

DMAA Annual Report – June 2019

Highlights from 2018/2019 at the DMAA

Events

2018 was a very exciting year for the DMAA with many events being held around the medical school's 150th anniversary. The DalMed150 Gala Weekend was held the first weekend of November and included a symposium, tours of the medical school facilities, class dinners, a fun run, a recognition lunch for the DalMed Innovators, a DMRF breakfast and a celebration gala in the new Halifax Convention Centre with 1200 guests. At the gala, the MD Class of '70 was recognized for winning the 100k Cup and the MD Class of '83 was celebrated for being the first class to achieve the 200k Cup. The DMAA also attended the Dal200 gala which was held in September. In May, The DMAA hosted a reception in Saint John to celebrate the graduating MD Class of 2019 and the five year anniversary of the first graduating MD Class at DMNB.

Board Activities

The DMAA board of directors was comprised of 14 members in 2018-2019. It was the first year of Dr. Peggy Leighton's term as DMAA president. The executive included Dr. John Steeves (past president), Dr. Kathy O'Brien (vice president) and Dr. George Ferrier (treasurer). The board worked on a number of projects this year including assisting with the DalMed150 events, creating a survey that was sent out to all medical alumni, finalizing a design for the medical alumni ring and working with the communications coordinator at DMNB to strengthen relationships with DMNB alumni.

Office Activities

Evie Sabean Croucher continued as the Alumni Relations Officer and Allison Bain continued in the role of Administrative and Communications Assistant. Over the past year the DMAA assisted eight classes with their reunions and also worked with several other classes to arrange smaller get-togethers around the DalMed150 Gala Weekend. The DMAA worked on many of the DalMed150 projects and events, published two issues of VoxMeDal, took part in both resident and student orientation events, assisted with convocation activities and participated in a number of the Dal200 initiatives.

Moving Forward

The planning for this year's gala is already well underway and will likely be smaller than the 150th gala but considerably larger than the galas held by the DMAA in previous years. The DMAA has already been working with several classes who are planning their reunions for 2019 and 2020. With the completion of the display case renovations the DMAA will also be able to have more displays put up outside the office in 2019. The DMAA staff have been working on updating the files on the shared drive to comply with Dalhousie's new records management system and hope to have all files updated within the next few months. The DMAA has been working with Jostens on the medical alumni ring which will be available for ordering very soon, at which time the DMAA office will advertise its availability to alumni through our website, social media, email, VoxMeDal and at events. Now that the medical alumni survey has been



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distributed the board of directors will be reviewing the results of the survey as part of its planning in 2019/2020 and beyond. The DMAA is also working with the Office of Advancement to include and update contact information for PGM alumni.