

President's Message

Once again, I would like to wish all of our CSCT Members a happy, healthy and prosperous year in all that you do. I hope everyone celebrated National Cardiology Technologist Day in February. If you have pictures and would like to share them, please forward to me.

Your Board of Directors met again in February in Ottawa. We welcomed Sara Jayne Cameron for her first official Board meeting as Education Director. Some of the agenda items included website proposal, NOCP updates, and many reports from the Provincial Directors' and different committees. It was a very full 2 days of meetings.

We have chosen a Website Company from Ontario who will begin creating a new website for not only CSCT but also for some of the provinces. Keep an eye out for updates about the CSCT website. We hope to have things completed by the end of 2013.

The NOCP updates and changes are moving along nicely thanks to the

hard work of the NOCP Committee. Surveys are being worked on, and members will again be encouraged to participate in this work by completing the survey for CEU's.. Members will be notified when the survey is available. CSCT has engaged the assistance of Dr David Cane to guide us through this process. You may remember that he helped us a few years ago with the NOCP.

CSCT now has a committee to organise the AGM held every year in conjunction with the Cardiovascular Congress. It will be held in Montreal this year on October 17 – 20, 2013 at the Palais des Congress. Once again we encourage members to attend and see the latest in our profession. There are numerous educational opportunities and we enjoy meeting you at our 43rd Annual General Meeting. Information about our AGM is elsewhere in the Atrium and as always on the CSCT Website.

We heard from the Provincial Directors about each province's attempts

towards Regulation. Some provinces seem to be close; others are still struggling with this. We need our membership to be encouraging and take every opportunity to help as needed. We appreciate this help as it can be a slow process.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Provincial Education Coordinators, the Education Director and the Board of Directors for the help and encouragement they give me and each other. My term is almost over and others will come along to do the work that we have started. We still work well together and hope to achieve only positive things for our association. Keep in touch; we love to hear from members with your stories, comments and accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,
Marg Mount RCT
President CSCT

Vice President's Report

Welcome to 2013 everyone! Hopefully you will all be thawed out after a long and cold winter when you read this, or for those on the wet west coast that you are enjoying the spring blooms.

A BIG congratulation to the Manitoba Association of Cardiology Technologists on your 50th anniversary!

This past year has been a busy one for CSCT as I have been involved with several committees with the main focus on the NOCP and the Website. The NOCP has been very enlightening as we go through all the finer points and learn how the prior NOCP was constructed and the history of where we have been and

where the NOCP is going. Lots of emails have been going back and forth and with Gretchen's guidance and leadership the project is moving along nicely.

The Website is also going to undergo a huge revamp and following the October board of directors meeting a company was chosen who will be designing and creating the new look. Hopefully, it will be up and running before the end of this year and in time for the start of the new triennium.

Another committee which I have been privilege to be on is the strategic committee which presented our new Mission & Vision statements at the 2012

AGM in Toronto. This group will continue to meet to help plan the goals for CSCT and to ensure that current goals are indeed being met.

I hope that many of you are able to attend the CCC which will be held in Montreal this October from October 17-20, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Ryall
CSCT Vice President

EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2012-2013

I would like to say a big "Hello" from the East Coast to all of the members of CSCT. I am just beginning my journey as Education Director. I am hopeful that I get to meet many of you over the coming years in this position.

I would like to thank Vince Sopzak, the outgoing Education Director, for all his hard work and dedication to the CSCT over the past two years. Vince will stay on as a member of the Exam Committee (EC) and we are very appreciative of his willingness to share his knowledge and history while continuing to work towards improving our Examinations' systems, processes and procedures.

The Provincial Education Coordinators (PEC's) from all across Canada have been working hard to ensure that our exams are delivered professionally every April and September. The Committee appreciates all the hard work that goes into the organization and supervision of the weekend examinations. In addition, each PEC is part of one or more working committees with the CSCT. Their hard work and dedication is inspirational and keeps us all motivated to do our utmost for our students. 2013 is going to be a busy year with a new website to be developed, as well as the anticipated completion of the review of the National Occupational Competencies Profiles.

The Exam Committee (EC), which consists of myself, Lynn Zinger (Exam Chair), Gretchen Dunn (Exam Administrator) and Vince Sopzak, met in December 2012 in Vancouver. The EC has managed many changes to the examinations over the years. *The latest development is move to completely online exam delivery.* We have delivered two successful exams completely online and it is working smoothly across Canada. A huge accomplishment for our Society! Thank you to the EC for all your hard work throughout 2012 and I know, that 2013 will be as challenging as in the past.

