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## PRESIDENT REPORT

Already we are starting to look towards 2013 which hopefully will be a historical year for CTABC. This fall the CTABC BOD has been continuing to actively work on and making sure that we have all the steps in place should we finally be given the green light to have a legislative college. If you were able to attend the AGM on June 3rd you would have been able to hear NDP Health Critic Mike Farnworth speak to our members regarding the NDPs position on our push for a college – and yes, they are supportive. Recently, Sean and I met with a strategic planning consulting group to see if this was an avenue we should pursue and depending on the feeling of the other groups involved in our umbrella college we do feel that this might be the final missing piece. The timing couldn't be more perfect as this group is also involved with the NDP in helping to focus the NDP Health Platform – and for the record, they did not approach us – we approached them. In the next few weeks we will have meetings with BCSLS, BCMRT & BCUS to seek their input as well as discuss the level of commitment each group is willing to input as this will affect the price of the consultant's services.

**AGM** - Coming in **2013** will be the AGM and this year the BOD is pleased to announce that the AGM will be in **Kelowna on Sunday May 26th**. Watch for more specific details in the spring newsletter, but be sure to save the date! This year the elections will be for President, Education Director, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. The nominations committee will be asking for nominations early in the New Year with online voting prior to the AGM.

**CEU's** - the new CEU policy takes effect for 2013 – so be sure you are up to date with the changes – not a lot, but some. The simplest way to check to see if your CEU is valid is ask yourself– does this make me a better cardiology technologist? If you can answer yes, you are probably fine – just check to see how many CEUs it is worth. I am sure that the Education Director's report will have more detail.

**Committees** – as you will find elsewhere in the newsletter we have quite a few committees as a way for members to be a bit involved – remember, many hands makes light work – the education committee, finance committee and nomination committee have a bit of room – as well as the AGM committee. If you are interested or would like more information please email [info@ctabc.ca](mailto:info@ctabc.ca) for more details!

**Accountability** – starting after the November BOD meeting we will be posting abridged minutes for our members – they will be 2 months behind as the first month following we need to approve the previous months minutes and then they are abridged and then those have to be approved the following month – but at least you can see what we meet and talk about.

As always, please know that your board of directors are only an email away.

Respectfully submitted,

**Shauna Ryall**  
CTABC President

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## PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

It was good to see several members from BC attend the CSCT AGM and Education day in Toronto which was held in conjunction with the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress. This was my first year as CSCT VP and the learning curve has been fairly steep but not insurmountable. Several members commented on how professional the AGM was and I contribute this to CSCT working hard in the past few years to improve their accountability with members including committee reports.

As part of the CSCT Executive I sit on the Strategic Planning committee which has been focused on establishing goals along with timelines – short term goals are to be completed within 1 year and long term as long as 5 years before completion.

### Highlights of the short term goals are:

- Website upgrade and membership database – tentative for Fall 2013
- 2014 NOCP approval of revisions – February CSCT BOD meeting
- CSCT Job Descriptions for BOD and Executive, Registrar & Secretary – Feb CSCT BOD meeting
- Review PEC's job descriptions – June Joint meeting
- Legacy Planning – BOD Terms of References & Job descriptions (in the event of) - ongoing
- Atrium review – completed fall 2012
- CSCT Meeting Agenda templates review – done fall 2012
- Improve relationship with CSCT approved programs - ongoing
- Contact CSCT approved programs to enable education post program for our members – by June 2013 CSCT BOD meeting
- Review Policies – partly completed Oct 2012 BOD meeting, policy committee revisions for Feb 2013
- Review CSCT Bylaws – for June 2012 BOD meeting
- Improve member engagement – ongoing (website)
- Improve BOD communications – ongoing

### Long Term Goals:

- Assess exam delivery, available more often – decisions by 2014 for 2016 new NOCP exam start
- Assess Interactive videos – 2014
- By-Laws review - ongoing
- Implementation of NOCP changes, exam bank review (with an exam writer) – after NOCP approval
- Hire a consultant to help access grants- still coming
- Assess structure of CSCT with regards to volunteer hours versus paid hours and workload – not started yet – other tasks to be completed first (i.e. Job descriptions)
- Investigate Public Relations for CSCT/ Social media – future task
- Develop Standard Levels of Practice for CSCT – future task
- Oct of 2013 invite Program Heads to meet with BOD to review proposed changes to NOCP – 2013 CCC
- Arrange a timeline for the Short term and Long Term Goals and assign Directors to complete these goals – most already assigned

The CSCT BOD is looking at the CSCT Vision statement which is tentatively changed to: The experts in Cardiology Technology

And the CSCT did approve our new Mission statement: As the certifying body, CSCT is dedicated to quality patient care by maintaining the highest standards in Cardiology technology.

