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Dear Colleagues

At the time of writing this letter to you the new provincial bylaws we will all be working under are still being revised. The deadline for implementation remains April, 2010.

As per my letter to you last year we are working with the assumption that medical staff association dues across the province will not be mandatory. They will however remain vital to the survival of your zonal and subzonal representation.

CAPA, over the past year, is actively involved with the council of presidents. This group is supported by the Alberta Medical Association and is the venue for **direct physician input into the development of the new bylaws**. The council of presidents was formed to ensure the survival of local or zonal physician representation within the larger AHS administrative structure.

Here in Calgary we now have a new zonal medical director, Dr. Francois Belanger and a new associate zonal medical director, Dr. Sandra Stoffel. We welcome them to their new positions and look forward to continuing working closely with them here in the Calgary Zone.

Your dues to CAPA will help us deal with individual physician concerns, site issues, and the larger provincial concerns including bylaws, budget cuts to healthcare, as well as recruitment and retention.

To all of our current CAPA members we thank you for your support and look forward to your ongoing membership. We encourage all physicians to become members of CAPA.

Please send in your dues this year so we can continue **advocating for physicians, caring for patients**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L.M. Slocombe', written in a cursive style.

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