In conclusion I would like to welcome our newest members who successfully passed the Certification Exam in 2012. I encourage each and everyone one of you to get involved with your provincial association and work to make the CSCT better for everyone!

Sara-Jayne Cameron, RCT
CSCT Education Director

Facebook Announcement

The CSCT is excited to announce that we are now on Facebook!

Please take a minute to "Like" our page, it can be found by searching CSCT – Canadian Society of Cardiology Technologists.

A Memoriam

Nancy Vallis

February 12, 1951 -
August 10, 2012

Former Registrar/Treasurer
Provincial Education Coordinator
To the New Brunswick Society of
Cardiology Technologists.

Nancy lived in Saint John New
Brunswick with her husband
Wayne. She had two beautiful
daughters Alison and Leah.

Nancy worked as a manager in

the Electrodiagnostics
department at St. Joseph's
Hospital and then at the Saint
John Regional Hospital until her
retirement.

Nancy was a true advocate for
Cardiology Technologists. She
was instrumental in changing
many things including replacing
the name ECG Technician to
Cardiology Technologist. The
job description of the technologist
was changed to a more
professional role under her
direction. She had a vision for
progress for our profession and
was instrumental in seeing

Legislation implemented in N.B.
Nancy also worked tirelessly to
see a program for Cardiology
Technology in the Maritimes. In
retirement she worked as an
advocate for ECG education in
the Atlantic Provinces.

Having served as PEC for New
Brunswick on the CSCT board
Nancy was well liked by everyone
and will be respectfully
remembered by many.

Submitted by
Lynn Douglas, President
NBSCT



CSCT / CCS
Conference
October 17th to
October 20th, 2013
Montreal, QC

CCC Poster



CANADIAN
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CARDIOVASCULAIRE

The Canadian Society of Cardiology

Technologist's welcome it's members to

Vascular 2013

to be held at

The Palais de Congress - MONTREAL
October 17 – 20, 2013

C.S.C.T. Annual General Meeting

Saturday October 19, 2013

Registration: 1530 Meeting: 1600

Members dinner following AGM

Watch C.S.C.T. website for upcoming details!

Thursday Oct 17th, 2013

9:00 – 17:00 Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 – 17:00 Education Directors Meeting

Friday Oct 18th, 2013

9:00 – 17:00 Joint Board/Education Meetings

Saturday Oct 19th, 2013

16:00 – 18:00 Annual General Meeting
(and Post AGM)

CSCT

18:30 Dinner for CSCT Members only
Location to be Announced

The Canadian Cardiovascular Congress event will offer delegates 4 full days of scientific programs

Honorary President Dr. Omar Sultan

Full Registration:

Early Bird \$215.00
Advanced \$245.00
Regular or onsite \$285.00

One Day Registration:

Early Bird \$120.00
Advanced \$125.00
Regular or onsite \$130.00

Visit:

www.vascular2013.ca



Registrar's Report

Per Capita numbers as of Apr 30th, 2013

PROVINCE	2013	Active	Inactive	TOTAL	2012	Active	Inactive	TOTAL
British Columbia		392	23	415		388	31	419
Alberta		132	12	144		132	13	145
Saskatchewan		88	7	95		88	5	93
Manitoba		109	0	109		105	1	106
Ontario		482	0	482		551	0	551
New Brunswick		103	7	110		96	4	100
Nova Scotia		86	2	88		86	4	90
Newfoundland		35	2	37		38	0	38
<u>All of Canada</u>		1,428	52	1,480		1,484	58	1,542

As the CSCT Registrar, I receive your information from each province association.

- * Members pay dues to their provincial association
- * The Provincial association pays the per capita amount for your CSCT membership
- * CEUs are received and tabulated by your province (who informs the CSCT Registrar)
- * Please send questions regarding your membership status to your provincial association first and copy to the CSCT Registrar if needed.
- * All e-mail addresses of the CSCT provincial Board Members are on the CSCT website.
- * It is the member's responsibility to keep their provincial association informed of any change of status e.g. moving, new e-mail address, change of status from Active/Inactive and vice versa, or transferring to another province.