**AGM highlights from each of the provincial associations:**

Alberta is very close to having legislation for their members which would certainly aid in establishing a college in BC. Ontario, Nova Scotia & Newfoundland are all actively pursuing this as well. Hopefully as more provincial associations get closer it will aid the others. There are new cardiology technology programs opening around Canada including some with Stenberg in several provinces which should help with filling some vacancies. All programs must achieve CMA approval and there is a strict process in place. A new BC program is due to open on Vancouver Island in September 2013. Manitoba, the birthplace of CSCT will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2013 – CSCT member #1 is still a member and we applaud her for being part of such a pioneering vision which makes up CSCT today.

**NOCP** - Upcoming at the national level will be continuing NOCP work. The CMA and CSCT have agreed to a 7 year cycle of reviewing and updating the NOCP – National Occupation Code Profile – which helped to define what a cardiology technologist is. Most of the NOCP will stay the same but there will be some tweaks with some items being changed to simulated from academic which means that the programs will need to not just provide information but that students will be required to have hands on training while still taking their program. Some items will move from being simulated to being included in their clinical portion of training. The biggest changes will be in pacemakers as CSCT wants to ensure that more cardiology technologists have the ability to become pacemaker technologists – in other words that we are the experts in pacemakers. In November 2013 there will be another NOCP survey which will allow CSCT members to have a final say before the 2014 NOCP is finalized. Exam changes will start in 2016 which will allow programs to have 2 years to make any necessary adjustments.

**Website** – Finally, CSCT will be getting a new membership database & member interactive website. The CSCT BOD has decided on a company and the Website committee has been tasked with negotiating a contract to be presented at the February BOD meeting. If all goes well it is hoped that CSCT will launch the new and improved website in the fall of 2013 and in time for the AGM in Montreal. There will be a membership only area and each CSCT member will be able to submit CEUs throughout the year and not have to wait until the end of the year. There are many exciting ideas in the works and as more details are finalized I will be sure to let you know.

Thank you again for allowing me to represent you at the national level.

Yours faithfully,

Sincerely,

**Shauna Ryall**  
**CTABC Provincial Representative**

## REGISTRAR REPORT

Dear Members

Once again, it is the time of year to pay your cardiology technologist association dues and to submit a minimum of 10 CEUs if you don't have any carryover. As always the mail out includes the following forms; Dues notice (R-113), Members' Status form (R-108), CEU Log sheet, CEU Guidelines. However, all such forms are also available to be downloaded from the CTABC website from the Resources page if you should not receive your envelope or misplace them.

**Dues Payment:** Reminder that Dues payments mailed must be **postmarked no later than December 31st** or otherwise a \$25.00 late fee will apply. Cheques or money orders are to be made out to CTABC and then CTABC submits your CSCT dues out of this payment. Reminder, that **Student members cannot pay dues/fees with personal cheques**. In addition, all members can also choose to pay dues via credit card using the PayPal button on our website and then submit CEUs separately.

**CEU Submissions:** CTABC prefers that you **scan** in your CEU documentation and then e-mail it to [ceu@ctabc.ca](mailto:ceu@ctabc.ca) and cc it to myself, [registrar@ctabc.ca](mailto:registrar@ctabc.ca) because the CEU Coordinator gets the CEUs directly and there is an electronic record. Next in preference is to fax a copy to the CTABC toll-free telephone and fax number 1-866-280-6535 and we will match them up with your dues payment. However, make sure you get a confirmation receipt showing that your transmission was received because in the past members have believed their fax had gone through but it had not. Finally, should you decide to mail them in, **submit only copies** with your dues and keep the originals of your CEU submissions in the event your envelope is not received.

