

## President REPORT

A year has passed since I became the president of CTABC and what a year it has been. While we still do not officially have our legislative college, we are closer than ever. At our AGM we were thrilled when Mike Farnworth, NDP Health Critic address the members present and stated he was very supportive of our umbrella college along with BCSLS, BCAMRT and BCUS. Collectively we have about 10,000 members which will make this college the 2nd biggest in BC and we are not simply stopping there. We have an upcoming meeting with Doug Cochrane, who is the chairman of the BC Patient Safety and Quality Council who also has stated that they are behind our attempt for a college. With the cardiology technologists in Alberta seemingly joining a legislative umbrella college, we hope this will also add support. In light of a likely change of government in May of 2013 we plan to attempt to keep the stakeholders in any decision within our sights and keep up with sustained pressure.

A big thank you to Tilly Hiscock and Carol Warnot for helping to put on an excellent AGM which was hosted at Burnaby General Hospital. Plans for our 2013 AGM are in the works but no place has been finalized yet. I would also be remiss to not mention that Deb Atkinson made the choice to step away from the board after 4 years of service. We wish her well as she continues her role as supervisor at Richmond General. HSA contributed financially to our AGM and also provided the members with some bling to take home. They also informed us that they have been researching an assessment of risks associated with cardiology technologists which will be published on the Worksafe BC website. Three speakers presented during the morning educational sessions and all were well received. Once we have received all of the presentations, those who attended will be emailed them as promised.



This past year we also spent a bit of money and updated our CTABC [website](#) and we will be creating a CTABC Facebook webpage. With the change in direction towards obtaining a college the BOD made the decision to not pursue the major website design change instead ensuring that there will be enough funds for any pending college.

One task which was completed this year and presented at the AGM was the change in CEU credits, which was overdue. The changes will be posted on the CTABC website and we will be looking for feedback before the new rules start on January 1, 2013.

Looking forward to the next year the board has several projects in the works one of which is looking at how to reach our members in the more rural areas of our province. We are looking at ideas from having an education session closer to where they reside or having an online streaming session - more details will be coming as we source out our options.

Lastly, after the AGM Tay-Jann submitted her resignation as Recording Secretary as she temporarily held two seats which allowed the board to appoint Elena Chan into that position moving her from Director at Large.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer

Respectfully submitted,

**Sauna Ryall**  
CTABC President

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## PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

As I hold two seats I have decided to separate my reports for the newsletter. On the national level I have been involved on the CSCT Strategic planning committee and the NOCP committee and also the committee looking at the CSCT website. The next big national event will be the **CSCT AGM & Education Day** in Toronto on **Sunday October 28th and 29th**. Ontario is also planning on a Sunday night event - more details to come as available.

NOCP - as you know there was a survey earlier this year regarding possible changes to the NOCP - the National Occupational Competency Profile - which is a blueprint used by CSCT approved schools to train future Cardiology Technologists. The NOCP is on a seven year cycle - every seven years it needs to be updated - including any changes we & CMA deem necessary to ensure that cardiology technologists are sufficiently trained for entry-level positions. There are 2 different levels of skills - performance and competency and then there are 3 different ways to present those - Academic (A), Simulated (S) and Clinical (C). Some of the pacemaker will likely be moving to S from A. We also will be looking at the comments which were submitted including possibly deleting some competency or changing some of the wording.

Strategic Planning Committee - this committee is looking at how CSCT will tackle the next 5 years. We met back in early June with a facilitator which really helped us make sure we were focused the way we needed to. The group will also be meeting again in September to tackle the next part of the plan. At the CSCT AGM we will be presenting our work including our new mission statement.

Finally - as part of the short term strategic planning the BOD will be presented tenders at our October meeting which will be voted on for a new updated website and database. The CSCT website is in need of a fresh face and we will also be adding in a database which will allow for easier communication between the provinces and CSCT. Look for more details coming in the future as the committee is still getting ready to put out for tender.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns regarding the national association.

Sincerely,

**Shauna Ryall**  
**CTABC Provincial Director**

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## COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT

Greetings Fellow Board Members

I would like to thank the outgoing Communications Director Deb Atkinson for all her dedication and hard work over the past couple years. Congratulations to Elena Chan for stepping into the position as the new Recording Secretary. I will be serving as your new Communications Director and look forward to chairing the PR and Technical committees. I wish you all a happy and safe summer.

