

CARDIOLOGY TECHNOLOGISTS
ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA



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SPRING 2017 Newsletter

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Dear CTANS Members, Students and Associate Members of Nova Scotia and PEI

Spring has officially arrived! I am reminded that Mother Nature does not follow our calendar as I enjoy the beauty of the snow and ice covered trees seen from my patio door.

I urge everyone to log on to the CSCT website on the regular basis and to also visit our CTANS website. Both sites will keep you well informed and it is necessary that you update all your personal information such as your address and e-mail address. Without current information you may miss receiving valuable and timely updates.

In October 2016, as NS/PEI Director, I had the opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting of the CSCT at the CCC in Montreal. The CSCT board sat for two full days of meetings and the AGM was held on the third day. Assisting with the proxies and registration table prior to the AGM served to be interesting. I hope everyone completes the enclosed proxies to ensure you have a voice in our CTANS Elections.

In February, the CSCT Board of Directors met again in Toronto for two more days of meetings. The new version of our exam is now being delivered by Yardstick. The Provincial Education Directors no longer have to arrange writing spaces and preceptors for the exams. The students registrar online, pick a date and city of their choice to write the exams. The National Director vets the applicants. The students are notified via email of their exam time, place and what to bring to the exam. This is a new one part, four hour exam. A huge amount of work went into this exam and exam process. Best of luck to all those planning to write or re-write the next exam!

CTANS Board of Directors met on two occasions since our last AGM and are expected to get together one last time prior to the AGM. Your elected representatives work hard on your behalf and at this time I want to thank them for all that they do to build a strong Association and direct/assist the membership.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the AGM and Education Day in Kentville, May 6 & 7. More information has been provided in this News Letter by the Valley Regional AGM Committee. Please remember to book your room early and RVSP. The Committee has been working tirelessly! As always you will be pleasantly surprised and leave with great memories.

This year there will be openings on the CTANS board. The Board positions are volunteer, require hours of your valuable spare time but are very educational and rewarding. The experience will be invaluable! The positions up for elections are Chair/CSCT Director, CTANS President, Education and Secretary. Please let me know if you have interest in or have any questions regarding these positions.

One last request as you prepare to join us at the AGM; we want to compile information regarding your experiences as a Cardiology Technologist. Specifically situations when the patient would have been at a disadvantaged or been put in danger had your knowledge and expertise not been applied. We need proof that we are a valuable member of the Health Care Team and



that without us patients may be at risk. Tell your story, share with us so we can assist the lawyer in her efforts.

For example: A patient who had an ECG done as a walk in at a local hospital by someone other than an RCT. The patient was Brady with a heart rate of 29, was experiencing dizzy spells but was released and told that her Doctor would have the report in the next day or two. The patient left the hospital on Friday afternoon and the Cardiologist reading did not look at the ECG till the following Monday pm. It was put in his inbox but he was not made aware of the urgency. In the meantime the patient had a syncopal episode, was brought in by EMS and had a pacemaker for heart block on Sunday afternoon. This patient could have had this episode while driving and the situation could have been much worse.

Please forward your stories prior to the AGM at : brenda@ctans.ca

I leave you with these facts and food for thought:

- Governments enable professions to self regulate in the interest of the public rather than the interest of the professional association.
- The CSMLS (Canadian Society of Medical Laboratory Sciences) offers ECG distance education programs for their members on their website.
- Many hospitals use Nursing Staff instead of RCT's in Pacemaker Clinics.

We need each and every one of you to send in scenarios that prove our value and how we protect patients with our expertise.

See you in May at the Valley Regional!

Brenda Wall, RCT
President / Director CTANS



PROXY

I, _____ hereby authorize, _____ to

vote for me at the Annual Meeting of CTANS to be held in Kentville, Nova Scotia on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

I understand that the above named person is a Registered Member of CTANS in good standing and may use his/her discretion in casting my ballot.

I am a full Registered Member of CTANS and have paid dues for the year 2017.

