



New Brunswick Society of Cardiology Technologists

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Our membership numbers -- 130 (active and inactive) 4 Associates 11 Students

Our Annual General Meeting was held on September 20/2018 in Saint John, with 49 voting members present. There was an election of officers, with no change in executive. The current executive will serve until Sept 2020.

Valerie Gilbert, President

Kristine McLaughlin, Education Coordinator/CEU coordinator

Nadine Hebert, Treasurer

The current Registrar—Kathy Walker and Secretary Kelsey McEachern have both agreed to extend their terms until the next election in Sept 2020.

Education sessions were well attended on –stress echo, arrhythmia induced cardiomyopathy, device troubleshooting, HRT and heart disease in women along with one on marijuana and cardiovascular disease.

Discussion was held regarding the feasibility of going “cardless” to our membership, similar to Heart and Stroke’s CPR .

The membership has agreed to apply for funding from the provincial/federal government to translate our current bylaws in to French for placement on the website. The executive has also strongly reiterated the importance of using the

website to update contact information, along with any suggestions for content on our site.

There was a presentation regarding CEUs. This was led by Kristine McLaughlin, CEU coordinator, and was intended to demystify the collection of CEUs, what constitutes an acceptable CEU, along with how to properly submit CEUs electronically. This was done to assist the members with understanding the national guidelines.

In NB, we are fierce in the protection of our duties as registered cardiology technologists. There have been facilities attempt to introduce DI technologists/RNs in the implant suite to run the pacemaker analyzer. Fortunately, Bill 54 representing the legislation that protects RCTs has effectively halted any other disciplines from encroaching into our protected skill sets. New Brunswick fought long and hard for this right, and we strongly encourage other provinces to head in that direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Gilbert

NBSCT President