Reminder: 2013 is the end of the CEU Triennium, only those members who have accrued 30 CEUs by December 31st 2013 will receive a 2014 CSCT membership card.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl West
CSCT Registrar

Dues News

Active members \$65.00

GST included,

Inactive members \$55.00

GST included,

of your provincial dues are submitted to CSCT as per capita annually.

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BC

Greetings from BC!

This past years has seen a few changes in BC with regards to legislation. Our association has partnered with 4 others healthcare professional associations and hired a lobbyist and strategic planning company to increase the pressure for the government to finally allow an umbrella college to be created. Our coalition group is made up of Medical Radiation Technologists, Medical Laboratory Technologists, Respiratory Therapists and Ultrasonographers and together we estimate the college will have about 10,000 members making it the second largest college in BC. Although, and especially in BC things can change quickly, it is expected that a new party will come to power with our May 2013 election. The coalition will be targeting very specific and key people both inside of politics as well as those who tend to have the ear of the government in making these decisions.

Our new CEU policy came into effect on January 1st which has updated how members may obtain their CEUs. The new premise simply is – does what you are using for a CEU help you to become a better cardiology technologists? We have capped our preceptor CEUs to a maximum of 5 per year as we desire to make sure that these members are also continuing with their education.

The CTABC 2013 AGM is scheduled for the last Sunday in May and will be held in Kelowna. We are looking forward to having our first AGM in the interior of BC in several years and expect to see many of our members who otherwise often do not attend. Part of the day will be also an education day.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Ryall
President & Provincial Representative for CTABC

Alberta

Hello to all provinces from Alberta,

Our Health Professions Act application for inclusion of Cardiology Technologists in Alberta has been reviewed by a government policy analyst and currently is undergoing an internal review with other government departments. Once this is complete, a recommendation will be made to the Health Minister. From ongoing communication and positive feedback from the Alberta government, we are extremely encouraged that legislation is in the near future. All provinces can keep up to date by visiting our website at www.asrct.ca. We will post the results as soon as we hear back from government.

The ASRCT AGM and education sessions for 2012 were held in Edmonton. Two of our talented Alberta executives left their positions after many dedicated years of service to our society. Jean Tarr, Treasurer, and Donna Mooney, Registrar, although not on the board of directors any longer are still making their time available to mentor our new Treasurer, Susan Ronneberg and Registrar Helena Xing. Thank-you Jean and Donna for all input and help made available and the many years of valuable service and dedication to ASRCT. Election results were Alina Stepanenko for Secretary and Kimberly Firth for CEU Co-ordinator. All other positions remain the same. 2013 ASRCT AGM and education sessions will be held in Calgary in April.

Stenberg College satellite program opened its doors in summer 2011 and the first cohort of students wrote the CSCT registration examination at the September 2012 sitting. Congratulations go to these students and students from all other programs that successfully completed their courses, examinations and are now registered cardiology technologists. Cardiology Technologists have evolved tremendously over the years with new hires now in EP labs and

pacemaker clinics across the country, a true testament to our dedication and advancement in our profession. As the Alberta Provincial Director, it is extremely gratifying to see cardiology technologists become more and more recognized as the true professionals we are. Keep up all the great work all across the country!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fielden
ASRCT Provincial Director

Saskatchewan

The 2012 SCTA Annual Meeting was held May 5 in Regina. We were pleased with the turnout and had over 30 members attending.

Our day began with a morning of educational sessions. Topics included Cardio-Renal Syndrome, Exercise and Nutrition in Cardiac Rehab and Cardiac Ablation. The last presentation was by Dr. Omar Sultan, an electrophysiologist. We are pleased that he has accepted a position on the CSCT Medical Advisory Committee.

On September 29 Prince Albert technologists hosted a very successful Northern Health Science Education Day. It's a full day of education that's well attended by cardiology techs, nurses and other medical technologists.

At our AGM the membership voted unanimously to make Michele Tkach-Reynolds an honorary life member. Her hard work and dedication to our association and the CSCT has been appreciated and she will certainly be missed.

On behalf of our province I wish to extend a thank you to Vince Sopczak for all the time and effort he has given the position of CSCT Education Director over the past 2 years.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Schopf
Saskatchewan Provincial Director

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Manitoba

The Manitoba Association of Cardiology Technologist is very proud to announce that 2013 marks the 50th Anniversary of its inception. Back in 1963 a few industrious and forward thinking individuals in Manitoba organized and incorporated our Association.

