



Your Voice

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe, but we are rapidly approaching the end of another year and our Annual General Meeting will be less than a month away by the time you read this. It has been a pleasure working with my colleagues on the MUNPA Board this year, and collectively working on behalf of faculty and staff retirees of Memorial University. Our program committee has been particularly active, with a diverse range of activities that enable our members to stay connected with each other and with the broader university community. Stay tuned for exciting developments that will better enable us to engage with pensioners outside the St. John's and Corner Brook areas.

The past few months have been particularly challenging for our university. The budget issues that have played out in the media, and the precarious state of the province's finances, show clearly that the coming year will be a difficult one. MUNPA will be working with our colleagues in the university community to meet the challenges that are sure to come, and will continue to work hard on your behalf. As always, don't hesitate to ask questions or provide suggestions via munpa@mun.ca. And please also consider attending our AGM for both an interesting series of presentations and an opportunity to interact directly with Board members and raise issues of concern to you. Details on the location and timing of the AGM can be found on our web site and elsewhere in this Bulletin.

WANTED!!

Nominations for 2017 MUNPA Tribute Awards

Do you know a retired MUNPA member who has made ongoing and important contributions to the University and/or the community?

Retirees, whether faculty or staff, with not fewer than five years of continuous employment service with Memorial, are eligible for nomination. A nomination must include the support of at least two MUNPA members.

For the nomination form or more information please refer to the MUNPA website (www.mun.ca/munpa) or contact the MUNPA office (864-6979) or by e-mail (munpa@mun.ca).

STUDY ON VISION AND MEMORY – LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Cognitive Aging and Memory Lab is seeking volunteers to participate in a research study on Vision and Memory! We are looking for English speaking adults aged 50 years and older. The study is being conducted by Dr. Roberta DiDonato and Dr. Aimee Surprenant and aims to look at how visual ability and/or viewing conditions might affect the ability to learn and recall written medical instructions.

This study will take place on the Memorial University Campus in the Science building (3066J) and take approximately two hours to complete. The study can be scheduled in either one or two sessions. You will be compensated \$10 to defray the cost to travel to Memorial University and as a token of our appreciation of your time. Free proximal parking to the Science building can also be arranged for you.

If you are interested in participating or wish to learn more about the study please contact the Cognitive aging and memory lab in the Psychology department by phone at 864-6214, or via email: camel@mun.ca.

DONATING TO THE CAMPUS FOOD BANK

The Campus Food Bank usually receives its donations from MUNPA members via cash and/or food. If that is the way that members want to give, that is quite fine and does not have to change. However, for those who would prefer to donate funds via their paycheque, the Campus Food Bank has developed a donation form in conjunction with Payroll. At this time it is paper only. The form can be found on our website at:

<http://www.mun.ca/campusfoodbank/donations.php>.

If anyone has any questions about the form, please contact us at foodbank@mun.ca

REMINDER - MUNPA AGM

DATE: *Thursday, June 8th from 9:00-3:00*

LOCATION: Lester's Farm Chalet, 92 Pearltown Rd., St. John's

THEME for the morning: *SUSTAIN to the best of our ABILITY*

Max Liboiron, Department of Geography, will talk about ocean sustainability.

Enactus Memorial will tell us about their award-winning hydroponics project, SucSeed.

Onsite registration begins at 9:00 am and the morning sessions run from 9-10:30 am and 11:00-12:00 pm. There will be a buffet lunch. The business meeting will be from 1:30-3:00 pm.

There is no charge for attending the AGM. If you want to join us for lunch, the cost is \$25.00, in cash or by cheque payable to MUNPA.

Pre-registration is required. It lets us know how many people to expect and how much food should be ordered.

Please pre-register for the AGM by sending an e-mail to munpaevents@mun.ca.

When you do, please let us know

- ✚ Whether you want to join us for lunch and, if so,
- ✚ Whether you want a vegetarian meal or if you have any dietary restrictions

FAQs:

Lester's Farm Chalet is at 92 Pearltown Road, St. John's. You will find a map on their website lestersfamilyfarm.ca

Directions from Topsail Road:

- o Driving west on Topsail Road, turn left at Brookfield Fire Station, 569 Topsail Road, onto Brookfield Road.
- o Bear right at intersection with Waterford Bridge Road, remaining on Brookfield Road. At 2.2 kilometres after the fire station, turn left onto Pearltown Road.
- o Go 0.7km. Lester's Farm Chalet will be on your left, #92, **just before** the bridge.

If you need a ride, please let us know.

MUNPA EVENT – ATTEND IN PERSON OR ONLINE OR PHONE!

Tuesday May 23, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Science Building Room 2000 MUN

Dr. Trevor Bell, University Research Professor, Department of Geography will speak about his award winning project: *"SmartICE - from community research partnership to northern social enterprise."*

In December 2016 Dr. Trevor Bell of the Geography Department at MUN was presented with the Arctic Inspiration Prize as lead on the SmartICE climate change project. SmartICE is a climate change adaptation tool and social enterprise project developed in consultation with northern people and communities. It combines satellite imagery, sensor technology and Inuit knowledge to navigate hazardous ice and at the same time harnesses the vast potential of Inuit youth to embrace knowledge and research as a vehicle for economic development in their communities.

More details at: <https://www.c-core.ca/SmartICE>

Please PRE-REGISTER, if you are attending in person, at munpaevents@mun.ca since space in SN2000 is

limited. Tea, coffee and light snacks will be provided.

You can get a parking permit in advance by email: <http://www.mun.ca/cep/parking/visitor-parking-request-form.php>

This presentation will also be available live from 3 p.m. at: <https://bluejeans.com/821288594>

Or for audio only, phone 1.888.240.2560 and enter Conference ID: 821288594 followed by #

(In either case, please turn your microphone OFF (Mute button) – or we'll hear your every breath!)

NEW BOOK

MUNPA member Henry Mann of the Grenfell Campus has co-authored a new book with Michael Burzynski and Anne Marceau entitled *Exploring the Limestone Barrens of Newfoundland and Labrador*. The book is published by the Gros Morne Co-operating Association and is on sale in St. John's at The Rooms and the MUN Botanical Garden.