
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A funny thing happened at the CSCT AGM – I became VP of CSCT! To be honest, I still don't know actually nominated me but I would like to thank them for their faith in me.

This year, CTABC hosted the CSCT AGM and Education day. A BIG thank you goes to Gretchen and her team for putting together a most wonderful dinner on the Sunday night. The education day, which was sponsored by Medtronic, was well attended and all that attended seem to enjoy the variety of speakers. For those that did attend, they were treated to talks by Medtronic and the topic which garnered the most interest was tele-transmission for Pacemakers and ICDs, then we were more than enthralled by the antics of Dr. Sanatani from BC Children's and his lecture on pediatric ECG's and Holter monitor analysis and after lunch we all learned how to work at our peak performance level in a session with Dr. Harry Stefanakis. The entire weekend we were all hoping for our ticket to be pulled for one of the myriad of prizes collect by Linda Pearce (a huge thank you!)

I have now completed my entire first year as Provincial director and I am learning the ropes on being the CTABC president – yes, Rich did leave HUGE shoes to fill and I am very pleased to have him as a resource as well as a continued member of committees. It was supposed to be a summer of easing into the position, but on June 15th I was surprised, but none the less delighted, in finding out that the BC Society of Laboratory Sciences (BCSLs) and BC Medical Radiation Technologists (BCMRT) had jointly formed the website www.patientsafetyfirstbc.ca which was a media campaign hoping to garner public support for a regulatory college. Since then there have been numerous meetings and teleconferences in which we, along with the BC Ultrasonographer Society (BCUS) have collaborated with them and we will be hoping to have something positive to report in December or early January. There are 2 upcoming important meetings where a consultant we collectively hired will be talking to the deputy director of the Ministry of Health on our behalf and then a second meeting where we will be meeting with the Minister of Health in his constituency office. As more information becomes the board of director's will let the membership know via email.

Our main focus, based on discussion and feedback from our consultant, won't be focused on obtaining public support but rather will be emphasising three points – 1. How this is good for patients, 2. How this is good for health authorities and 3. How this is good for the BC Government and trying to present a win-win situation. More information will be sent out via email once the meetings have concluded and the CTABC BOD have had a chance to deliberate on our next strategies.

Bylaws - our bylaws have been approved by the Register of Companies in Victoria and are now used to govern our association. This will mean that nominations will be under the new process as well as there are some shifts in board director's job duties and designations. Our nominations committee will be seeking out nominations for members interested in serving on our CTABC BOD which will be voted on either via snail mail ballots or online and the results will be announced at our 2012 CTABC AGM.

Website – due to the shifting of the focus for the college, the BOD felt that at this time spending the money on provincial website should not be a high priority, but instead, we are hoping to get the CSCT to instead take up the cause as it would be best to have a national registry utilized in all provinces.

Other areas of focus will be on strengthening and utilizing our committees, of which we have some room on specific committees (see box located elsewhere in the newsletter). Our education committee has several tasks ahead of them, including a revamping of the CEUs for 2013 and our technical committee also will be given tasks regarding website and Internet utilization with regards to members including updating our website.

Nationally, as your provincial representative, I am pleased to see the direction that CSCT has taken with regards to accountability. Starting in 2012, all committees will be submitting reports prior to CSCT BOD meetings as well as a report for the CSCT AGM. The FINAL updates for the National certification exam are to be completed by the end of December with the Justice Institute of BC (JIBC) which means that until the next NOCP comes in, the exam will be considered completed including all needed software updates. Also, with regards to the NOCP, it is in the process of being re-validated and there should be a survey you can complete for CEUs. Every 7 years the NOCP needs to be looked at to see where our profession is aiming in the near future. If you haven't done so, please take the time to complete the survey as we need feedback. This will be your last chance for 7 years!

Last, but not least, please remember that the BOD is here to support you – our members. If you have concerns, comments or questions, please forward them on to the BOD so that we can discuss these issues and report back on them at the CTABC AGM in 2012. The members of the BOD are not only hard working, but are motivated to having a transparent and accountable board.

Respectfully and humbly submitted,

Shauna Ryall, RCT
CTABC President

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members

I am currently filling in as your Recording Secretary and I am looking forward to serving the association. I would like to thank Cynde Punch, the outgoing Recording Secretary for all her hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Tay-Jann Mark
CTABC Corresponding Secretary

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As 2011 comes to a close, it's time to reflect on some of the issues and accomplishments of the past year and look forward to the challenges facing us for 2012.

First and foremost is the progress we've made toward the formation of our much needed regulatory college. At the beginning of 2011, we'd never have believed things would have developed so quickly. The next 12 months should prove to be very exciting with regards to this issue. Our friends in Victoria hosted a first-rate AGM that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We left with a brand new President who will be leading us through the myriad of important issues that will need to be addressed in 2012. Burnaby will be hosting the 2012 AGM and we know they'll be more than up to the task.

Other things we're excited to be working on in 2012 will be how our Technical and Public Relations Committees work to better communicate with our membership and external stakeholders to effectively manage and promote our profession in British Columbia. The Board is also working on how to best offer equitable options for earning CEUs for all regions of the province.

Warmest regards and happy holidays!

Sean Freeze
CTABC Vice President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear members:

CTABC has successfully hosted a CSCT AGM and dinner on the Sunday night. There is also a lot of discussion on forming an umbrella college. All these exciting events are financial challenge for CTABC. Detailed report will be presented at 2012 AGM.

I would like to remind all the members to pay their CTABC dues before Dec. 31/2011. The dues can be paid either by pay pal or cheque. I am looking into to find another convenient and cheaper way for members to pay their dues.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members supporting my work this past year. Have a great holiday seasons.

