

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members

As some of you may or may not know, I have taken a short leave of absence since January due to personal illness and subsequent treatments. Sean Freeze, our VP had temporarily assumed the role of chair.

CTABC is still very hopeful about obtaining a regulatory college with the other 4 medical associations as we have been told the only thing preventing it is bureaucratic availability. The pressure is still continuing. I am attaching an excerpt from the Legislative Hansard of March 13, 2014 which includes Minister Lake's response to questions and comments from MLAs about Bill 7 the Laboratory Services Act. It has now passed second reading.

I have highlighted his comments regarding a Regulatory College and I quote:

*There was some comment about the need to have a self-regulating college for laboratory technicians. I can tell the House that this is something that has been considered in the past and is still under consideration. In fact, I will be meeting in the very near future with some of the health care professionals that have put this idea forward.*

We have also had more contact with people who work for the Minister of Health and have been assured that this is a high priority.

With the college looking to become a reality, only members in good standing of CTABC are guaranteed to become members. Lapsed members are not. That will be the decision made with the forming of the college and there is NO GUARANTEE that these members will be granted automatic membership just because they currently hold that position. It may mean that they are required to write a recertification exam as per CSCT policy.

This year we will welcome new members who are coming from VIIMT (Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology) and they have graciously taken on the hosting of our 2014 CTABC AGM in Victoria on Sunday May 25th.

Also, a reminder the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress is in Vancouver this year from Saturday, October 25th to Tuesday, October 28th. The CSCT AGM will be on Saturday Oct 25th outside the convention centre but the full education day will be held on Sunday Oct 26th as part of the CCC. CSCT will be hosting a dinner for members who are registered for the CCC.

I look forward to seeing many of our members in attendance so please make sure you put in your education leave requests ASAP.

**Shauna Ryal**  
**CTABC President**

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear members,

The weather is starting to make a turn for the better and as we welcome spring it again signifies a fresh crop of students preparing to write the CSCT Certification Exam and another CTABC AGM on the horizon. In turn, we must also reflect on the current state of our association and the recent developments that have led us here. As Vice President, my responsibilities include acting as chair of several committees including the Policy, Bylaws and Nominations committees. In addition, I also serve on the Finance and Legislation committees. During certain situations, such as now, it is also the responsibility of the VP to assume the role of Board Chair in the absence of the current President.

Clearly, the most exciting event over the last several months is the discussion on the floor of the BC House of Representatives regarding the creation of a regulatory college for Cardiology Technologists and our partner organizations. This discussion and the resulting remarks from the Health Minister are a very encouraging sign that things may be moving in the right direction towards achieving our goal. I believe that it is very important to maintain our momentum and do our best to continue pushing the issue with all involved parties and stakeholders.

There are several Board of Directors positions coming up for election at the upcoming AGM. We will be accepting nominations for the following:

1. **Vice President**
2. **Provincial Director**
3. **Registrar**
4. **Communications Director**
5. **CEU Coordinator**

A Call for Nominations will be distributed to the membership very soon. Please consider volunteering some of your time to serve as a board member, or on one of our many committees. It's important that our association remains professional and forward-thinking.

Also, I'd like to add one last reminder to attend the 2014 AGM in Victoria. Our guest speakers promise to be both inspiring and informative. The earning of valuable CEUs does not hurt either.

Regards,

**Sean Freeze**  
**Vice President**



### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Members,

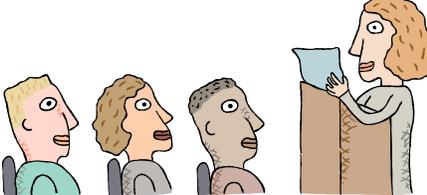
This year's AGM & Education Day, will again be held outside of the lower mainland and will be in Victoria BC. The CTABC Board plans on rotating from the three main regions where we have the majority of members so more members can choose to attend. The newest Cardiology Technology program is in Victoria at Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology and are helping CTABC host this years AGM. The CTABC Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday May 25th in Victoria near Royal Jubilee Hospital. The same format of 3 speakers before lunch and then the AGM will take place in the afternoon. An on-line registration form and payment will only be accepted in advance and by credit card. More details will be emailed to members in the upcoming weeks.

As always, if you are not able to attend our AGM you may submit a proxy. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you how to fill out your proxy from. You may list up to 2 members who are in good standing to carry your vote(s). In regards to the Motions listed on the proxy, **you must initial**, not "check mark" or "X" either "For" or "Against" the motion. You must clearly print your name at the bottom of the proxy, date it, sign it, and initial as well. Finally, according to our bylaws, the Registrar must have received the proxy 12 hours prior to the start of our AGM in order to be accepted. Therefore, proxies can be hand delivered, mailed, or faxed (preferred method). Our toll-free telephone/fax line # is 1-866-280-6535. Any proxy not filled out correctly is invalid and will count as an invalid vote. I would much rather see you all in person at the AGM instead of dealing with proxies!

The CSCT per capita collected by March 31st has been sent and any member who paid their 2014 dues and had the minimum of 30 CEUs for the last triennium will be receiving a current CSCT membership card. Only 10% of our membership failed to meet this criteria and have had their membership suspended until they meet the requirements for reinstatement. The CEU spreadsheet will have been posted on our website by the time you receive this newsletter and if you believe there are any discrepancies, you will need to contact the CEU Coordinator...

