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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would be remiss if I did not begin my report with acknowledgment of all the (selfless) work performed by my predecessor, Rich Payne, (who I now have on speed dial) and I know will be a continual resource to our board of directors. He is not getting away from us just yet though as he has agreed to sit on a couple of committees. Thanks must also be given to Tay-Jann Mark who served as our Education Coordinator for the past two years and has also agreed to sit on our Education Committee and will be in a supportive role to our new Education Coordinator and furthermore I need to thank Cynde Punch who is still willing to be our interim Recording Secretary while we continue to seek out someone to replace her. Lastly, I most certainly need to extend my gratitude to all the current board members as I continue to learn this new role I have on the board, which has some very big shoes to fill in Rich's absence, and to welcome our newest board member, Eileen Jones – our new Education Coordinator.

Of course we all owe a big congratulation to Pauline Battle and all her hard working group for putting on an excellent AGM and Education day in Victoria this year. The day ran smoothly, the food was excellent and the AGM ended pretty much on time.

With summer, finally, just about to begin the board of directors usually expect a general break from duties and responsibilities. That does not appear to be the case this summer as shortly after the AGM, Deb Atkinson and I attended a biannual associations' meeting which is hosted by HSA and we heard for the first time about plans by the BC Society of Laboratory Sciences (BSLS) and the BC Medical Association of Radiation Technologist's (BCMART) and their joint effort in a public ad campaign to promote a regulatory umbrella college of which we are invited to be a part of. Since then I have been focusing my attentions on learning all I need to know about the legislative process, our past history at establishing a college as well as how we can be involved. This has included two meetings already with the aforementioned groups and will include further meetings over the summer and into the fall as well as at least one meeting with a BC Government cabinet minister. These are indeed exciting times! From the meetings it would appear that it might actually be the start of establishing a college. The BC Ultrasonographer's (BCUS) is the fourth group involved in the planning stages and while they do not have a mandate from their members, they do plan to host a special meeting in October for such a purpose and from their initial survey they have 80% support. Together, these four groups will have between 8,000 to 10,000 members which would make this umbrella college the 2nd largest in BC, only behind the BCNU.

In late June you should have received an email from the CTABC BOD giving you a link to the website created for raising public awareness. It was started by the BCSLS and BCMART initially when they met and realized that there was a key opportunity to try to make legislation at least a small issue in a possible BC government election which is rumoured to be called in September. The two groups put in considerable funds and resources into creating not only the website ([WWW.PATIENTSAFETYFIRSTBC.COM](http://WWW.PATIENTSAFETYFIRSTBC.COM)) as well as ads in various papers, including 24H and The Province, and in radio ads on News 1130. Our BOD has decided to contribute funds towards keeping the radio ads running at key times and we have also hired a consultant to work on helping to put forth a stronger college proposal when the time arises. If you have not yet visited the site, your BOD is requesting that you do so and that you will click on

the link and email the Honourable Mike de Jong, our BC Minister of Health. Please feel free to pass the link along to anyone you can in hopes of creating a grassroots movement and raise the public's awareness.

In between the HSA meeting and the AGM I also travelled to Toronto for the CSCT BOD meetings. Highlights of the meeting included the Alberta association being very close to having a legislated college, possibly by the end of this year, a newly formed Strategic committee looking at a 5 year plan for CSCT, more accountability at the CSCT AGM with all committees receiving funding having to submit a report to the members as well as having all CSCT executive members providing a report at the AGM. This year's CSCT AGM will be held in Vancouver in conjunction with the CCC on Sunday October 23rd. It is free for any member of CSCT to attend and will be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel starting at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

**Shauna Ryall, RCT**  
CTABC President

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## REGIONAL COORDINATORS REPORT

It is hard to believe it is time for the Summer Newsletter. It has been an eventful few weeks.

Royal Jubilee Hospital hosted an excellent Education morning and AGM at the Chateau Victoria on June 4, 2011. Special thanks to Pauline Battle and her team. At the AGM we elected a new board member Eileen Jones, Education Director; and said goodbye to Richard Payne, President, and Tay Jann Mark, Education Director. I look forward to working with Eileen, and will miss Richard and Tay Jann.

I attended the Professional Association Meeting at HSA on June 15, 2011. Several disciplines were represented: Profusionists, Bio-Med, Respiratory, Radiology, Music Therapy, Ultrasound, Psychologists, Lab, Pharmacy, Recreation Therapists, Speech Therapists, Audiologists, as well as Cardiology. It was interesting to hear their goals, setbacks, and triumphs. The Lab and Xray representatives outlined a media campaign that began on June 17, 2011. Many of you may have heard/seen their ads. They also have a website that I encourage you to access. [www.patientsafetyfirstbc.com](http://www.patientsafetyfirstbc.com) Their goal is to form a regulatory college along with Cardiology and Ultrasound. Shauna will provide more information regarding this. HSA outlined their plan for another Awareness Raising Profile Campaign it will profile a patient care discipline and a rehabilitation discipline; and will be out in early 2012.

