
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As another year comes to an end it allows time for reflection on this past year and a busy year it has been. The fight for the college is still ongoing but I do believe that we will be successful as we continue to apply the pressure.

Several of our members were given specific training to meet with their local MLAs in an effort to convey our message and on December 3rd the coalition met with the Minister of Health, Terry Lake. The meeting went well and they have agreed that we need a college. The only thing now is for the Minister to secure the allotted time required by those in the Ministry who will make it happen and that could take a few more months. The coalition is NOT backing down and simply waiting, if anything we are ramping up even more and will continue to gain support from the stakeholders as well as other MLAs to keep the pressure on. There is a **news release** which is part of this newsletter that you can glean more information from.

We are awaiting the final results of the LPN trial in Fraser Health and apparently there will be a similar trial or plan for LPNs to do ECGs in Interior Health as well. CTABC suggests that those affected by the trials log any errors, especially grievous errors and forward to myself via email. Cardiology Technologists will never "own" performing ECGs but we can do our best to make sure that patient safety is of utmost importance.

We also welcomed a new school this year - the Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technologists (VIIMT) will have their first cohort of students challenging the April 2014 CSCT exam and we are looking to host our first ever exam sitting on the island to accommodate the influx of students. More details will be forthcoming to the candidates as we try to locate a suitable location. Both sites will be run simultaneously.

VIIMT has also generously agreed to host the 2014 AGM in Victoria on the last weekend of May - so make sure you mark your calendars. CTABC will be looking to host the 2015 AGM likely in Abbotsford and we are seeking to see if we can initiate some video conferencing from other sites around BC so that people can attend virtually. The technology is available - but accessing it and the legalities are still something we need to traverse through.

I am looking forward to 2014 and all the challenges that it will bring and hopefully the announcement of the long awaited college!

With respect,

Shauna Ryall
CTABC President

NEWS RELEASE: LEGISLATIVE COLLEGE

Representatives from our Coalition for a College of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Health Professionals including Sean Freeze from CTABC met with Health Minister Terry Lake on December 4 to discuss our request for a professional college. We are happy to report the meeting went very well and the Minister indicated he was supportive of the request and impressed with our work to date. As a next step he has asked officials to undertake due diligence including contacting relevant stakeholders and work through the policy implications of our request.

Of note from the meeting is the fact that in our meeting Minister Lake was clear he has already heard from other BC Liberal MLAs who are supportive of our request. This is the direct result of our membership's hard-work over the summer and fall seeking the one-on-one constituency meetings with MLAs across the Province. Thank you for all of those who met their local MLA and requested those that were supportive express that directly to the Minister.

Minster Lake and his staff were also impressed with demonstrations of stakeholder support we secured, notably Dr. Doug Cochrane who is the Chair of the Provincial Patient Safety & Quality Council, and BC's largest diagnostic services company, Life Labs. We will be looking for other opportunities to demonstrate key stakeholders are in alignment in the coming weeks and months.

Ministry of Health officials will now begin following up with the Health Authorities to gauge their opinions and provide recommendations to the Minister. We expect to have an update from government in the New Year. Also, there have been some recent news reports about our advocacy for a College of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Health Professionals in the Vancouver Sun and CBC North, and we are working on getting more media coverage while ensuring it is positive and encourages government to act and avoids criticism if possible.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Dear Members

The 2014 Dues Notices are in the mail but this year the mail out includes the new CEU Guidelines but NOT the CEU Log sheet. Instead we are asking that members go to our website (www.ctabc.ca) and on the Resources page, to open the Excel version of the log sheet and type in your entries, and then save the document on your computer and then email it to ceu@ctabc.ca and cc, myself at registrar@ctabc.ca. The reason being is that there are many unacceptable, illegible log sheets submitted. Alternatively, a member can print off the CEU Log sheet pdf version and fill it in and then preferably scan and email rather than faxing in the forms so there is an electronic paper trail.

