

**Delegate's Report
Annual General Meeting
Corner Brook
September 2007**

Throughout the past year I have participated in Branch and National CSHP activities operating as a link between the two levels of the organization

This year at CSHP's 60th Annual General Meeting and Educational Sessions in Regina, Saskatchewan, the Branch was represented at Council by NL Branch President-Elect, Leslie Philips and me. Prior to the conference Executive and Council members held meetings to consider current issues and to plan for the year ahead. CSHP Past Presidents met over breakfast to provide feedback to Executive and Council members on CSHP 2015, and the report and recommendations of the Hospital Pharmacy Management Leadership Task Force. Key points from this year AGM are as follows:

NEW BRANCH

The application to form a **Prince Edward Island Branch** was approved by Council! Plans are to host the to the 2012 AGM in Charlottetown!

CSHP 2015

Carolyn Bornstein gave a presentation on **CSHP 2015**, our practice excellence initiative, in the educational program. The plans are to hire a coordinator to assist a steering committee of members in implementing this project. Members are encouraged to incorporate CSHP 2015 into their practice, which are now posted at www.cshp.ca/programs/cshp/index_e.asp

ADVOCACY

Council moved to strike the **Pharmacist Prescribing Task Force** to review CSHP's 2001 position statement and information paper on pharmacist prescribing. Tania Mysak from Alberta has graciously agreed to chair this group.

A working group on **Branch Governance** is reviewing the branch structure, roles, and operating procedures. The goal is to establish consistent governance practices within the branches and the alignment of national and branch procedures.

A new **Nominating Committee Policy** was approved by Council. This policy documents the positions for which the Nominating Committee is to provide a slate of candidates to Council, along with associated procedures and timelines.

Bylaws

The proposed revised definition of the **Active** member category, which was circulated to members prior to the AGM, was withdrawn because of the unforeseen adverse impact the new definition would have for several current active members.

Inclusion in the Bylaws of the **Active-in-Training** membership category and definition was approved. Active-in-training members are persons who are enrolled in full-time or part-time postgraduate programs, including residents, interns, persons doing fellowships, and PharmD students.



CSHP MEMBER SERVICES

Council approved the 2007 **Guidelines for Practice Management** (to be posted soon on CSHP's website). This document supports the CSHP 2003 Standards of Practice.

The PSN Review working group recently completed its objectives, including the development of a new PSN Guide containing several new policies and procedures which have been approved by Council.

Criteria for new Award categories, proposed by the Awards Committee based on recommendations from the Member Rewards and Recognition Task Force, were approved by Council.

The **Hospital Pharmacy Management Leadership Task Force** report was received by Council and approved for publication. The Task Force's recommendations were referred to the Strategic Planning Committee for review and consideration within the context of Vision 2010. The educational program included two sessions related to this work: Task Force Chair, Robin Ensom, presented a summary of the report; and Emily Musing, a member of the Task Force, presented the results of their leadership survey. Both are to be published in CJHP!

Council approved the implementation of an **honorarium** for pharmacist and non-pharmacist speakers for its national conferences with the amount to be set by the Finance Committee in the context of annual budget considerations.

I had the honor to accept a Membership Recruitment Award check for \$200.00 on the Sunday morning of opening remarks at AGM 2007. We received this because Newfoundland and Labrador had a student increase of 200.00% (12 new student members) for the 2005/2006 membership year.

Carolyn Bornstein will be our National President for the upcoming year with Richard Jones assuming the President-Elect position and Shallen Letwin serving as Past-President. Emily Musing completed her three-year term as a Presidential Officer of CSHP. Finance Director Moira Wilson updated members on CSHP's positive financial picture, with the recent audited year-end statements reporting performance ahead of budget.

My experience as Branch delegate in this past year has been very rewarding. It has opened my eyes to the strength and effectiveness of CSHP and the exciting spectrum of pharmacy practice across Canada. I truly feel honored to have assumed this role and I invite anyone to become involved in any way you can and make this voice stronger.

CSHP is the influential voice for Hospital Pharmacists.

Respectively submitted,

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