To put this into perspective, fifty years ago;

- a first class postage stamp cost five cents
- The Beatles released their first single in the U.S. "Please Please Me"
- Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup
- Dr. James Hardy led world's first human lung transplant operation at University of Mississippi Medical Center.
- Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I have a dream speech" at Lincoln Memorial

Meanwhile, back here in Manitoba, our very own Vivian Kruk and others were dedicating themselves to organizing and formalizing the very first association for Cardiology Technologists in Canada! Vivian still holds CSCT #1 on her membership card! This enterprising group of people took the time and energy to form what we know today as the M.A.C.T. Thanks to you, we are an organization that works for the benefit of our members, carrying knowledge and education to and from Manitoba to the rest of Canada.

Our Annual General Meeting of the MACT will be held in early May this year. We are planning a special celebration for our members to enjoy. It is always a good opportunity for net working and catching up with fellow members, not to mention the very educational and entertaining speakers who come to broaden our horizons. This year will be an election year for our Board of Directors and I would really like to encourage any member with interest and integrity to join our board. We really need your input and there is no time like the present to join the board and find out what's it's all about.

We're not so bad to work with really!

We have the first group of Stenberg

College students training in Manitoba. We are so happy and excited to welcome these eager young people who represent our future in this profession. So far, the feedback is excellent, both from the students I've talked to and the instructors that I know. In April, the students will be placed in cardiology departments throughout Winnipeg for six weeks. We will endeavor to make their experience a pleasant educational time that keeps them coming back for more!

In closing, I would like to thank our MACT President, Arnold Garcia for his service to our province over the last two years. He will surely be missed as our President when his term ends in May, but perhaps he will stay on in a different capacity. At the same time our now Vice-President, Barbara Aurora, will take over the reins for Arnold. I am very happy to have had the opportunity to work with all the individuals on our Board of Directors. I am learning so much and enjoying the experiences.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Ibbotson

Ontario

Greetings from Ontario!

In October, Ontario was host to the 2012 CSCT Education Day and AGM in conjunction with the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress. It was well attended and there was great feedback from our speakers, Dr. G. Wisenberg, Dr. D. Humen and Dr. R. Allen. Dr. Bryan Dias, Honorary President, was very inspiring as he spoke and encouraged us all to have pride in our profession and to continue to pursue excellence as a valuable part of the patient care team.

If you are in Ontario in May, plan to join us for our OSCT Education Day & AGM which will be held this year in Waterloo on May 4th, 2013. We always look forward to getting together and networking with our membership. The Ontario website, www.osct.ca will have program information posted closer to the Conference date.

What's new? We are always trying to

keep our website current and user friendly. We are considering going "green" and emailing receipts to members if they wish. And of course, we are still actively pursuing Regulation for our techs. The pursuit for Regulation is a slow journey for Ontario but we are hopeful to gain some momentum this year.

Have a question for the OSCT Board? Check out our website, www.osct.ca and under the "contact us" section you can email any of the Board with your questions. We would be happy to help you out.

From time to time some faces on our Board change and we do want to take a moment and thank Fran Wilson for all her hard work as CEU Director. Fran has stepped down to pursue other endeavours and Lisa Selkirk, has stepped up from Assistant to Director.

Hope to see you in Montreal this October!

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Forster
O.S.C.T. President

New Foundland

Greetings from Newfoundland and Labrador!

Our province held its last AGM in Grand Falls with an excellent turn out, excellent speakers and the usual Newfoundland hospitality from our co-workers in the central region. We will be looking to continue this enthusiasm from all members and have another great turnout this year when we consider our possibilities for this years' AGM. Moving our AGM outside of St. John's has made us a more close-knit group around the province.

From the education perspective, the province has four students who will write the exam in April. The executive wish them good luck. Cardiology Technologists' Day is supported throughout the province with the hopes of creating a heightened awareness of our

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profession. Technologists are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity.

Our main cardiac centre in St. John's is always looking for technologists to join our team.

Come enjoy some Newfoundland hospitality!

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Vail
Provincial Director NL

Ashley Stoyles
Provincial Education Coordinator NL

New Brunswick

Greetings from New Brunswick!

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the Registered Technologists and coordinators have been successfully moved into the NB Union. This move acknowledges that we share a community of interest with other Technologists within this Paramedical Group. We look forward to working within this group to achieve greater recognition for our increased and ever evolving Scope of Practice.