Have a great summer, and think about joining one of our many committees.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Deb Atkinson**  
CTABC Regional Coordinator

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## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

CTABC is also a leader in terms of having on-line membership software and the ability to pay fees on-line. This better serves our members and also allows more board of directors to access and update their areas rather than all of the updates be maintained by the registrar. The CTABC wants to improve and update our website such that it encompasses membership software and then each member is responsible for inputting contact updates, uploading CEUs, paying dues and in turn gets responses back directly from the Board of Directors (BOD). We would also like for the CSCT Board to be utilizing the same system so that every province has the same capabilities for its members and also makes it seamless when a CSCT member transfers from province to province.

Our membership is almost 550 members strong including nearly 100 student members. Most of our members are in good standing which is favourable because in the near future we could be part of a regulatory college. In short, what this means is that the Provincial Government would mandate that all cardiology technologists in BC pay dues to the regulatory professional body and maintain education credits in order to work. With the latest advertising campaign, the general public is being made aware that most health care science professionals do not have a professional regulatory college. The CTABC will be sending you updates and is rejuvenating its 19 year old application with the intent to be part of an umbrella regulatory college.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Cheryl West**  
CTABC Registrar

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our AGM chair Pauline Battle who worked very hard organizing this year's AGM and Education Day within a limited budget. I would also like to thank all other organizations that donated their money and door prizes for our day. I have decided to continue on in the Treasurer's position for another 2 years. I am looking forward to hearing from you of any financial suggestions. Also just to remind all the members, that starting from last year our financial report is available for viewing from CTABC website.

Respectfully submitted

**Jiannan Yu**  
CTABC Treasurer

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## RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

We currently have this position vacant so if anyone would like to try it out, contact us. The primary role is to take the Minutes at our monthly board meetings. It is a great way to learn what the CTABC board is meeting about each month for our interests and learn about your association.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl West**

CTABC Corresponding Secretary

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## PROVINCIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

I would like to thank all of the CTABC Board members for welcoming me into my new position as the CTABC Education Coordinator. I also want to thank Tay-Jann Mark for all of her hard work over the past 2 years and her continued help and support as I learn this new job.

The pass/fail email for the April 2011 exam was sent out 5 weeks after the exam. There were 23 Cardiology Program graduates who wrote the CSCT certification exam. There were a total of 28 candidates, 5 of whom were re-writes. Congratulations to those who were successful in both their theory and interactive portions.

For those wishing to write the CSCT exam in September 2011, the application deadline was July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. As a reminder for those students who are planning to write the CSCT exam in April 2012, the deadline will be February 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. Other information pertaining to the exam such as exam fees, exam application, and the exam handguide, can be found at [www.csct.ca](http://www.csct.ca).

A reminder for program graduates who still need to write their exam. You have 3 years from the date of your Graduation to complete the exam. Re-writes of the CSCT have 3 years from the first attempt. Re-writes are allowed a max of 4 attempts (1 initial + 3 re-writes = 4 attempts). After the first 2 re-writes, you must contact the exam chair for completion of remedial courses. This must be done before your fourth attempt.

Students with extenuating circumstances and need to withdraw from writing the exam need to submit documentation of incident within 48 hours to be considered for an appeal to withdraw.

Respectfully Submitted

**Eileen Jones**

CTABC Provincial Education Coordinator

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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

Most of the duties are forwarding on correspondence that has been received for various board members or doing bulk e-mails to you members. CTABC members are fortunate to have a toll-free number to call and leave message at or to fax documents to. We are the only province in the country to do so. It is a virtual line however, so some older fax machines do not seem to be able to connect to it. All-in-all it is a great service. Due to the postal strike graduates were able to pay their exam fees on-line and then fax in their application forms. Reminder to all members to make sure that we have your current e-mail address as the CTABC has “gone green” and most correspondence will be sent in this manner.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl West**  
CTABC Corresponding Secretary

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## VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No Report Available at this Time

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**We have a few openings on various committees!**

**Members needed for:**

**Financial Committee** – this committee will make recommendations on investments and future financial endeavours of CTABC

**Technical Committee** – will help CTABC with our website development, social media along with any technical purchases by CTABC.

**Public Relations Committee** – the main focus will be a public campaign for establishing an umbrella college.

**Education Committee** – this committee will assist with educational needs of our members including revising the CEU policies, CEU validation, student relationships and exam days.

## CCC COMING TO VANCOUVER IN OCTOBER 2012!

OCTOBER 22-26 AT THE VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTER

**October 23:** 8:30 am CSCT AGM at the Pan Pacific Hotel (not part of CCC therefore no CCC registration required)

**October 23:** evening – CTABC Hosted gala (for registered CCC participants) - more details coming!!

**October 24:** CSCT Education day – 3 special speakers (Vancouver Convention Centre, must be registered for CCC)

Go to [http://www.cardiocongress.org/english/home\\_EN.html](http://www.cardiocongress.org/english/home_EN.html) for more information!!

Registration Category Catégorie d'inscription	Rates / Frais		
	Early Hâtive until July 31 jusqu'au 31 juillet	Advance Anticipée Aug 1 - Sept 21 du 1 août au 21 sept	Regular and On-site Régulière et sur place After Sept 21 après le 21 sept
<b>Full Registration / Inscription au Congrès entier</b>			
Member • Membre	\$215	\$245	\$285
<b>One-day Registration / Inscription d'une journée</b>			
Member • Membre	\$120	\$125	\$130

## AGM MAY 2012!!!

**The next AGM will be hosted by Tilly Hiscock and the technologist's at Burnaby Hospital!**

*Watch for more details coming in the fall!!*