

## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BRANCH

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### CANADIAN SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS

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#### **President's Report Annual General Meeting Gander September, 2005**

It is a pleasure to provide an update on the activities of the Branch during the past year. It has been a busy year at both the National and Branch level. We have had a record number of with continuing education programs offered this year, a visit from national office as well as on-going discussions with PANL regarding our partnership arrangement.

The highlight of the year was the visit from National by Moira Wilson. It was unfortunate that a combination of events resulted in us having to make a number of changes to the schedule which had been planned. Nonetheless, Moira was able to visit a number of hospital pharmacists across the island. Given the vast geography of Newfoundland and Labrador, the cost of travel and time available, it is always a challenge to decide where to visit. We have attempted to ensure an equitable distribution of visitations over the most recent two visits relative to membership across the province. It is unfortunate that not all members had an opportunity to participate in the visit, but those who did, reported them to be beneficial and enjoyable.

Our committees continue to be very active and I would encourage you to read the reports to find out the activities that each has been involved in. The Joint Committee on Continuing Education has been extremely busy this past year under the chairmanship of Barb Thomas. The committee is to be congratulated for planning and delivering a record number of CE programs over the year. It was with great regret that I recently accepted Barb's resignation from the Committee. Her passion for CSHP and in particular the NL Branch has been evident in the many roles she has assumed. Thank you Barb for all that you have done for the Branch.

During the year we had a number of meetings and discussions with PANL regarding support for the Branch. PANL has offered us financial support but the terms and conditions of such support are still being negotiated. We are optimistic that we shall have the issue resolved soon.

We continue to provide information to students on hospital careers and encourage them to join and participate in CSHP through such activities as the Student Welcoming Session and Residency Information Session. This year we started a job shadowing program which was very well attended and very much enjoyed by the students who participated. Thanks go to Elizabeth Reelis for organizing the program and to the many

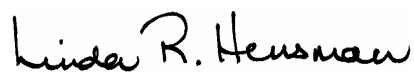
pharmacists who spent time with the students to give them exposure to pharmacy practice in a hospital setting. We hope this program will continue and grow in the future.

Now that we have entered a new year, I am pleased to report that our membership has remained relatively stable despite the additional fees that all of us have experienced with the creation of NLPB and PANL. I thank each of you for realizing the value of membership in our Society and for your continued support.

There are some changes to the local executive for this upcoming year. Carla Dillon has stepped down as Treasurer as she wished to devote more time to her Pharm.D. studies. We are pleased that Tanya O'Brien volunteered to assume the position. Welcome Tanya! This is the end of my term as President. I would like to thank all the members who have supported CSHP during this time and in particular those who have served in an Executive capacity or on committees. An organization such as CSHP is driven by its members and your contributions have been invaluable to the organization as well as in support of me as President. I am delighted that Mike LeBlanc will be assuming the office of President at the AGM and wish him well in his new position. Prior to moving back to St. John's Mike was active in the New Brunswick Branch and I know we will benefit from his previous executive experience. In preparation for his term of office Mike attended the National Council meetings in Ottawa this year.

In closing I would like to say that it has been an honour and privilege to serve as your President. Being involved in such a great organization is very rewarding and I encourage all of you to participate in some way. Together we can make a difference to the practice of our profession.

Respectfully submitted,



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President