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Northern Ontario School of Medicine Activity Report

Dr. Roger Strasser, Dean

November-December 2015

NOSM Board Holds Face-to-Face Meeting in Thunder Bay

Board Members Tour Anishnawbe Mushkiki Aboriginal Health Centre and Take Part in a Case-Based Learning Exercise

The [Board of Directors of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine](#) (NOSM) held a face-to-face meeting in Thunder Bay on November 26 and 27, 2015.

NOSM Board members began their two-day meeting with a tour of the [Anishnawbe Mushkiki Aboriginal Health Centre](#). Established as a primary health care facility within the District of Thunder Bay, the Centre provides primary, traditional, and alternative approaches that work to empower Aboriginal people to achieve optimal health and wellbeing.

This year, NOSM's Board of Directors and Academic Council members participated together in quality monitoring and effectiveness sessions, first looking at the Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP), led by Dr. Moira McPherson, Chair of NOSM's Board of Directors and Lakehead's Provost and VP (Academic), and Dr. Nancy Luckai, Lakehead's Deputy Provost. Next, Directors took part in two Case-Based Learning (CBL) exercises typical of NOSM's student-centred teaching approach. This session was led by Dr. Roger Strasser, NOSM's Dean, Dr. David Marsh, NOSM's Deputy Dean and Associate Dean of Community Engagement, Dr. Owen Prowse, NOSM's Assistant Dean of Admissions, Miriam Cain, NOSM's Director of Admissions, and Kate Beatty, NOSM's Director of Equity and Quality.

In the evening of the first day, Board members were able to view [The Rural Challenge and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine](#), a documentary by Dr. Hoi Cheu, a faculty member and researcher at Laurentian University. The film describes NOSM's revolutionary rural educational model through the personal experience, insight and humour of the School's students, graduates, faculty members, community partners, and international associates.

Throughout the two days, Board members received presentations related to NOSM's socially accountable admissions processes, finance, and advancement, and updates from several Board committees. In addition, Board members heard about the progress made regarding NOSM's development of a *Response to and Prevention of Sexual Violence on Campus* strategy.

Angèle Brunelle, NOSM Board member, and Executive Director of L'Accueil francophone, and NOSM's Dr. David Marsh, provided an overview of the recently held fifth Francophone Symposium where more than 90 health professionals and community partners from across Northern Ontario gathered to explore dimension of health care related to Francophone populations.

At the formal Board meeting at the end of the second day, the Board approved Financial Statements from the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee for the five-month period ending September 30, 2015.

The Board-approved [A Roadmap to 2020: NOSM's Whole School Strategic Action Plan](#) was circulated to all members, which is a follow-up document to NOSM's Strategic Plan 2015-2020 that describes exactly how the School will accomplish its strategic goals. NOSM publicly launched its new strategic plan in September, the details of which are available at www.no.smsp2020.ca.

Dr. Moira McPherson, Chair of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine's Board of Directors and VP, Academic and Provost at Lakehead, noted that the two-day meeting in Sudbury was a great success. "As NOSM celebrates its 10th anniversary, it's exciting to reflect on the progress the School has made in contributing to the health of the people and communities of Northern Ontario," says Dr. McPherson. "NOSM's success is truly a collaborative effort, and I am inspired by the Board's ongoing dedication to corporate governance and fiscal management at the School."

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine's next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to occur on March 16, 2016.

NOSM Associate Dean, Postgraduate Education Reappointed for Second Five-Year Term



The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) is pleased to announce the reappointment of Dr. Catherine Cervin as NOSM's Associate Dean of Postgraduate Education (PGE) for a second five-year term, effective September 2016. NOSM's Postgraduate Education Office is responsible for the oversight, administration and support of all Postgraduate Residency Programs in Northern Ontario. NOSM offers Residency Programs in: Family Medicine and Family Medicine Enhanced Skills in Emergency Medicine, Family Practice Anesthesia, Maternity Care, and Care of the Elderly. Royal College Accredited Programs include Public Health and Preventative Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Psychiatry, Anesthesiology. As well there is a Northern Stream of the Ottawa Obstetrics and Gynecology residency program.

