



Newfoundland and Labrador Branch

Delegate's Report
Annual General Meeting
Gander
September 29, 2005

Throughout the past year I have participated in Branch and National CSHP activities operating as a link between the two levels of the organization. Highlighting this year was the NL Branch visit from National Executive Officer Moira Wilson this year, May 11-13, 2005. Although our original plans required some adjustment because of the weather, we visited hospital Pharmacists from Grand Falls-Windsor, Gander, Clarenville, Carbonear and St. John's.

This year at CSHP's 58th Annual General Meeting and Educational Sessions in Ottawa, Ontario, the Branch was represented at Council by NL Branch President-Elect, Mike LeBlanc. The agenda was challenging and thought provoking. During the meetings, Council discussed issues and developed new ideas with input from across the country. Key points from this years AGM are as follows:

- Emily Musing will be our National President for the upcoming year with Shallen Letwin assuming the President-Elect position and R gis Vaillancourt serving as Past-President. Finance Director Moira Wilson updated members on CSHP's positive financial picture, with the recent audited year-end statements reporting performance ahead of budget.
- Council approved a "Pharmacy Leadership" advocacy theme for 2005/6 and the formation of the Pharmacy Leadership Development Task Force. The purpose of this task force will be to evaluate, recommend, and implement strategies to develop new leaders in the profession of hospital pharmacy. CSHP has addressed the issue of professional pharmacy leadership in the development and approval of a position paper on the role of the hospital pharmacist in pharmacy management to be published in November's CJHP. This along with the growing issue of succession planning within the health system offers CSHP a unique opportunity to advocate and focus on this issue. The advocacy of pharmacy leadership can focus on two issues; the role of the pharmacist in management and the development of new pharmacy leaders within our health system.
- CSHP has been invited to be a voting member of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute board. Council approved this endeavor, as well as partnering in their "Safer Healthcare Now!" campaign, a highly collaborative effort to continue to improve patient safety and prevent adverse events across the country.
- CSHP National will develop promotional material specific to Hospital/Organized Health Care pharmacy practice for use during Pharmacy Awareness Week. Although CSHP was instrumental in launching Pharmacy Awareness Week across Canada, recent PAW campaigns have largely focused on Community Pharmacy Practice. By committing to this initiative CSHP will raise its advocacy profile while promoting hospital pharmacy as a career.
- Council approved the second "Train-the-Trainer" Research Workshop to be held at PPC 2006. The Research Committee has observed a drop in submissions for research grants. By utilizing the

“Train-the-trainers” method research can be promoted at the Branch level across the country and stimulate more submissions by Novice Researchers. This workshop would also provide skill development, mentorship, and improved number and submissions of quality projects from all parts of Canada. Each Branch is asked to identify individuals to attend the workshop at PPC 2006.

- A task force on Medication Reconciliation will also be formed in the upcoming months. The focus/goals of this task force will include: to develop implementation strategies for medication reconciliation in hospitals, develop guidelines on medication reconciliation procedures and write a statement on medication reconciliation.

CSHP is the influential voice for Hospital Pharmacists and as you can see it relies heavily on volunteer participation on committees and task forces. I invite you to become involved in any way you can and make this voice stronger.

Respectively submitted,

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