**Tay-Jann Mark**

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## REGISTRAR REPORT

Greetings Members,

The total number of members on the current registry now is 564; we have 433 Active members, 34 Inactive members, 4 Life and 93 student members. Congratulations to those who passed the April CSCT Certification exam and I hope all of you are already busy working as casuals. Your new Active CTABC membership card will be arriving shortly in the mail. I would also like to welcome those members who have transferred into BC from other provinces.

The CTABC Board of Directors (BOD) does not hold meetings during July and August but do check our e-mails frequently as some business still needs to occur. Have a nice summer everyone and hopefully we have some sunshine!

Respectfully Submitted,

**Cheryl West**  
**CTABC Registrar**

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## TREASURER REPORT

Dear Members,

These past few years, I have been working on to consolidate all our accounts and investments into one financial institution. It makes us easy to manage our accounts and eliminate unnecessary bank charges. I am happy to announce that by now I have finished our accounts consolidation into one financial institution.

Up to now our financial focus is still on supporting forming umbrella college. The BOD is also discussing on how to help members with their education needs.

Have a great summer break.

Best Regards,

**Jiannan Yu**  
**CTABC Treasurer**

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## EDUCATION COORDINATOR REPORT

I am currently now 1 year into my 2-year term. I have so far found this position to be very rewarding. Thank you to everyone who has helped me through this first year.

The CTABC AGM was held on June 3rd 2012 at Burnaby Hospital. I was unable to attend the AGM this year. However, I did hear that the day was a success and that Burnaby Hospital did a great job hosting. Our new CEU Guidelines were presented by some of our Education Committee Members. These new guidelines will be in effect starting January 1st 2013 and will be posted on our website in coming months. I would like to thank our outgoing Communications Director, Deborah Atkinson, for all of her years of service to the CTABC. It was a pleasure working with you. Also, I would like to welcome our new Recording Secretary, Elena Chan, to the Board!

The CTABC Education Committee has been very hard at work this past 8 months. We have completed the new CEU Guidelines, which were approved by the CTABC BOD in March. These were presented to CTABC members at our June AGM, as previously mentioned, and will be in effect as of Jan 1st 2013. We will be taking a break over the summer months. We will start meeting again in November 2012 to focus on new projects. I would like to thank all the CTABC Education Committee members for all of your hard work over the past few months. I would also like to welcome new members, Michelle Robb and Rob Syms who are both current Stenberg Students, to the Committee. If anyone is interested in joining the Education Committee, please email me at [education@ctabc.ca](mailto:education@ctabc.ca).

This past April we had 21 Exam Candidates challenge the CSCT Exam. There was one person who challenged the Implantable Cardiac Devices Exam. Congratulations to those who were successful!

For those wishing to write the CSCT exam in September 2012, the application 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 February 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](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 exam will have 3 years from their first attempt to write and pass 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.

As always, we will need volunteers for the CSCT Exam in September. You will receive 3 CEU's for helping with both P1 and P2 (full day) or 1 CEU for helping with either P1 or P2 (part day). If you are interested, please email me at [education@ctabc.ca](mailto:education@ctabc.ca).

Respectfully Submitted,

**Eileen Jones**  
**CTABC Provincial Education Coordinator**

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## RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

Hello everyone!!

I attended my first AGM meeting at Burnaby hospital and had a blast. What an amazing group of people that comprise our profession!!

Thank you to the board and all who attended for making me feel so welcome. The meeting was bittersweet as we say farewell to Deb Atkinson as Communications Director. With Tay-Jann Mark taking over this board position, I have jumped in to fill the role as Recording Secretary.

Looking forward to attending board meetings and "officially" recording the minutes.

All the best and I hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

**Elena Chan**  
**Recording Secretary**

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## CEU COORDINATOR REPORT

Hello everyone.

The AGM was a success and it was a great opportunity for me to get to know members, and attach faces to the names that I am quite familiar with.

It has been almost 10 months as a CEU coordinator and it has been quite a steep and not always easy learning curve.

I will take this opportunity to inform the members that as June 28 we have **27 members who are not in good standing** with either did not have enough CEUs for 2011 or none submitted. There are a further 15 members who were not in good standing last year and continue the same way this year and who will need to write the CSCT Reinstatement exam. As it is my first year dealing with CEUs, the other "BOD" members have offered to help me inform all the delinquent members.

I look forward to serving you. Sincerely

**Linda Resuli**  
**CEU Coordinator**