

Dalhousie Professional and Managerial Group [DPMG]

President's Report 2015

It was an exciting couple of years for the DPMG Executive. We had two successful and very well attended conferences that allowed us to explore diverse areas and challenged us to grow personally, professionally and in our connections within and without the university. Thank you again to the Professional Development committee and everyone who volunteered to make such wonderful opportunities for us all.

The Outreach Committee has sought to engage the members in new and diverse ways including volley ball, coffee socials and BBQ with washer toss. The events were well attended and provided a great venue to meet and expand our connections with our peers.

A new committee was formed alongside of the Pension Advisory committee to examine and explore pension sustainability at the university level and represent the DPMG. The work has allowed the group to have a voice and better understanding of potential options. We highly encourage everyone to stay attuned to the changing environment and engage where possible.

An ad hoc committee was struck to review the Constitution, collect input and make recommendations to the Executive for updates to the document. They worked quickly and were able to glean a number of changes and recommendations that were reviewed during a General Meeting. Thank you to the committee and to everyone who was able to provide input and participate in the process.

The Nominations Committee and the Executive sought to enhance the committee Terms of Reference and descriptions to highlight the importance of the committees, the roles and responsibilities of our volunteers and to hopefully encourage engagement from the group. I would encourage everyone to engage where they can to create the best opportunities for all of the DPMG.

The group was able to recognize a number of outstanding individuals through the DPMG Award for Outstanding Achievement. The award is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our peers and I would strongly encourage everyone to start to consider individuals for the upcoming awards.

The achievements and success of the DPMG over the last few years continues to build and I can only attribute that to everyone who volunteered their expertise and time to many areas that help to enhance the group as a whole. I would be remiss to not mention the amazing Executive members who were invaluable during my time as President. Thank you Kathryn McIlrath, Robert Wooden, and Katie Haigh. I would also like to thank Past-President Christina MacNeil for her support of the Executive.

Thank you all for your support of the Executive and the group and best wishes to the new Executive.

Respectfully,

Michael Bennett