Respectfully submitted

Jiannan Yu
CTABC Treasurer

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Once again, it is the time of year to pay your association dues (for 2012) and submit CEUs. As always, included in this mailing are the Dues notices (R113), Members Status form (R-108), CEU Log sheet, CEU Guidelines. However, all such forms are also able to be downloaded from the CTABC website from the Resources page if someone should misplace these forms. Reminder to keep the originals of your CEU submissions should anything get lost in the mail and to submit copies either with your dues or fax a copy to the CTABC toll-free tel/ fax number and we will match them up with your dues payment. CEUs cannot be submitted except on the CTABC CEU Log sheet and remember to put your CTABC # as well as your name. CEUs received in an "unacceptable manner" will be returned to you to redo and ask to be re-submitted.

Reminder that Dues payments submitted must be **received** no later than December 31st, otherwise a \$25.00 late fee will apply. The late fee schedule is outlined on the dues notice as well as in every *Heart Copy* and on the CTABC website. Cheques or money orders are to be made out to CTABC and then we submit your CSCT dues out of this payment. Also again members can choose to pay via credit card using the PayPal button on our website and then just have to fax us the CEU log sheet to our toll-free number 1-866-280-6535.

The holiday season is a busy time for all of us but I will try to email all members that we have an e-mail address for to remind you of the deadline and wish all of you a safe and happy holiday!

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl West
CTABC Registrar

DUES NOTICE

Your CTABC dues for 2012 should be **received by December 31, 2011**

Active \$145.00*	Inactive \$95.00*	Student \$75.00 (set by CSCT)
Affiliate \$55.00	Business \$115.00	Life (dues waived)

All cheques are to be made payable to the CTABC. Personal cheques accepted unless otherwise notified.
To pay online with a Credit Card, visit www.ctabc.ca/dues. A 4% admin fee applies to all online payments.

Late fees are applicable as per the following schedule:

\$25.00 for dues received between January 1st - March 31st
\$50.00 for dues received between April 1st - June 30th.
\$75.00 for dues received between July 1st - September 30th.
\$100.00 for dues received after September 30th until the end of that year.

CEUs are to be submitted annually, with your dues: (Faxed separately or included with payment)

Active registered members must attain	10 credits/year
Inactive registered members must also attain	10 credits/year
Student, Life, Affiliate and Business members	CEUs not required

PROVINCIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I would first like to thank Tay-Jann Mark and Shauna Ryall for all the their help and support over the last few months. I would also like to thank all the other Board members for their continued hard work and dedication to the CTABC.

This October I attended both the Provincial Education Coordinator's meeting and the Joint meeting of the CSCT Board of Directors and Provincial Education Coordinators. These were very informative meetings with some discussion and updates I would like to bring to your attention. The CSCT is recommending that all Cardiology Technology Certificate students from BCIT aim to finish their Certificate program by September 2012. Also, starting April 2012, the Reinstatement Exam will no longer be a 3 hour exam. Instead, the time given to write the Reinstatement Exam will be 2.5 hours.

The pass/fail email for the September 2011 CSCT Exam was sent out 6 weeks after the exam. There were a total of 15 Exam Candidates who wrote the exam, 4 of which were re-writes. There was also one person who challenged the Implantable Cardiac Devices Exam. Congratulations to those who were successful!

For those wishing to write the CSCT exam in April 2012, the application deadline is February 1st 2011. As a reminder for those students who are planning to write the CSCT exam in September 2012, the deadline will be July 1st 2012. These exam dates and deadlines also apply to anyone wishing to challenge the Implantable Cardiac Devices Exam and to anyone who may need to write the Reinstatement Exam. Exam Candidates with extenuating circumstances and need to withdraw from writing the exam need to submit documentation of incident withing 48 hours to be considered for an appeal to withdraw. Other information pertaining to all exams such as exam fees, exam application, and the exam handguide, can be found at 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 exam will have 3 years from the first attempt to write the exam. Re-writes are allowed a maximum of 4 attempts (1 initial + 3 re-writes). After the first two re-writes, 3 attempts total, you must contact the exam chair for completion of remedial courses which must be done before your 4th attempt.

Something that is very new and exciting this Fall is the start-up of the CTABC Education Committee. We are very small at the moment so I encourage any and all of our current active members as well as student members to join. Basically, our goal is to increase education opportunities through Workshops, Townhall Meetings, etc. and to be a resource for all of our members. Another big project we will be working on over the next year is updating our CEU Guidelines. We have noticed that some of our Guidelines are very out of date and we will be working to make them more current. This Committee is open to anyone who is interested in joining. This is a great opportunity to become involved with the CTABC and to learn more about your association. We will be meeting approximately

once every two months starting up again in January 2012. Please email me at education@ctabc.ca if you are interested in joining. I would like to thank Jennifer Paul, Stenberg Student, for her hard work at our past two meetings.

Also, please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for the April 2012 Exam sitting. We will need some volunteers to help so please email me if interested at education@ctabc.ca.

Respectfully Submitted

Eileen Jones
CTABC Provincial Education Coordinator

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As some members may have noticed I have a new position on the Board of Directors, Communication Director. My former position of Regional Coordinator was deleted with the passing of the Bylaws June 2010, and approval by the Registrar of Companies September 2011.

Communications basically combined the Regional Coordinator and Corresponding Secretary roles, without the support of the Regional Representatives. I would like to thank the Regional Representatives who volunteered their time to support the Board and their Regions.

I will be working with the PR Committee to promote February 14th as Cardiology Technologist Day around the Province. If anyone is interested in helping/brainstorming please contact me. My new email address is info@ctabc.ca.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Atkinson
CTABC Communication Director