



**President's Report**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**3Oct 09**  
**2009 PANL Annual Pharmacists' Conference**  
**Hotel Gander, Gander NL**

I am pleased to provide members with an update of the Branch's activities and plans since the semi-annual meeting held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

**Branch Committees 2008/9:**

Composition of the Executive Committee is about to change. The Branch recently held nominations/elections for the positions of Delegate (2009-12) and Treasurer (2009-11). In addition Ashley Layden will take over as your Branch President and I will be assuming the position of Past President.

⇒ New Executive Committee for 2009/10:

- Past-President- Leslie Phillips
- President– Ashley Layden
- Senior Advisor- Lisa Bishop
- Delegate- Tiffany Fahey
- Treasurer- Justin Peddle
- Secretary- Amy Conway
- Student Representative- TBA
- National Advocacy Liaison: Debbie Kelly

⇒ Awards Committee Chair: John Bautista

⇒ Joint CE Committee co-Chair: Vacant

⇒ Membership Committee Chair: John Hawboldt

⇒ Newsletter Committee Chair: Rebecca Tobin

⇒ Website Committee Chair: Dave Smith

⇒ Nomination Committee Chair: Leslie Phillips

On behalf of all members, I would like at this time to extend a warm welcome to our new Committee members, Tiffany and Justin, and also to express heartfelt gratitude to Pam Rudkin and Tanya O'Brien for their years of faithful service. To those of you who continue on in your current positions, we thank you as well for your commitment. To those of you who have joined CSHP for the first time, welcome aboard and we look forward to your active involvement in the Branch. The Branch is seeking expressions of interest for the position of Awards Committee Chair, as John Bautista has expressed a desire this vacate this position by December 2009. It has been very heartening to see some of our newer graduates take active roles in the Branch and I encourage you to consider becoming involved if not already done so by putting your name forward for nomination.





### **Executive Committee Business:**

As of the time of this report, the Executive Committee has met just once since the semi-annual meeting held on May 21, 2009. This Committee meets regularly during September to June of every year and tends to remain dormant over the summer holidays, unless there are urgent matters to attend to. In my semi-annual report I included a table listing the many activities of the Branch during a typical year, as well as sources of funding it receives. I would encourage you to review this report if you haven't already done so, as it provides a good overview of what we're doing and how we are financing it. Highlights of this year for which you may find more details in the semi-annual report include reaching an agreement with PANL for operational/travel funding, promoting the 2015 Initiative, and adding Dr. Debbie Kelly as our advocacy liaison with National. With the help of advocacy members like Debbie, National has launched the latest of its advocacy campaigns – The Hospital Pharmacists' Role in Patient Safety. As part of this campaign, letters were sent to various stakeholders including Government Ministry of Health officials, Hospital Board CEOs/Pharmacy Directors/Risk Management/Patient Safety Officers and Regulatory and Professional Associations. Included with the letters were background papers on the role of hospital pharmacists in direct patient care and enhancing the quality and safety of medication use. I strongly encourage members to read these documents and seek opportunities to make other colleagues and administrative staff within your practice sites aware of their availability and content. In particular the paper entitled Hospital Pharmacists 101- Direct Patient Care and Beyond provides a very concise yet comprehensive overview of what hospital pharmacists do and the value we provide.

### **Branch Committees:**

The various Branch Committees continue to be very productive on your behalf. Despite our small numbers, we have managed to maintain a solid committee base of committed individuals who continue to rise to various challenges and find innovative solutions. Many thanks on behalf of the members to all the Committee Chairs, co-Chairs, and members for your service and commitment to our Branch.

### **Student Initiatives:**

The Branch continues to recognize the vital role of students to the future success of our organization. In fact we recently won National's New Members Recruitment award for the second time due largely to the efforts of our Membership Committee and the participation of students in our Branch. We have offered several initiatives with the support of industry, pharmacy management, and our members to promote the role of hospital pharmacy and CSHP to students. This fall the Branch will host a student welcoming session which provides information on hospital pharmacy careers and CSHP as an organization. The Branch will also participate in the CSHP-CAPSI Symposium to further educate students on the roles and rewards associated with a career in hospital pharmacy. In collaboration with Eastern Health's Pharmacy Services, we are pleased to be offering the job shadowing program again this fall.





**Future Directions:**

The upcoming year promises to be an exciting one for CSHP as we work with National and our stakeholders on advocacy initiatives to promote the important role of hospital pharmacists. I am also pleased to inform you that our Branch has been selected to host the National AGM in 2014 and we'll be striking a host committee soon to begin planning for this major event.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Branch President and in particular a special thanks to Executive members and Committee chairs for your assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie Phillips*

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