

President's Report
Annual General Meeting
Greenwood Inn and Suites, Corner Brook, NL
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I am pleased to report to you the activities of the Newfoundland and Labrador Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. It has been a busy year for CSHP at both the National and Local levels. I will try to highlight the more important events and activities.

The CSHP/PANL Joint Continuing Education Committee has had a few changes in its composition, but remains very active. New co-chair Jennifer Donnan and her PANL colleague, Rod Forsey, have been successful in continuing the high quality education offered to the pharmacists of the province. The committee has organized over 30 live CEUs in addition to several education events held via webcast over the past year. We look forward to the educational events at this year's AGM and would like to thank the co-chairs and the rest of the committee for their hard work.

Our other committees have been equally productive. I would like to take the time to acknowledge the work of the Awards, Website and Newsletter committees. On a related note, our current newsletter editor, Renelle Bishop, has resigned and I would like to thank her for the outstanding work she has done over the past 2 years. If you are interested in being a part of our newsletter committee, please let one of the executive know.

I have also had the pleasure of being NL's interim representative on the national advocacy committee and can report that national has been very active in bringing attention to our two advocacy themes for this year, pharmacist prescribing and the pharmacist shortage. The advocacy committee was instrumental this past year in NL when our hospital pharmacist shortage became a "crisis" and received much media attention. The committee provided our branch members with support in the form of a letter to the editor of the Telegram and some background literature evidence for the importance of the pharmacist's role in direct patient care. The advocacy committee has also been active this year in identifying pharmacist prescribing models in Canada and promoting this new expanded role.

Also on a national level, CSHP has been continuing to push the role of the pharmacist as front line practitioners by adopting a set of goals similar to the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists' 2015 initiative. In the coming months you will be hearing more about CSHP's 2015 initiative and these new markers that will help to identify areas of importance and need for our profession to grow. Regardless of your site of practice (hospital, industry, academia, community or consultant), these new standards will affect how you practice and I encourage you to visit the national CSHP website (http://www.cshp.ca/programs/cshp/index_e.asp) to learn more. There is also a self-assessment tool that we can use to determine how well our sites of practice are performing.

The success of the Joint CE Committee is an example of the relationship that we continue to foster with the other stakeholders within the province. When you look at the composition of the many committees and task forces of the pharmacy organizations in this province,



CSHP's presence cannot be denied. That is a testament to the commitment and dedication of the individuals who make up CSHP and is key to our continued growth as a branch.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as president of the NL Branch over the past 2 years. I have been involved with CSHP since joining as a student in 1995 and it is an honour to be a part of this organization and the people that make it successful. I encourage all of you to get involved when you can and don't let the opportunity to improve your profession pass you by. It has been a pleasure and I look forward to working with each of you in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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