

MAFA NEWSLETTER

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NEW MEMBERS' PARTY

All faculty members and librarians (and their partners or spouses) are invited to attend the annual MAFA New Members' Party. Please join us on Friday 21 September beginning at 4:30 pm at the University Club (President's Cottage, between the Avard Dixon and the Biology buildings). There will be great food and every member who attends will receive two tickets for free drinks. Child care and local taxi fares will be reimbursed (on request, we will be happy to supply you with a blank receipt form at the welcome table).

We hope that you will be able to attend.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been about five years since we last negotiated a collective agreement with our employer. That is a long time in labour relations terms. If I can use a sports analogy, we are probably a little out of shape. Many of the "old faces," which some of us have grown used to seeing during our bargaining union meetings, are no longer employed at Mount Allison.

But like a 35 year old who jumps back on a bicycle after 17 years, our team members have not realized they should be a bit rusty. They are extremely well organized, and have worked hard taking the pulse of the membership. They have devoted much time to prepare for these negotiations, and time continues to be their most precious resource.

So how can we help them? I can think of three ways. First, stay informed. Second, give the team your informed opinions. And finally, be prepared to support our team in their prodigious endeavor

Paul Berry



Do you teach on a part-time basis?

If so, you are eligible to apply for funding from the Vice-president (Academic and Research) in support of your "professional responsibilities." The Vice-President has \$5000 at his disposal in this academic year, and eligible items include "the purchase of books, subscriptions, supplies and travel expenses," among other possibilities.

Even if you are on full-time appointment, if you are also in unit 2 you can apply for money. When you apply, please send a copy of your application to the MAFA office.

For more information, see article 29 in the unit 2 collective agreement.

MAFA 2007-2008 EXECUTIVE

Paul Berry - President (Commerce)
Robert Rosebrugh - Vice President (Math and CS)
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