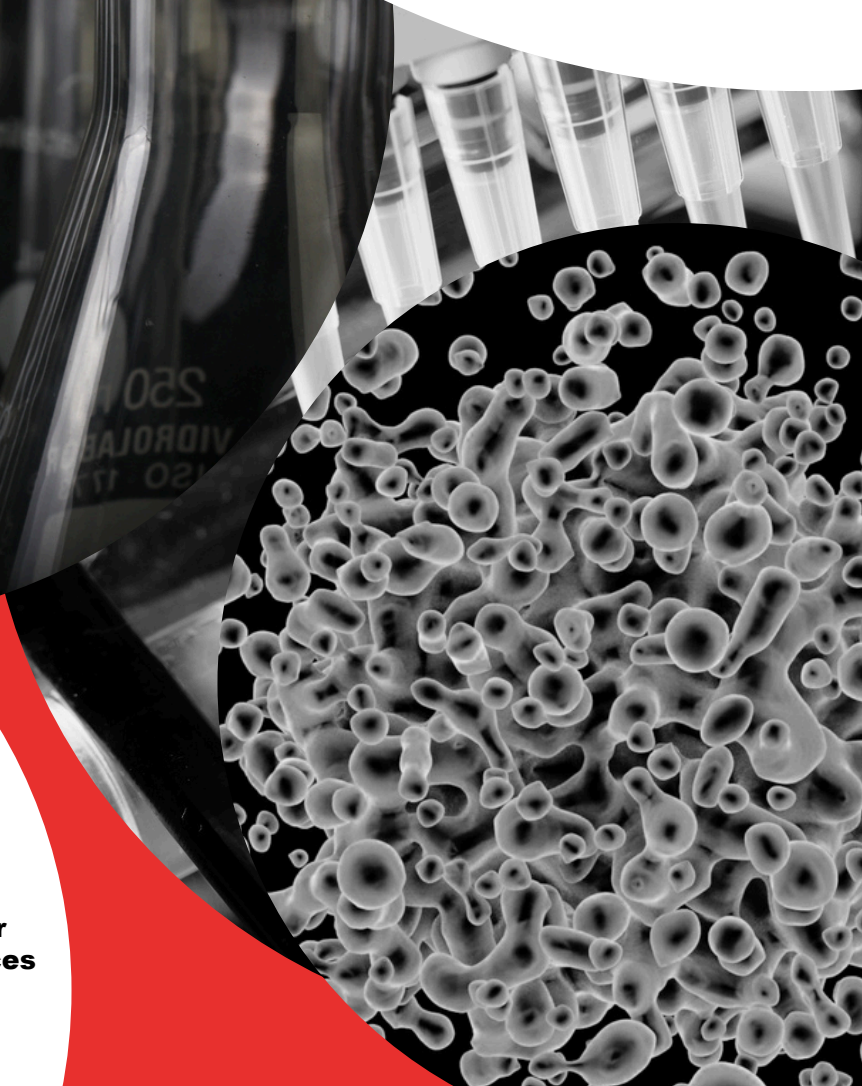


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President's Report

The 2025 year was a successful one, marked by several engaging events, professional development opportunities, and advocacy initiatives. The Board of Directors demonstrated exceptional dedication and enthusiasm in bringing laboratory professionals together and promoting the profession throughout Manitoba. Through the efforts of our volunteers and Board members, MAMLS continued to strengthen professional connections, support continuing education, and raise awareness of the vital role laboratory professionals play in healthcare.

Despite the challenges that come with operating as a volunteer-driven organization, the Board successfully organized a variety of events that encouraged member engagement and public outreach. These initiatives provided opportunities for networking, learning, and advocacy while supporting the ongoing growth of our profession.

Event and Advocacy Highlights

- Hosted a Trivia Night at Underdogs Bar, providing members with an enjoyable opportunity to connect, network, and engage with colleagues in a relaxed social setting.
- Organized a successful fundraiser at Rumor's Comedy Club, bringing members and supporters together while raising funds to support future MAMLS initiatives.
- Hosted a Truth and Reconciliation Blanket Exercise, offering participants an opportunity to deepen their understanding of Indigenous history, perspectives, and the ongoing journey toward reconciliation.
- Participated in the Career and Post-Secondary Symposium (CAPS) to promote the medical laboratory profession and engage with students exploring future career opportunities.
- Hosted a pizza lunch for Red River College Polytechnic Medical Laboratory Sciences students, promoting the profession to the next generation of laboratory professionals. During this event, MAMLS also presented student awards to recipients in both Winnipeg and Westman.

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On November 8, 2025, MAMLS conducted its Annual General Meeting at FortWhyte Alive in Winnipeg. The event was well attended and featured two engaging presentations. Ivana Yellowback delivered Taking Ourselves Around the Medicine Wheel, encouraging personal reflection and holistic well-being. William Younger presented Through the Looking Glass, offering attendees valuable insights and perspectives relevant to both professional and personal growth.

