
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again this year, the AGM will mean that the Board will lose some members and hopefully gain some new members. There is only one to make changes and that is to have the foresight to formulate new ideas to induce the change. The ideas have to come from the membership, you, and the Board. This is your opportunity to create change, create new ideas, and create a new or improved direction for your professional association. Please get involved. It takes dedicated members to help run this association. It takes time to attend meetings and sit on committees. It takes time to write reports, to carry out assigned tasks. It takes perseverance to see it through. It takes time.

It seems that I make similar remarks every year prior to the AGM but it is necessary. I will be stepping down this year. I have retired but I am still greatly concerned for our members, our next Board and our membership in general, for the future. I have admiration and respect for all of the Board members that dedicate their time and love for their profession to attend the monthly meetings, for the committee members that share the same characteristics. These are the people that should be recognized, congratulated and respected for their efforts.

Our submission to the Health Professions Act is still alive but suffering. The provincial government has not made any significant move to recognize the need for other regulatory colleges, ours included. There is movement within the other allied health professions to start talking again, but given the political atmosphere, I think it will be pointless, but I have not given up hope. Our legal counsel has also advised the Board to continue on, but with more vigor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Payne
CTABC President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear members:

Please review the financial report for 2010 and my report for 2011 AGM online. I would like to encourage our members to come to Victoria to attend the AGM and get to know more about your own professional association.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Respectfully submitted

Jiannan Yu
CTABC Treasurer

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

2011 is moving along very quickly and our AGM will be upon us shortly. Our AGM committee has put in long hours preparing to host the membership and is ready to be a most hospitable host. The educational program that Pauline Battle and her team have put together is first-rate. I've heard personally of many members who will be making the trip over from the mainland to partake. The host facility, the Chateau Victoria, will offer a wonderful environment for our members for this important event in our yearly calendar. I urge everyone to consider attending.

Unfortunately, last year's changes to the bylaws will not be passed through the approval process in Victoria in time for the AGM. For the 2011 AGM and all voting, we will still be subject to the previously approved bylaws.

As I write my report, a new class of students are immersed in their final preparations for the CTABC exam. Good luck!

Regards,

Sean Freeze
CTABC Vice President

REGIONAL COORDINATORS REPORT

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the AGM in Victoria. I encourage you to attend and make your concerns known.

I also encourage you to put your name forward or to encourage a colleague to put his/her name forward for one of the Board positions. If you are unable to attend, remember to fill out a proxy form; They can be downloaded from the CTABC website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Atkinson
CTABC Regional Coordinator

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Our membership continues to increase each year and we are now nearing 550 members. This has been a challenge for our Board of Directors, the Registrar and CEU coordinator in particular. Consequentially, we had some members step down from their board positions since last year's AGM.

For newer members, you may not realize that typically, board members work full time as cardiology technologists and then volunteer their time to our association outside of work. Upon these members vacating, some of the remaining board members took on other duties and I myself came back on the board. As a result, of these changes, we looked at what the board positions' duties were and felt they could be made more equitable and that some of the board positions could be combined and downsize the total number of board members. This will be something that has to be presented to the membership at an AGM as it requires changes to our bylaws. In the interim, the CTABC board has increased the number of licenses of its membership software, put it on-line and in this way more board members have access to membership information they need directly and the workload can be shared as well. All board members have net books or laptops to do their duties and because of the internet, theoretically now any member in the province could come onto the board if they are computer savvy.

Members like Rich Payne, and Ina Adams who have volunteered for many years are now retiring and leaving the board of directors and will be sorely missed- not just for their expertise but for their camaraderie. I came onto the board about 8 years ago, I think, as the Recording Secretary because I wanted to know what the CTABC was about and it was a great place to start my volunteering. I was in all the meetings and learned about my association and then did the minutes too. After a year or so, then I felt I could contribute more and took a more challenging role. Current board members were always there for me, to mentor, so I could become a better/more valuable board member. Now with these retirements, is the time for other members to come in and start contributing to your provincial association.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl West
CTABC Registrar

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have unfortunately missed three board meetings this year due to travel and illness, I want to take this opportunity to thank the other board members who stepped up and took minutes at these meetings. I want to do this not only to acknowledge them, but to point out to all CTABC members what a hard working executive we have, people who volunteer their own time to not only do the work that is outlined in their job description, but

people who are willing to do more just because it needs to get done! Taking minutes in my absence is just one small example of this.

Missing these meetings made me feel disconnected from what the board has been working on, even though I've been reading the minutes and emails. It made me realize how the rest of the members may feel when they read the newsletter, or hear the reports at the AGM. Knowing the decisions the board has made, but not knowing the discussions and debates behind these decisions. For this reason I urge all CTABC members to take responsibility for their own understanding of the entire process. If you want to know why the board has made a certain decision, ask! We have a toll free number, if you want to speak to someone in person just leave a message, your call will be returned. Email is another great way to contact any and all board members; the contact information is all on the website.