The New Brunswick Heart Centre Symposium is held each year in September at the Saint John Regional Hospital, hosted by Dr. David Bewick, FRCP©. This year's event will be September 19th to the 21st. There are a host of speakers with wide ranging topics. An excellent source of continuing education. For more information feel free to e-mail me with your address and I can make arrangements for an information pkg. to follow.

The Technologists in Saint John will be hosting an Education Day, a very social Meet and Greet as well as our AGM on May 3rd and 4th. Our theme this year is sudden death and the ICD with a patient's perspective. This event will take place at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

We are pleased and proud that Sara Jayne Cameron, RCT is the National

Education Director for the CSCT. Congratulations on this endeavor.

Lisa Johnson has joined our provincial team as Provincial Education Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Douglas, RCT
President
NBSCT

Nova Scotia &

Prince Edward Island

Greetings from Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.

Nova Scotia & PEI held its past AGM last May 2012 in Dartmouth NS. It was a huge success and a BIG thank-you to the four RCT's that hosted the event. Our next AGM and Education Day will be hosted by Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville, NS. It is scheduled for the first weekend of May, 2013.

CTANS has also had a lot of members transferring in and out of the province, so we say good luck to those who have left to pursue other hospitals and we welcome our new members that came from away. We also have had 3 long time members retire this past year; we wish them all the best as they enter a new chapter in their lives. You will all be missed dearly!!

Our fight for legislation is still on going. Our next step is to meet with Department of Health to present our case, which we hope will then make it to the Parliament Agenda for the fall sitting, 2013.

Our Executive is as follows:

President / Director: Tonya Morrell
Vice President: Brenda Wall
Education Director: Linda Gregory
Treasurer / Registrar: Tonya Morrell
Secretary: Andrew Ehler
CEU Coordinator: Cynthia Doucette

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Morrell
CTANS President / Director

Understand a Proxy

It seems that there is some confusion and misunderstanding regarding the Proxy that comes with your notice of meeting. This article will hopefully provide some insight, and help everyone better understand what a proxy is all about.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines proxy as:

- (1) Authority or power to act for another;
- (2) A document giving such authority;
- (3) A person authorized to act for another

A Proxy (more correctly called an 'Instrument of Proxy') enables someone to vote on matters at a meeting without being present. You give your vote to someone to exercise for you. On the Proxy form, there is a place for you to write in who you would like to 'carry' your vote for you. The next few lines indicate the matters that will be voted on. You may vote yes (for) or no (against) to these motions. If you leave it blank, the person whose name you have filled in will vote for you. In the matters that come up in meetings, the person carrying your Proxy, whom you have designated, will vote on your behalf. As you do not know what the issue is about, you are placing your trust in the person holding your proxy.

Of course, there are exceptions. On issues outlined on the Proxy (called Proxy Issues), the person holding your Proxy must vote in the manner you have indicated. This ensures that you are able to have your say on matters that are known before the meeting. The bottom area of the proxy must also be filled in with the date and your name, signature and numbers. If you have forgotten your numbers, they will be filled in for you. Each proxy is scrutinized by the Registrar to make sure it is correct.

All Proxies need to be with the CSCT Secretary 24 hours before the AGM or Special Meeting.

CSCT CEU Non-Compliance Policy

Present CSCT CEU Triennium Jan 01, 2011 to Dec 31, 2013.

**Future CSCT CEU Trienniums:
Jan 1 2014 to Dec 31 2016
Jan 1 2017 to Dec 31 2019**

Members who do not complete and submit their 30 CEUs post marked on or before December 31, 2013 will be fined \$150 by their province.

Non-compliant members should complete and submit all required CEUs post marked on or before March 1, 2014. If they do not, they will have to write and pass a reinstatement exam in September 2014 (see the exam hand guide in the member area of www.csct.ca for more information)

If any member has a question regarding the above policy, please contact your Provincial Director or Provincial Education Coordinator.



EDITOR'S NOTES



There is space available for comments, articles of interest and Cardiology related issues you might like to share with fellow members. Please do not hesitate to send information to the editor **Polly Pachu** or to your Provincial Director for submission. Your participation is encouraged and welcomed.

Articles will only be accepted for consideration with the understanding that they are original. Each article must include the name or a brief biographical outline of the author or references.

If you have anything you would like to see included in the Atrium, please forward your submission to atrium@csct.ca for consideration by the CSCT Board of Directors.

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