



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BRANCH

## CANADIAN SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS

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### **Membership Committee Report Annual General Meeting**

Since becoming chair of the membership committee in September 2001, our committee has been busy. We launched the year with our Student Membership Day on September 6, 2001. Thank you to Linda Hensman, Debbie Kelly, Gert Pike, Kim Carter, Lisa Bishop, and Barb Thomas who spoke to the students, and recruited 40 members. Newfoundland & Labrador is proud to have the highest percentage of student membership in Canada. Our total membership has grown from 72 to 88, and special recognition goes to the Central region of Newfoundland for having 100% CSHP membership.

Our next event, from October to December, was the Annual Book Drive. This event was made possible through a generous \$5,000 grant from Apotex's PACE Program, and provided members with a complimentary text of their choice. Thank you to Lisa Bishop, Gert Pike, and Kim Carter for their assistance in arranging financing, ordering, and distributing books.

As 46% of our membership is comprised of students, there were many CSHP events during the school year. Approximately 40 students attended the CSHP Residency Session on October 9, 2001. The students asked many questions; and John Hawboldt, Carla Dillon, Lisa Bishop, Debbie Kelly, and Linda Hensman shared their residency experience with the students. Memorial University of Newfoundland pharmacy students hosted the national PDW (Professional Development Week) conference from January 16 to 19, 2002. During the conference CSHP, CAPSI, and Merck Frosst sponsored the PCCPC (Pharmaceutical Care Case Presentation Competition). Congratulations to Memorial University of Newfoundland students Jennifer Boswell and Michelle Galway who placed second. The new PCCPC was launched on March 8, 2002, and congratulations to the winners of the local competition for tackling a very challenging case. Katherine Bridger, Tina Browne, and Denise Turner will represent Newfoundland & Labrador at PDW 2003. A special thank you goes to Amy Flinn, a very dedicated student and the Senior CAPSI representative, who worked non-stop to ensure the success of all CSHP events and attended CSHP Executive meetings to keep us informed.

The results of the national Membership Survey were released on May 14, 2002. The objectives of the survey were to evaluate how well current CSHP services are meeting member's needs, to determine new services desired by members in the future, and to promote the value of CSHP to recruit and retain members. Over 600 members responded, and this information will be used to guide future CSHP directions.

The Membership Drive for 2002/03 was initiated with a national teleconference call on May 2, 2002. Marisa Battistella, the new National Membership Committee Chairperson, organized the conference call and provincial membership chairs from British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland shared ideas. In Newfoundland, we linked our membership drive to CSHP National's visit at the end of May, giving us the opportunity to meet directly with pharmacists from the West Coast, the Central region, and the Avalon peninsula. Other membership efforts included updating the website, e-mailing all hospital pharmacists who are not current members, e-mailing all current members, inserting CSHP membership information in the April/May Apothecary, and reminding members to renew in the Summer Branch Out newsletter. Thank you to Dave Smith for all his website and e-mailing help. New this year is a 50% discount to pharmacists that have never been CSHP members and an opportunity to win 1 of 14 copies of "Care Beyond Cure" donated by CSHP national. As of July 17, 2002, 76% of Active members have renewed, and we are pleased to welcome seven new members (4 pharmacists and 3 students).

In closing, I would like to thank Gert Pike and Kim Carter for donating their time and ideas to the membership committee.

Respectively submitted,

Kimberly Duggan  
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