The best way to know what is going on though is to become involved at the board level. We have our AGM coming up, with some positions that need to be filled. Since we have successfully had board members join the meetings via Skype (internet telephone), this is the perfect opportunity for members from across the province to consider taking on a role.

At the 2011 AGM my term will be over and the role of recording secretary will be up for election. As I write this I am torn as to whether I will allow my name to stand at the AGM for recording secretary again. I have not accomplished all I intended to, but with work, academic and family demands I am feeling I need to step back for a short while.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynde Punch, RCT
CTABC Recording Secretary

PROVINCIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

My term is coming to an end. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the board members who have helped me during my time on the board. I am grateful to have had the opportunity of working on with the CTABC board. Mostly, I would like to thank the members of this association for allowing me the opportunity to fulfill the role as your PEC.

This past year of October 2010 I attended the Education Coordinators meeting in Montreal, Quebec which was held in conjunction with the CSCT BOD and Provincial Directors meetings. The CSCT celebrated the 40th Anniversary and the Annual General Meeting which was held at Le Palais des Congress de Montreal. Our 40th anniversary celebrations were a great success.

In addition, this past June 2010 I attended the Education Coordinators meeting in Toronto, Ontario which was held in conjunction with the CSCT BOD and Provincial Directors meetings. I continue to attend the monthly board meetings and help to address any educational related topics or issues that may arise.

There are a total of 22 recent Cardiology Program graduates scheduled to write the upcoming CSCT exam at the end of April 2011. There are a total of 27 candidates for this sitting. I would like to send a big thank you to everyone who helped to assist in the past exam sittings.

This last year new computer software and hard drives were installed to help eliminate some of the issues we have had in the past with the computers at the Justice Institute of BC.

As of September 27th 2010 the ETT post certification exam was discontinued as an exam. Chapter 2 of the old CSCT manual has been revised; and CDs for Chapter 2 are available to students and members for \$10.00

Thank you to all members who submitted proof of acquired education credits by the deadline. All non-active members need to have the same number of CEUs as active member every triennium and will need to submit proof of acquired education credits to have a total of 30 by the end of the next triennium December 31st 2013.. In addition, we will only be accepting CEUs which reflect the current NOCP. Courses and materials which reflect the current NOCP and enable one to develop professionally as a cardiology technologist will be accepted.

A reminder to those who have graduated and still need to take the exam, they will have 1 year from the date of graduation to write their exam and 3 years from the date of graduation to complete their CSCT exam should they be unsuccessful after the first time. Candidates will be allowed a maximum of 4 attempts of the CSCT certification exam. Initial + three (3) rewrites with a remedial requirement after the 2nd re-write. Candidates who have unsuccessfully written the exam 3 times must contact the CSCT exam chair (examchair@csct.ca) regarding remedial studies (see exam hand guide) at www.csct.ca

The deadline for the next CSCT exam intake is July 1st 2011. Students with extenuating circumstances and need to withdraw from writing the exam will need to submit documentation of incident within 48 hours to be considered for an appeal to withdraw. In addition, it is the student's responsibility to contact the provincial education coordinator to reapply for the next exam sitting prior to the deadline. Students with disruptive circumstances are given 48 hours after the exam to contact the CSCT chair with documentation.

Our annual general meeting this year will be an all day affair in Victoria B.C. on June 4th 2011. I hope see you all there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tay-Jann Mark
CTABC Provincial Education Coordinator

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

It seems hard to believe that May is upon us already and we are getting geared up for the annual CTABC AGM and education day already! With the AGM being in Victoria I am hoping to be able to meet some of the people who work and live on "the rock" and I also plan to do a bit of a tour of my old stomping grounds seeing as I grew up in Victoria.

I would like to welcome back Cheryl West as our corresponding secretary as well as recognize her for her selfless agreement to also resume our registrar duties again. I would like to thank Johanna Ebarvia for her willingness to step forward and help and I wish Johanna a happy marriage, which is the reason she decided to step off the board. Hopefully, she will one day reconsider taking another position.

I also wish to thank the members who also tolerated a change regarding the CEUs and their validation as our former CEU coordinator also had to step back from this position, which meant that there was a bit of a scramble to make sure that the CEUs were correct so that member did not have to deal with the CSCT re-certification exam.

What did come out of the CEU confirmations was the need to revamp what CEUs are acceptable and which are not. In doing the CEUs it was interesting to see what members thought should qualify as a CEU – we had everything from excellent website submissions (with the correct form included) to people who had taken a hair electrolysis course and figured it should be allowed. CEUs need to be such that they match up with the NOCP as well as help us to become more educated as cardiology technologists. To me, to decide if a CEU should be allowed can be decided by a simple question – does this educational item allow me to become a better cardiology technologist?

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Ryall
CTABC Provincial Representative