_____ Signed

_____ Printed name

_____ Address



Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 7, 2017 Kentville, NS

Valley Regional Hospital

- 1.0 Welcome & introduction of Executive Members
- 2.0 Attendance
 - 2.1 Proxies
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda
- 4.0 2016 AGM Minutes – Review and Approval (Sarah)
- 5.0 Business arising from 2016 AGM minutes
 - 5.1 Old proxies to be destroyed
 - 5.2 “Giving back to the members” draw
 - 5.3 50th Anniversary update
 - 5.4 Future hosting sites for Education / AGM weekends
- 6.0 Reports
 - 6.1 President / Director’s report (Brenda)
 - 6.2 Vice President’s report (Tonya)
 - 6.3 Education Director’s report (Carolyn)
 - 6.4 Treasurer / Registrar report (Ashley)
 - 6.5 CEU Co-ordinator’s report (Carolyn)
 - 6.6 WebMaster’s report (Mike)
 - 6.7 Legislation report (Tonya)
- 7.0 New Business
 - 7.1
- 8.0 Elections
 - 8.1 Secretary - 2 year term
 - 8.2 Education Director – 1 year term
 - 8.3 Provincial Director – 2 year term
 - 8.4 President – 2 year term
- 9.0 Open discussion
- 10.0 Next AGM & Education Day: Tentative Date: May 5 & 6th, 2018
- 11.0 Motion to adjourn AGM



CEU Coordinator Report

Welcome to the new Triennium! Please note that the CSCT has revised some of the CEU guidelines. They are in effect as of this new triennium and are included.

Please refer to the CSCT website for the new guidelines.

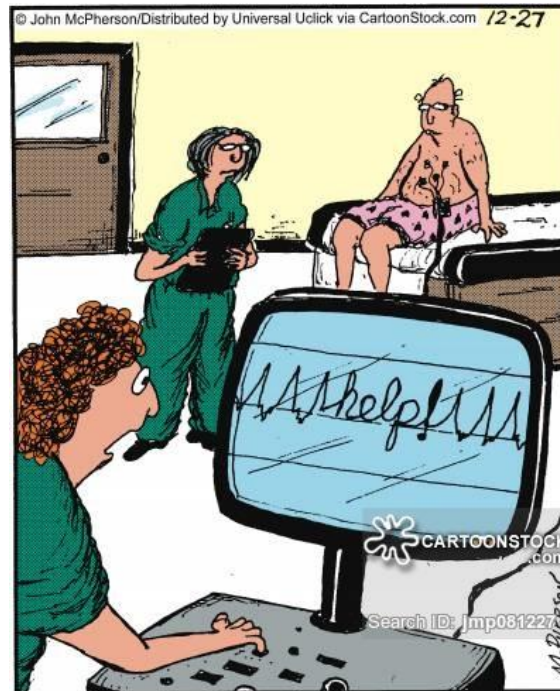
*****Members who have not completed and submitted their CEU's to their provincial CEU Coordinator before the end of each triennium will be fined \$100*****

Everyone is still expected to acquire 30 CEUs, preferably at least 10 per year.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Ayotte, RCT

CEU Co-ordinator



“Hey, Lori! Take a look at Mr. Geckler’s EKG!”

Just a few reminders for this up and coming Education / AGM Weekend:

1. Reminder, only members ***in good standing*** are allowed to attend the AGM. In good standing means: Active, inactive, associate & students that have paid their dues for 2017 and active and inactive members that have submitted their CEU’s for the past triennium. If you pay that weekend, please pay by cash, certified cheque or money order.
2. There is a \$20 fee, cash only, for members not from the hosting site. This is to help offset the cost of the weekend.
3. We ask that each hospital donate a door prize for the weekend.
4. If you are unable to make the AGM, please sign a proxy and send it with a member that is in Good Standing.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to kelly.francois@nshealth.ca

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Provincial Education Day & Annual General Meeting May 6 & 7, 2017

Saturday, May 6th

08:00 - 08:30: Registration / \$20.00 per member

08:30 - 15:15: Education Day

6:30 pm - There will be a meet and greet at Alicia Drew's house following the education day.
Location and directions to follow.

Sunday, May 7th

08:30 – 09:00: Registration

09:00 – 12:00: AGM

- Lunch and snacks will be provided during the Education Day and AGM, so please include any dietary restrictions with your RSVP.
- We ask that each hospital bring a door prize.

Places to stay (both have been contacted and have availability for Saturday, May 6)

Greenboro Inn (has a pool)
9016 Commercial St. , New Minas
902-681-3201
2 queen beds - \$ 138.00 + tax
2 double beds - \$ 120.00 + tax

Slumber Inn
5534 Prospect Rd., New Minas
902-681-5000
1 queen or twins - \$ 99.00 - \$ 102.00 + tax

* an updated agenda will be provided upon request after April 15th

*** Please RSVP as soon as possible to kelly.francois@nshealth.ca**