MAMLS DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to our events and outreach activities, the Board continued to focus on strengthening the organization and ensuring its long-term sustainability.

- Launched the first-ever MAMLS T-shirts, creating a new opportunity to raise awareness of the profession while generating funds to support future initiatives and events.
- Brought organizational finances up to date by completing outstanding audit requirements and transitioning to a financial review process. This change has reduced operating costs while continuing to meet regulatory and governance requirements.
- Continued efforts to reduce operational expenses and manage resources responsibly to ensure the long-term financial stability of the organization and maintain funding availability for future member events and initiatives.
- Continued discussions and planning efforts focused on modernizing operations, improving member engagement, and identifying opportunities for future growth.

LOOKING FORWARD

Throughout the year, MAMLS remained committed to promoting networking, professional development, and member engagement through educational and social events. We also maintained a strong community presence through career promotion and public outreach activities, helping increase awareness of the medical laboratory profession among students and the public.

As we move forward, the Board will continue exploring ways to best serve our members, strengthen engagement, enhance organizational operations, and ensure the long-term sustainability of MAMLS.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors and volunteers for their dedication, support, and commitment throughout the year. Their efforts made these accomplishments possible and contributed significantly to the success of MAMLS in 2025. I remain confident that the organization will continue to grow and thrive as we build on this year's achievements and continue working together to support and advance the medical laboratory profession in Manitoba.

Patrick Levesque
MAMLS President

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Prairie West Academy

Despite a year of transition, Prairie West Academy remained committed to supporting and promoting the medical laboratory profession throughout Western Manitoba. Following the 2024 General and Election Meeting, vacancies in both the President and Vice President positions required the Executive to adopt a shared leadership approach. We are grateful to Roseanna Southcombe and Jodi Terrick, who stepped forward to assume acting presidential responsibilities while continuing in their existing executive roles. Their dedication, along with the efforts of the entire Executive, ensured that Prairie West Academy continued to support key professional activities throughout 2025.

Among this year's highlights was Prairie West Academy's continued sponsorship of the Western Manitoba Science Fair (WMSF), where grade school student projects related to laboratory and health sciences were recognized. The Academy also celebrated National Medical Laboratory Week by coordinating activities. There was also a successful trivia event that promoted professional engagement and camaraderie among laboratory staff. Through the Dave Kowal Continuing Education Fund, financial assistance was provided to a member pursuing professional development opportunities, reinforcing our commitment to lifelong learning within the profession. The year concluded with the Annual General Meeting, which featured an engaging presentation, "Bring on the Dogs!! Understanding Stress, Trauma, and Canine-Assisted Support," presented by Ngaire Abernethy, providing members with valuable insight into mental wellness and the role of canine-assisted support.

Thank you to all members and volunteers who continue to support Prairie West Academy and help advance the visibility, professionalism, and excellence of medical laboratory science in our region.

Michele Sykes
Prairie West Academy

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Professional Development

The professional Development committee is responsible for processing member applications for our various awards at MAMLS and selecting individuals to present to our MAMLS Board of Directors for approval.

Our awards include:

- **Hilda Fleming Award**
  - Grants from $100 up to $1200 are awarded to members that are participating in activities or events that advance their knowledge and/or skills in the medical laboratory profession
  - Grants are provided through the Winnipeg Foundation
  - Starting funds: $16,600
  - Total grants awarded to members in 2025: $8,595.37 which included continued education grants and two sessions of Braving the Healing

- **ANC Delaat Award**
  - Awarded once a year to a member that is being recognized for their outstanding contributions to the field of Medical Laboratory Science
  - Nominee for 2025: Sonya Powers

- **Crocus Award**
  - Awarded once a year to a member that is being recognized for their outstanding contributions to MAMLS
  - Not awarded in 2025 due to nominee declining

- **Honorary Member Award**
  - Awarded once a year to a member that is being recognized for their life-time contributions to MAMLS
  - No nominations were submitted for 2025

- **Student Professionalism Award**
  - Awarded to two students per year, one from Brandon and one from Winnipeg -
  - Awarded to two students in 2025: **Selina Santos** (Brandon) and **Johnny Jeanson** (Winnipeg)

Angelika Hudzick
Director of Professional Development

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Marketing and Communications

Throughout the year, events, announcements, and important updates were shared across various social media platforms to keep members informed and encourage participation in MAMLS activities. Posters were also created to promote upcoming events and displayed throughout various hospitals to increase awareness and engagement among the medical laboratory community.

In April, in recognition of Medical Laboratory Week, games and interactive activities were organized to encourage member participation and celebrate the profession. Prizes were awarded to the successful participants, adding an element of fun and excitement to the celebrations.

We hope to see increased member participation in future events and initiatives. Our goal is to continue building connections, strengthening engagement, and fostering a more connected and supportive medical laboratory community.

Paige Moman
Director of Marketing and Communications

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