NOSM Assistant Dean Learner Affairs Appointment

We are pleased announce that Dr. Jason Shack has accepted the position of Assistant Dean, Learner Affairs for Undergraduate Medical Education at NOSM, effective December 1, 2015. Dr. Shack has been involved with NOSM in many aspects of undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. Most recently, he held the role of Site Liaison Clinician in Fort Frances for many years as well as he was a member of the UME Theme 1 Committee. Dr. Shack received his MD from the University of Toronto, and completed both his Rural Family Medicine Residency and his Family Practice Anesthesia Fellowship in the North with the Northeastern Ontario Family Medicine Program in the days before NOSM. His reputation as an outstanding and student-centered educator is well known in NOSM. After a number of years of practice and teaching in Fort Frances, Dr. Shack and his family have recently relocated to Thunder Bay where he has joined the Aurora Family Clinic. Please join Dr. Dave Musson and the UME Portfolio in welcoming their newest member of the team, Dr. Jason Shack, to NOSM. Jason, all the best in continuing your success at NOSM in your new role as Assistant Dean, Learner Affairs.

NOSM Makes an Impact in Sudbury

The impact the Northern Ontario School of Medicine has had on Northern Ontario's health and economy was celebrated on Wednesday, November 18 at a leadership luncheon held by the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce. NOSM, the first medical school to open in Canada in 30 years, celebrated its 10th anniversary earlier this year.



Founding dean, Dr. Roger Strasser, was one of four panelists who spoke to chamber members at the Radisson Hotel. The "genesis" of the school was in 2000 and 2001 with a widespread community movement to increase the number of family doctors in Northern Ontario by educating them here.

Strasser read excerpts from a Sudbury Star editorial that ran Sept. 14, 2005, the day after the medical school officially opened. At that time, then Sudbury mayor Jim Gordon called

the opening of the medical school one of the most important announcements in Sudbury's history.

For more information see <http://www.thesudburystar.com/2015/11/19/sudburys-med-school-makes-impact>

Above: Dr. Chris Bourdon, second right, chief of staff at Health Sciences North, speaks to an audience at a Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Sudbury, Ont. on Wednesday November 18, 2015.

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Leadership luncheon in Thunder Bay

The Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce is hosting a luncheon with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) as they celebrate 10 years of working together for a healthier North on Friday December 4, 2015. Panellists, include Dr. Roger Strasser, Dean and CEO of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Mr. Tim Pile, Secretary-Treasurer to the Métis Nation of Ontario, NOSM Board Member, and Member of NOSM's Aboriginal Reference Group, Dr. Kim Varty, Physician at Fort William Clinic, Assistant Professor at NOSM, and Site Director for NOSM's Postgraduate Family Medicine Program in Thunder Bay and Mr. Chuck Schmitt, Physician Recruitment and Fundraising Coordinator with the Dryden Regional Health Centre, and NOSM Site Administrative Coordinator.

To register: <http://business.tbchamber.ca/events/details/leaders-luncheon-with-nosm-22>

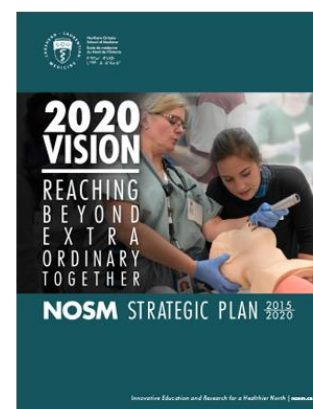
Reaching Beyond Extraordinary Together—NOSM's Strategic Plan 2015-2020 / Dépasser l'extraordinaire ensemble—Plan stratégique de l'EMNO 2015-2020

Consistent with our social accountability mandate, and guided by our vision, mission, and values, five strategic goals are at the heart of our renewed Strategic Plan.

Our five strategic goals

- Enrich Education Programs
- Strengthen Research Capacity
- Create Whole School Culture
- Empower Faculty Members
- Engage Communities and Partners

Visit the website: <http://www.nosm.ca/strategicplan2015-2020/>



NOSM Hosts Fifth Francophone Symposium

From September 24 to 26, 2015, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) held its fifth Francophone Symposium at Laurentian University in Sudbury. More than 90 health professionals and community partners from across Northern Ontario gathered to explore dimensions of health care related to Francophone populations.

With a particular focus on mental health and the "active offer" (ensuring that services in French are obvious, easily available, and accessible), the conference provided dynamic presentations, discussions, and a student-led wellness workshop. These activities focused on community networking, capacity building, health practices and services, and collaborative approaches designed to enhance effective health-care delivery for Francophones in Northern Ontario.

For more information visit: <http://nosm.ca/symposiumfrancophone2015/>

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



ICEMEN 2016 is a five-day conference exploring themes of social accountability and community engagement in medical education and research. Specifically, ICEMEN will investigate how community-driven health education and research builds healthy communities.

Abstract submission deadline is 15 January 2016.

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For more information and to register: <http://www.icemen2016.ca/>

Northern Passages Fall 2015 Now Available

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

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

For more news and information visit www.nosm.ca

Respectfully submitted,

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