There is also a new form in the dues mail out package which is a form which must be signed by your supervisor confirming the dates and hours you were a preceptor to a student. Reminder, in accordance

with the new CEU Guidelines which were effective Jan 1st, 2013, a CTABC member may only submit a max of 5 CEUs for preceptoring and must accrue another 5 CEUs by other means. Finally, because it is the end of a CSCT Triennium for CEUs- all Active and Inactive members must have submitted a minimum of 30 CEUs by Dec 31st, 2013 otherwise a fine will be levied by CSCT.

As always, dues monies must be received by Dec 31st and dues payments mailed must be postmarked no later than December 31st or otherwise a \$25.00 late fee will apply.

Reminder, that **Student members cannot pay dues/fees with personal cheques**, only money orders, certified bank drafts/cheques or via credit card on our website. For our Active and Inactive members, cheques or money orders are to be made payable to CTABC or can also choose to pay dues using a credit card and then submit CEUs separately.

If you did not receive an envelope in the mail for some reason, then ALL forms can be downloaded and printed off from the CTABC website.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl West
CTABC Registrar

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members to support my job by giving me the valuable suggestions when I needed. I would also like to thank the BOD members who have provided me support with my job as always.

It comes again to remind all the members to pay your dues by December 31, 2013 and make sure to have enough funds in your account until January next year if you are paying by personal cheque. All the cheques will not be deposited and processed until the first week of January 2014.

I would like to wish everyone has a wonderful holiday!

Respectfully Submitted

Jiannan
CTABC Treasurer

EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Dear Members

I have been a part of the CTABC for a couple of months now and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members for their continuing assistance and encouragement.

In September 2013 I had the honour to proctor the CSCT exam alongside the help of some volunteers. There were a total of 18 candidates, four of which were re-writes. I would like to congratulate all of the candidates that successfully passed the exam. For those wishing to write the CSCT exam in April 2014, the application deadline is February 1st 2014. Other information pertaining to the CSCT exam can be found at www.csct.ca.

Recently, I had the pleasure to attend the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC) and the Annual General Meeting that was held in Montreal. I attended meetings with fellow education coordinators and CSCT board of directors from each province. There will be some changes made to the National Occupational Competency Profile (NOCP) in the near future. The NOCP will have some additions relating to basic pacemaker information and electrophysiology. These changes will be reflected in the CSCT exam in 2016. Representatives from various schools offering the Cardiology Technology program were also present at the CCC; they were onboard with the changes.

The AGM also took place in Montreal. I would like to congratulate Shauna Ryall on her new position as the CSCT president.

Respectfully submitted,

Sukh Khangura
Education Coordinator

CEU COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Happy Holidays!

The end of the year is fast approaching which means it is time to submit yearly dues and CEUs. CTABC prefers that you scan in your CEU documentation and then e-mail it to ceu@ctabc.ca and cc it to registrar@ctabc.ca because then 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 via mail.

Lastly, remember that CEUs must be entered on the CTABC CEU Log sheet; complete and legible with all supporting documentation. Incomplete, illegible CEUs or CEUs missing the required supporting documentation will not be processed and the member will be emailed informing them that it must be redone and re-submitted.

I know it is a busy time of year for all of us but please keep in mind that this year also marks the end of the CSCT triennium. CSCT policy is that members who have not completed and submitted their CEUs postmarked on or before December 31, 2013 will be fined \$150 and furthermore if they are not submitted by March 1, 2014 will have their membership suspended and be required to write and pass a reinstatement exam. If you have any questions about this policy please contact your Provincial Education director at education@ctabc.ca. This is especially important because once we have a legislative college then you may not be permitted to work as a Cardiology Technologist if you are not a registered member in good standing.

All forms for submitting CEUs and the new CEU guidelines can be found on the CTABC website. Remember this is the first year our new guidelines take effect so I hope you've all had a chance to familiarize yourselves with them.

Jennifer Paul
CEU Coordinator

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Season's Greetings Members

It has been a busy year attending meetings and keeping up with editing and posting our newsletters online. It has been a true pleasure to be serving on the board as your Communication's Director. I wanted to wish each and every one of you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!

Kindest Regards,

Tay-Jann Mark
Communication's Director