



A.S.R.C.T. Ticker Talk

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A.S.R.C.T. Web Site

All members please access this newsletter and other important information on our website at www.asrct.com. Our website is there for all members and we would really appreciate any feedback. We update the website throughout the year so check often for updates!

Annual General Meeting 2008

The next AGM will be held on Saturday May 10th 2008.

Location:

Greenwood Inn
4485 Gateway Blvd
Edmonton AB T6H-5C3
Phone number:
1-888-233-6732
Ask for the conference rate.

There will be a Preceptors Workshop to be held on Friday May 9th at the Greenwood Inn from 7-9pm

The following positions are up for election:

President
Provincial Director
Treasurer
Registrar

Please plan to attend and receive 5 CEU's!

The fee for the AGM will be \$50 in advance and \$75 at the door.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2008

Dear Members,

The ASRCT AGM in May 2007 was held in Calgary. There were educational presentations on ECG misses and preceptors overview. A large focus was legislation and Dr. David Cane presented extensively on this issue. His very informative PowerPoint presentation can be found on our website.

The membership voted Heather Lyle as our new Vice-President and we welcome Heather to the executive team and wish Donna Bondville well. Marie Roblick, Provincial Director, stepped down from the position in the summer. I was appointed by the executive board to assume these duties until elections in May 2008. Marie's contributions and service to our association are greatly appreciated. We wish Marie all the best in her future endeavors.

The membership was encouraged to read over my report on possible affiliation under the Health Professions Act, with the Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists (ACMDTT). This group had expressed interest in reviewing our association as a possible fit under their legislative umbrella. In October 2007, our membership received ballots to vote on pursuing legislation. These votes came back overwhelmingly affirmative. It is now the mandate of this executive to move forward in this regard. Currently, I am consulting with Dr. David Cane, to formulate an application letter to the Alberta Minister of Health and Wellness, Honorable David Hancock. I am informed by Alberta Health, that once the Minister receives our letter, a response in two to three months could be expected. This response will inform us whether we will be eligible to move to the next step in the process, a committee designated to reviewing our profession in detail. Recently, my last communication with the ACMDTT revealed they are still interested in our progress and this is to our benefit when making application. I am hopeful, that by our AGM in May 2008, I will have more information.

Our triennium ended December 31, 2007 and I am extremely happy to report that our membership has been successful in obtaining their CEU'S. Congratulations to all.

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Canadian Cardiology Conference 2008

This year the conference is October 25th-29th 2008 in Toronto, Ontario. The AGM will be held on Sunday October 26th. Please watch for the conference package to arrive in August.

Looking to get CEU's???

If you go onto the CSCT website by Feb 29th 2008 and fill out the CSCT competency survey you will receive 5 CEU's for the new triennium.

Starting April 2008 CSCT exam fees will cost \$525 which will include the student registration fee for ASRCT

Reminders!

All members should have their ASRCT membership fees paid by February 1st 2008!

Please remember to send any address changes, so that you continue to receive mailings and membership cards!

Did you know? That you may be able to use the registration fees (even if they were reimbursed through your PDA) for tax purposes?



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My experiences as President and now as Provincial Director have been extremely fulfilling to date. At elections, please consider volunteering your time and talents. In regards to legislation, we will look to our members to form a committee for this process. The positions up for election in May will be President, Provincial Director, Treasurer and Registrar.

I look forward to seeing you all at our AGM to be held in Edmonton, May 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fielden,

ASRCT President

PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CSCT 2007 AGM was held in Quebec City with 77 voting members present and 238 proxies for a total of 315 votes. CSCT total membership is 1238 active members; 55 inactive members.

Elections were conducted at the AGM:

Treasurer – Karen Schaus from New Brunswick remains.

Executive Vice-President - Michele Tkach from Saskatchewan

President – Lynn Douglas from New Brunswick – steps into this position from Executive Vice-President.

We thank Karen Sarsfield from Alberta, for her time and service as CSCT past President. With the many contributions throughout the years both provincially and nationally, both associations have moved forward through her leadership.

Appointed positions:

Education Director – Gretchen Dunn from B.C.

Assistant Education Co-ordinator – Irene Williamson from Ontario for a one year term.

Secretary – France Nickel from B.C.

Registrar – Cheryl West from B.C (voted by the Executive board post AGM).

It was voted and passed at the AGM that card credentials will read RCT for all members. Members are still welcome to use their extra credential letters RCT (A), RCT (D), RCT (C) when signing.

