



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 2007

The next AGM will be held on Saturday May 5, 2007.

Location: Radisson Hotel, Calgary Airport, 2120 - 16 Avenue N.E.

Phone number:
403-291-4666

There will be a Preceptors Workshop to be held as well in conjunction with the AGM.

The following positions are up for election:

1. Vice- President
2. CEU Co-ordinator
3. Education Co-ordinator

Please plan to attend and receive five continuing education credits.

Canadian Cardiology Conference 2007

This year the **CSCT AGM** is booked for October 21, 2007 in Quebec City. Please watch for the conference package to arrive in August.

President's Message

Dear Members,

Our past AGM in May was very interesting with excellent presenters and I thank the Edmonton organizers for doing such a great job hosting. As you may all know, Dave Namur declined another term as our President. We will truly miss him and thank him for his past contributions to our association. We wish Dave all the best in his future endeavors. As well, Pat Gutierrez stepped down as Vice-President and we thank her for her service to our association and wish her continued success in the future. We welcome Donna Bondville as our new Vice-President.

Over the years, I have been very fortunate to enjoy the benefits of all the hard work from various members on our executive board and at this time, I am honored to be able to contribute. The current executive members are a group of dedicated professionals who I look forward to working with.

I welcome the opportunity to learn and grow through my experiences as your new President and draw from the experience of the other distinguished members currently serving. I promise to work diligently in the pursuit of excellence for our provincial association.

The Alberta Health Professions Act legislation weighs heavily on our minds as we will continue to research this avenue for the betterment of our profession. In the next year, I hope to gain more information and insight on this topic in order for our membership to assess the feasibility and benefits long term.

Once again, February 14 will be recognized as **National Cardiology Technologist Day** and we encourage all hospitals to promote our profession with posters and/or booths.

Our next AGM will be held on Saturday May 5, 2007 with a Preceptors workshop Friday May 4, 2007 in Calgary, and once again, all members are encouraged to attend. It is an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues and friends and be present firsthand to address issues of concern, as well as gain educational value enjoying the speakers that will be invited to present.

We welcome your ideas, so please, communicate your thoughts as we appreciate all feedback.

I look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Mary Fielden, President

2007 Registration Dues

All members should have already paid their 2007 membership dues, as C.S.C.T. requested the new deadline of Feb 1, 2007, to facilitate the processing of the membership cards.

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

Continuing Education Units

This is the last year to collect **CEUs** for the current triennium, with Dec.31st2007 being the deadline. This is an ongoing education requirement. The tracking form and a list of credits available can be found on our website, www.asrct.com. Please note the change of address for Krista Bradford:

12 New Brighton Link
T2Z 4J5
Calgary Alberta.

You may also send your **CEU sheets to Krista to her fax # 571-6990.**

NOTE: With the new criteria set by CSCT, it is imperative the membership comply to the new educational standards through the collection of their CEU's, as well as the yearly payment of professional dues.

Non compliance will lead to your loss of registration. It is now time to get everyone possible on board with the new professional standards.

Legislation

Your executive council has been reviewing the process and advantages of legislation under the Health Discipline Act of Alberta. Members of our executive have met with an existing college, regarding a possible affiliation with this group. This will be discussed in detail at our AGM in May. A survey mail out will be sent to all members thereafter.

Notice to All Members

We need contact numbers as well as department names throughout Alberta in order to organize mail-outs for ie: Cardiology Technologist Day etc... We would like a Contact Name, Department Name, Address, as well as Fax number. Please forward this information to the President of ASRCT.

Provincial Director's Report

I would like to welcome our new board members, Mary Fielden as President and Donna Bondville as Vice-President.

The CSCT 2006 AGM and Education Day in Vancouver, was well attended by 139 full registrants and 22 registered for one day. CSCT currently has 1248 active and 69 in-active members.

Our board members attended four days of meetings during CCC. We visited the Justice Institute for a hands on demonstration of the new interactive videos for our student exams. We attended a meeting with David Kane, a consultant hired by CSCT to edit and revise the NOCP (National Occupational Competency Profile) for submission to the CMA, in March, for approval in April. He will also review and revise the Code of Ethics and Mission Statement for board approval in February. The By-law revisions should be completed this year, and after board approval, will be voted on by the members at the AGM.

HRDC (Human Resources Development Commission) has given us grant money to translate the NOCP and the CSCT exam into French and to expand our interactive video's used in our student exams. HRDC also grants funding for evaluation of foreign-trained Cardiology Technologists.

CSCT continues to move towards a diploma level of education, as entry to practice, so we may align ourselves with other healthcare professionals in our workplaces. The revised NOCP will push the educational establishments towards that goal. Re-classification for our profession has been an uphill battle, without a mandatory diploma level program in place.

Our board has been diligent in moving towards CMA (Canadian Medical Association) accreditation for all schools recommended or affiliated with CSCT.

The next CSCT newsletter will be mailed, with a letter to ask our members what their delivery preference would be.

Members are asked to complete a **survey** on the member's section of the CSCT website. Please be advised there will be a new policy drafted to cover **CEU Compliance**. Currently the Re-Instatement Policy on the website applies.

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Students should be aware of changes to the Student hand guide on the website.

You may promote and support your professional body in the workplace by ordering items with our logo. See the Atrium newsletter for your direct order information. Each province should receive promotional material (posters) for Cardiology Technologist Day on February 14th. Please attempt to promote our profession in your workplace/community.

The **2007 CSCT AGM** is tentatively booked for October 21st, 2007 at 8:45 am in Quebec City. New Brunswick will host this event, and there will not be an Education Day specific to CSCT, for Cardiology Technologists. We encourage our members to attend lectures, meetings, etc. as sponsored through CCC, and report the outcome to your board members, for evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Roblick
ASRCT Provincial Director

ASRCT Education Report 2007

It has been a busy year working with CSCT on the new Holter Chapter. After CCC in Vancouver several Cardiology Technologists in Calgary approached me to help with Education. With all this help I formed a committee, the members are: Murtaza Amirali, Heather Lyle, Krista Bradford, Leda Robb and Helena Xing. The attached picture is Krista, Leda, Helena with "Holter Bob."

Since Christmas the committee has met four times; the two projects are the Holter Chapter for CSCT and the Preceptors workshop for ASRCT AGM.



I look forward to this group bringing you lots of information for Education. Krista and I will be attending the Education meeting in Toronto late February. Our goal will be to present the revisions we have made to the Holter Chapter to the CSCT Education Board.

Krista will also be helping me with the CSCT Exam in April 2007. We will try and bring up all the concerns to the Education Committee that everyone has about the CSCT Registration Exam.

We have 9 students writing the Registration Exam in April and 2 rewrites.

See you at the AGM!

Kind regards,

Wendy Wilson



Absence makes the heart grow fonder...