
President & PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

This past weekend I was noticing that my rose bush is finally starting to show life and that is parallel with how the formation of our umbrella college is - there are signs of life but certainly it is not in full bloom. The Ministry of Health does, finally, acknowledge the need for legislation but they are not prepared to make it their top priority at present. But alas, it would appear that there likely may be a new party in charge with the 2013 election so while we would be wise not to hold our breath, we can still look with some hope to obtaining one. The four involved associations will be having a meeting towards the end of April and will then decide how to proceed.

One way we are hoping to involve members more in our society is to have people involved in one of our many committees. We have room still on our PR committee and our Technology committee (hint, hint).

A big thank you to **Linda Resuli** who has volunteered to be our CEU Coordinator to **Tay-Jann Mark** who stepped up to become our Recording Secretary and also to **Elena Chan** who was recently appointed as a Director at Large. There will be positions up for election with the results announced at the 2012 AGM if you are willing to be a bit more involved. With Skype, it is possible for any active or inactive member in good standing to be a BOD member regardless of where you live in the province.

I would also be remiss to not thank our **Nominations Committee** for their work in having our first ballot election ready for 2012. The BOD has decided to have both an online vote as well as the option for snail mailing in your ballot. Emails will be sent out to you with instructions on how to submit your vote.

Please note: Only active or inactive members in good standing will be receiving this email.

The CTABC website is about to go under a revamping which will cost about \$1000 but will not include a membership database. With the possibility of a college looming the BOD felt that this money would be better spent with a focus on the college and we are hopeful that CSCT will instead look to create and host a national database which would be accessible at the provincial level.

Another project of the CTABC BOD is looking at having more regional education days. The idea being that once every 3 years CTABC would put on an education day either in the northern part of the province, the Kootney/Okanagan or Vancouver Island areas. This item will be added to the 2012 AGM proxy to be decided by the members as there would be expenses involved.

As the **Provincial Representative** I have been involved at the national level and I currently sit on the NOCP Committee as well as the Strategic Planning Committee which is looking to plan the direction of CSCT for the next 5 years.

I will close by thanking you for trusting me to be your President & Provincial Representative. Please feel free to contact me via email or should have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Ryall
CTABC President & Provincial Director

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear members,

As a fresh crop of students are preparing for the CSCT Exam and mention of "AGM" is in the air, it must mean that spring is upon us. The Board of Directors has been extremely busy numerous initiatives and issues over the past several months and is working hard to prepare for this year's upcoming AGM.

We are still working hard in conjunction with our partner associations on achieving our regulatory college. As usual, obstacles have arisen and we're currently strategizing on what our next steps, both individually and with our partners, will be. There should be more information for us to share by the time the AGM comes around.

I'm currently looking forward to seeing an updated look and feel to our CTABC website and to working on improved communications and service for our members residing and working in more remote areas of the province.

I encourage all members to try to attend the upcoming AGM in Burnaby. Please remember that nominations are underway for this year's board elections.

Good luck to all students on the CSCT exam!

Regards,

Sean Freeze
CTABC Vice President

AGM COORDINATORS REPORT

Bulletin: Save the Date

The annual AGM will be held on **Sunday June 3rd** at Burnaby General Hospital in Lecture Rooms A&B. There is ample parking in the parkade and around the facility.

- Registration will begin at 8:30-9:00 AM
- Commencement 9:30 til 4:00
- Speakers will be
 - Jocelyn Cooper St.Jude Medical-the Basics of Pacemakers
 - Dr. Lawrence Wong- WPW
 - Dr.Kapil Bhagirath- topic to follow
- The AGM will be held in the afternoon after lunch.
- Catering will be provided but have not been finalized as of this date.

A BIG thank-you to Linda Pierce who is helping with the Door Prizes.

Hope to see you there.

Tilly Hiscock

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Members,

It is nearing the time of year for another AGM & Education Sessions day which will be hosted in Burnaby on June 3rd. We expect a good turnout from our 540 members since it is held here in the lower mainland where the majority of members are located. Our new bylaws have been adopted so our elections will be held differently now as well as how proxy votes are utilized. I am pleased to report that new members have been volunteering on our board in such a way that when long standing members such as myself want to step down, there will be others to replace us that have a few years experience to continue on our professional association's business.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl West
CTABC Registrar

PROVINCIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Currently we have a total 28 CSCT Exam Candidates with 25 new Program Graduates. We also have one person who will be challenging the Implantable Cardiac Devices Exam. Please let me know if you are available to help with this exam sitting. This is also a great way to earn extra CEU's. If you are interested, please contact me at education@ctabc.ca.

For those wishing to write the CSCT exam in September 2012, the application and payment deadline is July 1st 2012. As a reminder for those students who are planning to write the CSCT exam in April 2013, the deadline will be Feb 1st 2013. 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 within 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 hand-guide, 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 at examchair@csct.ca for completion of remedial courses and/or clinical hours. These must be completed prior to your 4th attempt.

