



## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BRANCH

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### CANADIAN SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS

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*Vision 2006: A revitalized Society, the influential voice for hospital pharmacy, inspiring and supporting our members*

Delegate's Report  
Annual General Meeting  
St. John's  
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Throughout the past year I have been participated in Branch and National CSHP activities operating as a link between the two levels of the organization. In August, I represented the Branch at 57th Annual General Meeting and Educational Sessions held in Edmonton, Alberta. The agenda was challenging and thought provoking. During the meetings, Council discussed issues and developed new ideas with input from across the country.

Régis Vaillancourt will be your President for the upcoming year with Emily Musing assuming the President–Elect position and Neil Johnson serving as Past-President. For the second straight year Moira Wilson, the Director of Finance, reported that CSHP had realized a profit, allowing us to build up our reserve fund. One of the contributing factors to this surplus was the positive revenues generated from AGM 2003 in St. John's. At AGM 2004 a bylaw change was passed which will change the fiscal year end from June to April. National has determined that Directors and Officers of CSHP Branches are eligible for Professional Liability Insurance coverage under the National policy. This will alleviate the need for our Branch to procure our own insurance and will result in cost savings.

At our Branch Semi-Annual Meeting I reported that CSHP would cease it's involvement in the CAPSI/CSHP Pharmaceutical Care Case Competition. Since then, CSHP and CAPSI executives have developed a proposal that will endeavour to increase the visibility of CSHP and the profession of hospital pharmacy as a career choice. CSHP has endorsed in principle this collaboration with the details to be worked out in the next year.

A new award will be added to the already robust awards program for the 2004-05 year. The "New Hospital Practitioners Award" was created to involve members who are at the beginning of their career in hospital practice. The specific criteria for this award will be announced later this year.

This year the 2003-2004 edition of the Official Publications were published in English and French. Several information papers and statements were approved at Council meetings: *Statement on Seamless Care, Statement on Pharmacy Services in a Healthcare Facility, Statement on Continuing Competency for Hospital Pharmacists, Information Paper on Directing the Pharmacist's Practice toward Health Outcomes, and Information Paper on Pharmaceutical Care.* A task force will reconvene to revise the 1992 *Guidelines for the Delegation of Functions to Pharmacy Technicians and other support Personnel* and the 1994 *Guidelines for Hospital Pharmacy Technician Training Programs.* The unfortunate adverse events involving technicians

this past year have stressed the critical need to revise these guidelines.

The Governance Task Force is now embarking on Phase II, examining the responsibilities, accountabilities and reporting relationships of CSHP Branches. The majority of Phase I recommendations have been addressed with the balance nearing completion.

A branding policy was approved in principle by Council with the details to be distributed later this year. This policy will ensure consistent and regulated use of the CSHP name and logo in support of our advocacy role and all activities of the society. Our trademarks are important and valuable assets because they represent the standards of quality and innovative thinking associated with CSHP.

Branch Delegates reported on their involvement in the project surrounding the release of the CIHI/CIHR report on patient safety. The NL Branch participated in both phases of the project by distributing materials developed by National to local stakeholders before and after the report was released. CSHP's advocacy theme for the 2004/5 year will be "The role of the Hospital Pharmacist in quality drug therapy management" Executive Director, Myrella Roy, reported on the hiring of new staff and the reorganization of office operations in order to increase National's advocacy capabilities and to optimize member services. CSHP will be recruiting a pharmacist staff member for a 12-month contract in order to enhance advocacy efforts and increase our capacity to serve our members.

CSHP is the influential voice for Hospital Pharmacists. I invite you to become involved in any way you can and make this voice stronger.

Respectively submitted,

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