



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.

Annual General Meeting 2006

The next AGM will be held in Edmonton on Saturday May 13, 2006, at the Delta Edmonton South Hotel and Conference Center in Edmonton. Watch your mail box for registration forms.

Volunteer positions up for election will be:

- President
- Secretary
- Provincial Director
- Registrar/Treasurer

Please plan to attend and receive five continuing education credits.

Canadian Cardiology Conference 2006

This year the Canadian Cardiology Conference will be held in October 2006, in Vancouver, B.C. Watch for the conference package to arrive usually in August.

President's Message

Dear Members,

Hard to believe that another year has gone by. One of the bigger issues the board is looking at for the upcoming year is the legislation process that some provinces are pursuing. It is a long drawn out costly process that will involve a lot of work but the benefits may be quite positive. We sure would like your input on this subject, so make sure you attend this year's AGM.

February 14, 2006 has also been marked as National Cardiology Technologist Day. Each hospital will be responsible for setting up their own booth, posters, etc. As always we welcome your input for future meetings, topics, or just plain better ways of communicating topics to you in a timely fashion.

Thanks for your support over the last year.

Sincerely,
Dave Namur, President

Provincial Director's Report

I would like to say what an honor it is to represent ASRCT at the national CSCT board meetings. I am still learning the various duties and tasks involved. The CSCT currently has 1264 active members. Our board meetings in Montreal were very productive. We discussed ongoing concerns regarding a suggestion of moving towards diploma level, as entry to practice for our profession. Bylaw changes will be presented to the membership at the 2006 AGM. There has been a change of name for the Education Policy Manual, now called the CSCT Policy and Procedure Manual, which will be placed on the website for our member's use. The CSCT treasurer's report showed a surplus of funds this year, due to exam fees and the merger of the two Ontario boards in 2005. Investment options were discussed and the board voted on a motion to reimburse each province the amount of \$2000.00 to assist in their expenses. There is currently a promotions committee working on methods of promoting our membership. There is clothing and merchandise with the CSCT logo available to all our members. Contact Marie Roblick for inquiries. It has been suggested that all provinces try out February 14th as **National Cardiology Technologist Day** and report back to the board, sharing our successes or issues.

REMINDER Please send your credentials to our Education Coordinator, Wendy Wilson on the form you received from CSCT, so your 2006 membership card will reflect your current education credentials. Send all address changes to our provincial registrar, Donna Mooney so you will be informed of news and changes. We welcome and encourage input from our members.

Sincerely,
Marie Roblick

2006 Membership Dues

Please complete your 2006 membership application in full. This information is essential so that you continue to receive your mailings such as membership cards, CCC Conference and AGM information packages. The deadline for ASRCT membership fees is March 15, 2006.

Continuing Education Units

Thank you to all members for tracking your CEUs and forwarding them to Krista Bradford. This is an ongoing education requirement and the next deadline for submission of 30 CEUs will be December 31, 2007. The tracking form and a list of credits available can be found on our web site, www.asrct.com. Please note the change of address for Krista when mailing your form. Your CSCT Membership card will reflect your attainment of 30 CEUs in the triennium by listing you as a "Member in Good Standing".

Legislation

Your executive council has been reviewing the process and advantages of legislation under the Health Discipline Act of Alberta. An information session will be presented to the membership at the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

ASRCT Education Report 2006

Happy New Year Everyone!!!!

There are new dates for the CSCT Education Exam, the last Saturday of April and September 2006 – it is the hope that the exam marks will be out before Christmas for the fall exam.

The Exam fee continues to be \$450.00. Rewrites, for one part will be \$400.00 for both parts \$650.00.

Applications to write the CSCT Exam must be into me two months prior to each exam date.

To write in: April – Must be in by: February 1st
To write in: September – Must be in by: July 1st

Please forward to me your fee and application at:

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Educational Programs for CSCT

1. CDI in Ontario, the Hamilton location has been closed.
2. The Mohawk program in Hamilton has made application for CMA Accreditation – Congratulations.
3. Red River College in Manitoba is having trouble finding instructors for the program, if you want a new career contact Red River College.
4. Stenberg College from Vancouver, BC has been approved by CSCT. This first session was November 2005. Alberta will take students from this program. I (Wendy Wilson) have accepted a position on the Stenberg Collage Advisory Board. I hope this will help the process to bring a college to Alberta.
5. Campbell College in New Brunswick has been approved to a French Cardiology Technology Program.

The CSCT Education Board is putting together a list of interesting Educational books, please feel free to forward any names of books that you would like to see on the list. wilson@telusplanet.net

CSCT is going through a process of confirming each members credentialing for the new CSCT membership cards. If you have not completed the form, please do so and forward to me – Wendy Wilson.

Please note:

CSCT # - means Canadian #
Province # - means Provincial #

A note to think about for Alberta, Nova Scotia now has a payroll deduction for dues – not a bad idea.

Best Wishes to all for the New Year 2006!

