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Activity Report

Dr. Roger Strasser, Dean-CEO

March – April 2016

NOSM's Achievements and Upcoming Events Discussed at Board of Directors Meeting

Using a combination of video- and tele-conference connectivity across Northern Ontario, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) held a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

At the meeting, Board members heard from Kathleen Beatty, NOSM's Director of Equity and Quality and Ted Bridge, NOSM's Director of Human Resources about the progress made regarding the School's strategy to enhance a safe and respectful NOSM community. In addition, the Board received reports from several Board committees, as well as from the School's Academic Council, Indigenous Reference Group, and Francophone Reference Group.

In his Progress Report to the Board, NOSM Dean Dr. Roger Strasser highlighted recent achievements in the areas of educational excellence, outstanding research, whole school culture, faculty empowerment, and community engagement that reflect the School's social accountability mandate and address the strategic goals set out in the [NOSM's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan](#).

Board members were reminded of two important upcoming events being hosted by NOSM. The fifth annual [Northern Constellations](#), a conference that brings together NOSM faculty from across Northern Ontario to share experiences, network, and participate in workshops related to educating future health professionals, will take place April 8 - 9 in Thunder Bay. [ICEMEN 2016](#) (International conference on Community Engaged Medical Education in the North) is a five-day conference exploring how community-driven health education and research builds healthy communities. Held June 20 - 25 in Sault Ste. Marie, ICEMEN will include an Indigenous Research Gathering and the School's 11th annual Northern Health Research Conference.

The Board approved the Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2016.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is the Annual Board Face-to-Face Meeting, this year scheduled for May 12-13, 2016 in Hearst, Ontario.

For more information on the Board visit: http://www.nosm.ca/about_us/governance/general.aspx?id=5022

NOSM Indigenous Reference Group Holds Face-to-Face Meeting in Sudbury

The [Indigenous Reference Group](#) (IRG)—formerly known as the Aboriginal Reference Group—of the [Northern Ontario School of Medicine](#) (NOSM) held a face-to-face meeting in Sudbury on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Members began their one-day meeting with an opening prayer from Elder Peter Jones, followed by a welcome and update on the School from Dr. David Marsh, NOSM Deputy Dean and Associate Dean of Community Engagement.

Throughout the day, members of NOSM's Indigenous Reference Group received presentations related to the School's socially accountable admissions processes, intercultural effectiveness training in the MD program, [NOSM's Indigenous Health Research Gathering](#) taking place in Sault Ste. Marie in June 2016, and a progress report from recommendations made at the School's [Walking the Vision Gathering](#) hosted at Chapleau Cree First Nation in 2014. In addition, IRG members had an opportunity to discuss and recommend NOSM's adoption of the terminology "Indigenous Peoples" in place of "Aboriginal Peoples."

Reporting to the NOSM Dean, the Indigenous Reference Group was established to provide advice to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine's initiatives, including research, administration, and academic issues in the promotion of excellence in higher learning and accommodation of the Indigenous world view. The Indigenous Reference Group serves as the primary resource for the medical school in the fulfilment of its social accountability mandate as it relates to Indigenous health education.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine's next Indigenous Reference Group meeting is scheduled to occur on May 3, 2016.

For more information: <http://www.nosm.ca/aboriginal/>

Hard Rock Medical spends week at Nipissing First Nation

By PJ Wilson, The Nugget – Monday, March 28, 2016.

To Read the Article: <http://www.nugget.ca/2016/03/28/hard-rock-medical-spends-week-at-nipissing-first-nation>

Hard Rock Medical: Online <http://hardrockmedical.com/>

Third Edition of The Scope Now Available

Across NOSM's wider campus of Northern Ontario, important health research is being undertaken that contributes to improving the health of the people and communities of Northern Ontario. Learn more about some of the exciting health research currently taking place in Northern Ontario in the latest edition of The Scope, NOSM's semi-annual research publication.

For more information <http://nosm.ca/thescope/>



Northern Constellations 2016

Join your colleagues on April 8 and 9, 2016 in Thunder Bay for our Fifth Annual Faculty Development Conference. Northern Constellations 2016 will further develop your knowledge and skills as a faculty member at NOSM.

For more information or to register:

<http://www.nosm.ca/northernconstellations2016/>



ICEMEN 2016

Registration is now open for ICEMEN 2016 (including Northern Health Research Conference). Through the diverse global interest of speakers and participants, ICEMEN 2016 will promote international dialogue and exchange and strengthen awareness of distributed, community-engaged medical and health professional education, research, and service. Delegates will have an opportunity to visit and engage with communities in Northern Ontario through Conference on the Move (June 20-21).

The Indigenous Research Gathering (June 23-24) and the Northern Health Research Conference (June 24-25) may also be of interest to participants. Sessions will run concurrently throughout the conference. Early bird fees apply before April 20. For more information, please visit www.icemen2016.ca or email icemen2016@nosm.ca.



Northern Passages Available Online

The latest issue of Northern Passages is now available online. Online:

<http://nosm.ca/northernpassages/>

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Respectfully submitted,

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