Lastly, remember that CEUs must be entered on the CTABC CEU Log sheet; complete and legible. CEUs received in an "unacceptable manner" will be returned to you to redo and asked to be re-submitted.

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!

Current membership stands as follows; 448 Active members, 33 Inactive, 77 Students, 4 Life members for a total of 562 on our registry.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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## TREASURER REPORT

Dear Members,

It's time to remind all the members that our membership dues are due on Dec.31 and in keeping with the fiscal year, cheques will be deposited after New Year in 2013. PayPal payment is highly recommended.

I'd like to thank AGM committee, volunteers, Burnaby General Hospital and especially Tilly Hiscock and Carol Warnot who organized a successful AGM. We had a financially balanced AGM this year. Great Job!

Thank you every one for your support. Hope you all have a great holiday season!

Respectfully submitted,

**Jiannan Yu**  
CTABC Treasurer

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## COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT

Greetings Members

I would like to welcome **Jennifer Paul** in the role as our new CEU Coordinator. A big thanks to Linda Resuli our outgoing CEU Coordinator for all her time and hard work.

This year continues to be filled with attending monthly board meetings in addition to forming and chairing our Technical Committee and PR Committee.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Respectfully submitted,

**Tay-Jann Mark**  
Communication's Director

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## EDUCATION COORDINATOR REPORT

Dear Members,

I would like to thank our outgoing CSCT Education Director, Vince Spozak, for all of his help, hard work, and support over the last few years. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Here's a breakdown of what has been happening over the last few months:

### **October 2012 PEC Meeting**

This October I attended the Provincial Education Coordinator's meeting and the Joint meeting of the CSCT BOD and Provincial Directors. These were held in Toronto, Ontario in conjunction with the CCC. I would like to thank the OSCT for all their hard work putting on a great AGM and Education Day.

### **Pacemaker Examination Update**

There is one important update regarding the Implantable Cardiac Devices Exam. This exam will be discontinued as of April 2014 for new applicants. The exam will stay open until April 2015 and is available for rewrites only.

For anyone who is interested in entering the field of Pacemakers or wanting more education with Pacemakers, BCIT has some excellent courses available. An alternative to the ICDE exam is administered by the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners (IBHRE). This alternative is also recognized internationally. For more information, please refer to the IBHRE website at <http://www.ibhre.org> to help answer any questions you may have.

### **Educational Opportunity**

While on the subject of pacemakers, there is a great website with Medtronic which I think is a fabulous learning opportunity. It is called Medtronic Connect and to find out more please go to:

<https://wwwp.medtronic.com/mdtConnectPortal/registration/index.jsp>

If you hear about any great learning and educational opportunities that you would like to share with our membership, please don't hesitate to send me an email!

### **September 2012 CSCT Exam**

BC had 14 recent cardiology program graduates write the CSCT certification exam on September 29, 2012. There were 21 total candidates, seven of which were re-writes. There was also one person who challenged the Pacemaker Specialty Exam. Congratulations to those who were successful!

For those wishing to write the CSCT exam in April 2013, the application deadline is February 1st 2013. As a reminder for those students who are planning to write the CSCT exam in September 2013, the deadline will be July 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 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.

#### **New CEU Guidelines**

I would also like to remind everyone that the CTABC is going to have new CEU Guidelines as of January 1st 2013. These will be posted to our website, [www.ctabc.ca](http://www.ctabc.ca), in early January 2013.

As always, we are looking for more volunteers to join the Education Committee or for help with the administration of the CSCT exam. Please email me at [education@ctabc.ca](mailto:education@ctabc.ca) and let me know if you are interested.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

Kind regards,

**Eileen Casama**  
**CTABC Provincial Education Coordinator**

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## RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

Hope everyone has been enjoying the fall festivities of Thanksgiving and Halloween. As the weather cools and the sun turns to rain, I have been making the most of my “indoor” activities by taking the time to organize my professional life. First on the agenda was to ensure that all CTABC members will soon get to see abridged minutes of our Board of Director meetings. Thus allowing everyone to get a better idea of what really goes on “behind-the-scenes”. As you soon will see, we are hard at work and have several committees in the pipeline, so we welcome all volunteers!! Check out the CTABC website for details.

All the best,

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