



0 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BRANCH

## CANADIAN SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS

*Vision 2003: Setting the course, partnering with patients, striving for excellence.*

### **President Report Annual General Meeting Corner Brook September 14, 2002**

It has been a very busy year for CSHP, with much activity occurring both nationally and locally. I was pleased to attend CSHP's Annual General Meeting in Vancouver this August. During this time I attended 2-day council meetings which allowed me to gain better insight into national issues while at the same time providing feedback to national council on topics relevant to our Branch. I also attended a Branch President's meeting, which was an excellent opportunity to network with other President's. Some of the topics discussed included increased communication with the national office, job shadowing programs for students, the CAPSI/CSHP Pharmaceutical Care Case Competition, plans for the Research Workshop, partnerships with local associations, as well as other advocacy issues relevant at the Branch level. This meeting was very beneficial in gaining insight into other Branch activities.

This past May our Branch had a visit from National executive. Sessions were held with pharmacists from Corner Brook, Grand Falls-Windsor, Gander and St. John's. Given the distances in travel we were able to talk with many pharmacists across the island regarding what's new with CSHP and also to discuss practice issues that are facing all of us in health care. For the Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, each Branch was asked to provide feedback as to the relevance of these Branch visits. We felt that these visits were very beneficial to our Branch, giving us the opportunity to increase CSHP's visibility within the province. The recommendation from council was that these visits were important and they will continue to rotate every 3 years at the discretion of the Branch.

As always, research and education is very important to CSHP. CSHP held a Train-the-Trainers Research Workshop in Toronto this past February and our Branch was fortunate to send Deborah Kelly. In the fall she will be holding a local workshop with the goal to "train" other pharmacists about what she learned at the session. We encourage everyone to partake in this session to learn more about how you can get involved with research projects.

On a local level, the Branch has been active both on the executive level and within our committees. As always, our committees are the backbone of the Branch. It is through all of their efforts that the activities of the Branch are successful. I won't attempt to review all of the activities of each committee, but I encourage you to read each report for more details. We are very grateful to all of the volunteers as it is through their efforts that the Branch functions efficiently and effectively.

Much of the effort of the executive was promotion of the information paper on the Role of the

Pharmacy Technician. This paper is very timely within the province and we continue to promote and utilize this paper in order to change practice. The second information paper on Pharmacist Prescribing within a Health Care Facility was also launched this past year. Despite the importance of this paper, at a Branch level we have decided not to concentrate our efforts on promoting this paper at this time, but encourage you to utilize this paper if it is applicable to your practice area. Please visit our website ([www.cshp-nl.com](http://www.cshp-nl.com)) for information about these papers.

Partnership with the student body is also identified as important to CSHP. As in previous years, locally we plan to continue to hold a Student Welcoming Session, a Residency Information Session and the CAPSI/CSHP Pharmaceutical Care Case Competition. National council also recommended that the Branches pursue a job shadowing program for students, in attempt to expose hospital pharmacy earlier in their training. A student representative will continue to sit on our executive in order to provide ongoing feedback from the student's perspective.

We have identified the need for greater awareness of CSHP on both a national and local level. With the proposed split in the current structure of the NPhA to separate advocacy and licensing bodies, we have been striving to strengthen our relations with the new advocacy body with the goal of forging a mutually beneficial partnership with them. We have had several meetings with them over the past year and we will continue to meet over the next year as we strive to develop a more formal partnership with the association.

Over the past year and continuing into next year, it is our goal that we continue to ensure financial viability of the Branch. Since we are the smallest Branch across the country, it is often more difficult to generate funds so we need to utilize resources wisely. It is our goal to concentrate our efforts in developing ways for revenue generation for the Branch.

There have been some changes to the Branch executive for the upcoming year. We are pleased to welcome Carla Dillon to the executive as Treasurer for the next 2 years. As well, I would like to thank Debbie Kelly for all of her contribution on the executive over these past 2 years as Secretary.

On a final note, it is with great sadness that I report the sudden passing on Alfred Dawe this past June. He was very involved with the Branch, completing his second two-year term as Treasurer and he was also a member of our Host Committee. We have lost a great advocate for CSHP – his passion, commitment and guidance will be forever missed.

Respectively submitted,

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President