CSCT website provides links to job postings nationwide. This website will soon be bilingual. The new bylaws were passed at the AGM in Quebec City. Our National Occupational Profile was accepted by the Canadian Medical Association. There is a NOCP survey on the CSCT website for members to complete. This will provide CEU's and there will be a draw for

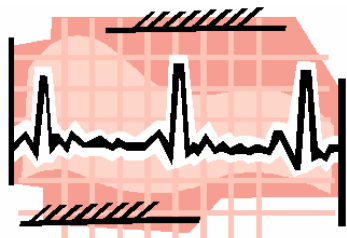
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Continuing Education Units

Our CEU Coordinator would like to thank everyone who sent in their CEU's on time. If you have not received your certificate please contact Krista Bradford through the website at www.asrct.com

It is imperative that members continue to comply with the education all standards through the collection of their CEU's, as well as the yearly payment of the professional dues. See www.csct.ca for new information on the non-compliance fee.

For Cardiology Technologists who are members of the HSAA check out their website at www.hsaa.ca for general information as well as info on the AGM in May 2008, fresh and fit tips, and scholarships opportunities for your children. It is possible to update your information on the website for change of address etc.



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....a \$200 cash prize from all members responding. Irene Williamson addressed the fact that approved schools were working towards changing their curriculum to meet the new NOCP.

The process regarding proxies for the AGM will be placed in the ATRIUM newsletter for reference and is also on the website. The website is a great information tool. All members are encouraged to view it and provide feedback to the webmaster.

CEU deadline ending this triennium was December 31, 2007. All noncompliant members will be issued letters requesting them to complete and submit these by March 1, 2008 to avoid a penalty of \$150 and writing a re-instatement examination at a cost of \$300. Alberta is happy to report our membership compliance and CEU certificates were sent out by Krista Bradford.

CSCT promotional committee will be sending out promotional materials. On February 14th, each facility is encouraged to use these to provide information on Cardiology Technology.

The CCC is scheduled for Toronto October 25 to 29, 2008. Members are encouraged to attend. Our Professional Development Fund negotiated for us by the HSAA provides members the opportunity to use their funds for educational purposes and if unused, are removed yearly. It is to your benefit to use these monies provided towards your continuing education. Attending the CCC, CSCT AGM and educational sessions not only provide members with CEU's and learning opportunities, but also a time to network with fellow professionals from other provinces. Involvement in your association provincially as well as showing national support is always welcomed and encouraged. You are the CSCT.

It is a pleasure reporting to you.

Mary Fielden
ASRCT Provincial Director

Heart Healthy Breakfast Cookie

1.5 C Br Sugar	Preheat oven to 350 and use parchment
2 C Quick Oats	paper on cookie sheets. Mix together
3 C AP Flour	ingredients from brown sugar to wheat
1 T Baking Soda	germ. Make a well in center. Add in
1 t each Baking powder/Ginger	remaining ingredients,
½ t Grd. Cloves	except raisins. Mix
1/3 C each Grd. Flax/ almonds/ Wheat Germ	well and stir in
¼ C each Canola Oil/ H2O	raisins. Spoon golfball
½ C Apple Sauce	size onto cookie sheet and
3 Eggs	flatten. Bake 8-10 mins. Freeze when cool.
1.5 t Vanilla	For this recipe and other heart healthy
1C raisins	ideas go to ww2.heartandstroke.ca

Education 2007

Happy New Year Everyone! Education for ASRCT is moving in the right direction. We have had a sub committee working on different projects for CSCT. This has never happened before. Thank you everyone for getting involved.

If all goes well by the end of 2008 you will see a new Ambulatory Monitoring Chapter that has been redone by Krista Bradford, Heather Lyle, Murtaza Amirali, Leda Robb, Tann Jay Mark and Helena Xing, all have supported the project in some format. Please contact me if anyone wants to get involved.

Murtaza Amirali has started review classes for students writing the CSCT Exam April 2008. The classes will be held at the Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary for two hours once a week until exam time in April. We are looking at ways that these classes can be brought to Edmonton or Red Deer. We will look at having a couple workshops if at all possible.

At the Canadian Cardiovascular Meeting in Quebec City, Alberta had a key role in the CSCT Preceptors Workshop; Krista Bradford started the workshop with "Back to Basic ECGs". I am working on having the same type of workshop at Alberta's AGM in the spring. If anyone wants to help and support this workshop please feel free to contact me.

The exam process is always an on going review with the CSCT Education Board. We are looking at hiring a Company to provide the CSCT Exam and then we will not require volunteers to precept the exam. This can only improve the process. The concern will be the cost of another company providing this service. I will try and keep you posted for the changes, most of the expense will go to the students as part of their Education.

Stenberg College is unable to move to Alberta at this time for a Cardiology Technology Program. We are looking at opportunities in Red Deer and Edmonton for a Cardiology Program, hopefully in one of the Community Colleges.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Wilson

Education Coordinator

HPA Ballot Results

There were 122 ballots sent out to members. These are the results...

76 ballots were returned

66 For!!

9 Against

1 Invalid

Thank you to all that responded!