The Education Committee is continuing to work hard at updating the CEU Guidelines. Please keep in mind that 2012 is the last year for our current Guidelines. If there is anyone who would like to be involved in this process and also earn extra CEU's, please contact me at education@ctabc.ca. We are always happy to welcome new members! I would like to thank Jennifer Paul, Stenberg Student, and Alyssa Felbel, BCIT Student, for their hard work and support for the Education Committee.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our AGM in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Jones
CTABC Provincial Education Coordinator

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Spring greetings to all!

It has been a busy year. I have been updating links on the CTABC website. Stenberg College and BCIT links were updated due to recent changes at the facilities. Please take the time to review them. The bylaws that were approved at the 2010 AGM are now available for perusal. We will be following the new voting procedures at this years AGM.

I am also the person who receives the voicemails and faxes from the CTABC Tagline and forwards them to the appropriate Board Member. December and January were frustrating months for many of you who experienced difficulties with faxing. I am told it was due to high volumes and our virtual line not being compatible with older fax machines making it difficult for them to connect. CEU's can also be mailed to our Vancouver office.

On behalf of the CTABC Board I take pleasure in welcoming **Elena Chan** as Director at Large. Elena was appointed by the Board at the March meeting.

Good luck to all the students writing the certification exam in April.

Respectfully Submitted;

Deborah Atkinson
CTABC Communication Director

PLEASE NOTE:

New CEU guidelines will be coming into effect January 2013.

They will be introduced at the AGM in June. Please plan to attend.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members

As your previous education coordinator, I am now currently filling in as your recording secretary. I am excited to be back and looking forward to serving the association. Thus far, I have been attending the monthly board meetings and recording the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Tay-Jann Mark
CTABC Corresponding Secretary

CEU COORDINATORS REPORT

I should likely introduce myself - I'm a CT working in the lower mainland and I was approached to be on the board to fill in as the CEU coordinator until the next election in June at AGM.

The learning curve has been steep but I have had a lot of help from the other members of the board. Updating the CEU's spreadsheet has been quite a strenuous task. We had excellent members submissions (with correct forms included). But at the same time we had many members that lacked effort in submitting their CEU log sheet. Missing important data such as the title of the rounds attended, the physicians names, dates, or submitting courses attended in the the previous years. Also, if you had been a student preceptor, putting the student's name in log sheet is not enough. It is expected that members submit documentation for proof. Another challenging process was deciphering some members handwriting in CEU's log sheets and tabulating them. It seems that there is a lot of room for improvement and I know that the Education committee is working on refining the CEUs for 2013

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming AGM in June.

Sincerely

Linda Resuli
CEU Coordinator CTABC

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Our great thanks to the Board for taking the reins on this issue so far this year. This is to be the year we begin to use email and postal voting in our election process. The following positions are up for election this year:

Vice President | Provincial | CEU Coordinator | Communications Director | Registrar

Nominations for these positions should be submitted to: nominations@ctabc.ca, to be received no later than April 15. Nominee biographies will be available on the CTABC website by April 30, and voting will take place between May 1 & May 25. Email votes must be received, and postal votes must be postmarked no later than May 25, 2012.

Board members may attend monthly meetings by Skype or teleconferencing, so all members are welcome to take part even if you do not live in the Lower Mainland. This is a great way to get involved in your association and help make the decisions that affect us all, so please consider running or nominating someone you know who would like to be involved.

Sincerely,

Tara MacCallum

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Members;

I have been busy preparing documents for our accountant for the 2011 financial report. This year CTABC successfully hosted a dinner for CSCT members during the CCC and the AGM in Victoria. CTABC also is involved with other professional associations discussing the possibility of forming an umbrella college. All these events are putting pressure on our financial situation. But they are all very necessary and important for our members and the future of our association.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jiannan Yu
CTABC Treasurer

MARION WRIGHT AWARD

The **Marion Wright Award** was established in June 2003 to recognize the BC resident student who achieves the highest mark on the first attempt of the CSCT national exam, in each year (from AGM to AGM). It replaced the Harrison-Eke award. This award was created to recognize Marion Wright's contribution to the CTABC throughout her career as a Cardiology Technologist, CTABC Board member and committee member.

During her lengthy career and while on the Board, she and the Health Professions Act committee were instrumental in creating the initial application for professional self-regulation under the current Health Professions Act in 1996. As an active member of this committee and up until her retirement, she spent tireless hours in amassing, collating and documenting all of the necessary information for this initial submission to the Health Professions Council and complied with any requested updates and ongoing hearings with the Health Professions Council and other allied health professions.

Subsequent Health Professions Act committee members continued on with this process and finally achieved a Health Professions Council document entitled "RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DESIGNATION OF CARDIOLOGY TECHNOLOGY" in October 2001. This was presented to the Cabinet with the recommendation that the Cardiology Technologists Association of BC be allowed to form a professional regulatory college.

Submitted by:

Ina Adams and Rich Payne