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl West**  
CTABC Registrar



**2014 CTABC AGM**  
**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Fairfield Gonzales Community Centre  
1330 Fairfield Road, Victoria, BC

Check our website for details:  
[www.ctabc.ca](http://www.ctabc.ca)

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## RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I would like to thank all our CTABC board members for their guidance and continuing support in helping me adjust to role of Recording Secretary. I am currently working on getting all the abridged minutes together for the CTABC so members can have access to them. The CTABC board members put in a lot of effort and work into our monthly meetings. I hope that abridged minutes will provide members an understanding of our work during the monthly meetings.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM in May.

Sincerely,

**Neelam Bhatoe**  
**CTABC Recording Secretary**

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## COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings Members,

With the CTABC Annual General Meeting around the corner I will be helping to support the board to get ready for this exciting event. This year's AGM will be held on May 25th in Victoria BC and I hope to see you all there!

As your Communications Director I have continued to forward all correspondence including CEU's submissions and exam applications to the appropriate board member. Any fax mail and voicemails are checked on a daily basis and are directed to the appropriate board member.

It has been nearly two years in term serving as your Communications Director. I want to thank you for providing me with this opportunity and putting your trust in me. Moreover, I would also like to also thank the board of directors for all their support and guidance during the last several years in my transitioning from your Education Coordinator to Recording Secretary to now Communication's Director. It has been such an honor and pleasure to be a part of the changes and growth in this profession and the association. I have truly enjoyed serving our membership and look forward to continue in the years to come.

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful spring season.

Kindest Regards,

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

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear members,

It's time of the year to review our last year's financial situation. I am working on preparing the documents for 2013 financial report to our accountant. Members can read the report before AGM and discuss the details at the meeting. Please email me if you have any questions regarding the report. I would like to thank all the members who support my work. I am looking forward to seeing you at AGM.

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

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## CEU COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Dear Members

All the CEUs for last triennium have finally been tabulated! A big thank you to the hard working CEU Committee who worked long hours to get this done. We will have the current CEU totals posted shortly. I would also like to thank those who submitted their CEUs in on time with all the correct documentation. You make our job so much easier!

A friendly reminder that the new triennium started in January 2014 so it's a good idea to start keeping track of your CEUs now. You can download and print the preceptor log sheet and CEU log sheet from the CTABC website and start keeping track right away so in December all you have to do is send it in. Any time throughout the year if you have any questions about whether something counts for a credit you can email [ceu@ctabc.ca](mailto:ceu@ctabc.ca) to find out. It is better to submit more than 10 if you are unsure just so you have enough. We have been adding some educational links to the Resources page of our web site for some great ways to get CEUs by internet study. If any of you know some good links then please email them to me and we will add them to the website.

Many of our members submitted CEUs based on our old guidelines or left it until the last minute to read the new guidelines and had not been reading their emails carefully or reading our newsletters and therefore were not aware of the changes. I would encourage everyone to take the time to read the emails that are sent out and the newsletters that are posted as well as either attend the AGM or read the AGM minutes if you are unable to attend. It is important to be informed of changes that are happening in your profession because as many found out these changes affect you! Wishing everyone a relaxing summer and hope to see you at the AGM in May.

Sincerely,

**Jennifer Paul**  
**CEU Coordinator**

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## EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside the fellow board members over this past year. I have come to realize how passionate each member is about the field of Cardiology. I would just like to take this moment to say how appreciative I am for their numerous hours of volunteer work.

This year I have received a total of 43 exam applications for the April 2014 exam sitting. I would like to wish each and every one of the exam candidates the best of luck in their studies. For students planning to write the CSCT exam in September 2014 the deadline for applications is July 1st, 2014. Other information pertaining to the exam can be found at [www.csct.ca](http://www.csct.ca). Also, I would like to remind everyone that the Implantable Devices and Therapies specialty exam will be discontinued after this April 2014 exam sitting. However, if anyone is interested in furthering their education in regards to cardiac pacing and electrophysiology the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners (IHBRE) exam is recommended. For more information visit: [www.ihbre.org](http://www.ihbre.org).

I will need volunteers to assist me during the exam sessions. If anyone who is a member in good standing and willing to help, please contact me.

**Sukhdeep Khangura**  
**Education Coordinator**

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## PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The CCCs (Canadian Cardiovascular Congress) will once again be in Vancouver this year from Oct 25-28th 2014. Our CSCT AGM will be held Saturday afternoon on Oct 25th from 3-6 pm outside the conference centre so members can attend without having to pay to enter congress. Our CSCT Education Day will be held Sunday Oct 26th and will be inside the conference centre so members will have to pay the one day registration to attend congress. Early registration for CCCs opens June 2nd.

The new and improved national website with a membership database and online registration is still in progress and not completed. We are anticipating it will be up and running by the end of 2014.

I have not been involved with the meetings in regards to us being part of an umbrella college but our Vice President has and will be informing us what has transpired thus far in his report.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl West**  
**Acting Provincial Director**