiencies and cost-effectiveness within the province's medical care system.

In the current climate of fiscal restraint, it is in our best interest to work with government to ensure the sustainability of our health care system. As health care leaders, we are well positioned to advise government on how best to use health care dollars to improve quality and safety for our patients.

Please send me your top three negotiations priorities, in order of preference, along with your suggestions on how to improve sustainability of the system. You can email me at [president@nlma.nl.ca](mailto:president@nlma.nl.ca) or fax (709) 726-7525. Please have your feedback to me **on or before August 23**.

The information I receive will be consolidated into a document that will be used to facilitate discussion during the upcoming President's Tour. The document will also be used as part of our overall effort to work with government towards improved sustainability.

I will launch my tour in September, with a meeting in Labrador City on September 17 at 12 noon in Conference Room A of the Captain William Jackman Hospital. I will hold an evening meeting on September 17 with my colleagues in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. On September 18, I look forward to meeting with physicians in St. Anthony at 5 p.m. at the Dr. Charles S. Curtis Hospital boardroom.

The second leg of the President's Tour will be held from October 21 to 23, with visits to Grand Falls-Windsor, Gander, Clarenville and Carbonear.

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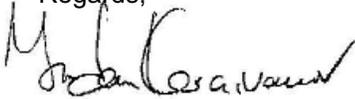
Full details of the Tour and a link to my e-mail are available on the NLMA website at [www.nlma.nl.ca](http://www.nlma.nl.ca).

We will also be engaging members during NLMA board meetings, which will be held in various locations around the province.

On September 21, the NLMA Board of Directors will meet at the Glynmill Inn in Corner Brook. As part of our meeting, we will hold a town hall to give area physicians an opportunity to discuss their issues and concerns. Future board meetings are planned for Grand Falls-Windsor and Clarenville.

I look forward to meeting and talking with you in the weeks and months ahead.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Karaivanov', written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Yordan Karaivanov, MD  
President