

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS

Vision 2010: A dynamic society, the influential voice for hospital pharmacy, inspiring practice excellence and fostering leadership and professional growth

Delegate's Report
Semi Annual General Meeting
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Since September 2006, I had the privilege to participate in Branch and National CSHP activities operating as a link between the two levels of the organization. In March, I represented the Branch Mid-term Council Meeting (MCM) 2008 in Ottawa. The agenda was challenging and thought provoking. During the meetings, Council discussed issues and developed new ideas with input from across the country.

Highlights Mid-Term Council Meetings 2009

CSHP Council members held their Midterm Council Meetings on 6 to 9 March. The following are a few highlights.

Strategic Planning

Council approved the extension of CSHP's ambitious Vision 2010 to 2011 to ensure the many important strategies and tactics in the plan are accomplished. Recognizing that CSHP Council is ultimately accountable for the affairs of CSHP, oversight of the strategic planning process will transition from a sub-committee of Council to the full Council, beginning in August 2009. A CSHP online membership survey is planned for June 2009 to assist Council in continuing to focus on the needs of our members.

CSHP 2015

Council members were introduced to Barbara Wells, our new CSHP 2015 Program Coordinator. Barbara was appointed Chair of the new CSHP 2015 Steering Committee. She shared her plans for member and stakeholder engagement, communications and funding/sponsorship strategies for CSHP 2015.

Advocacy And External Relations

The Council meetings were preceded by very productive meetings between CSHP Executive members and representatives of Accreditation Canada, Health Canada and the Canadian Pharmacists Association. CSHP continues to receive requests from various external stakeholders for representation and input on the role of the hospital pharmacist.

The Advocacy Committee presented Council with algorithms which provide guidance and structure for both proactive and reactive advocacy campaigns conducted by the branches and by CSHP National. These will be valuable tools for the Society's advocacy efforts.

The Practice Standards Steering Committee received Council support for their recently-trialed process to obtain member feedback on CSHP position statements. Council approved the joint CSHP-ISMP Canada *Position Statement on Medication Reconciliation* (http://www.cshp.ca/dms/dmsView/1_MedRec.pdf).



Appreciation is extended to Janice Munroe and her Task Force members for their dedication and hard work in the preparation of this new CSHP statement.

The *Statement on the Potential Impact of Implementing an Entry-Level Doctor of Pharmacy Degree in Canada: 2002*, the related information paper, and the subsequent 2005 update will be reviewed by the Practice Standards Steering Committee, and a report submitted to Council by the August 2009 Council meeting.

CSHP will be meeting with the Deans of Pharmacy from across Canada to explore issues related to the implementation of the Blueprint for Pharmacy, with particular emphasis on experiential training in the hospital setting.

Council approved a financial donation to support future activities related to the Blueprint for Pharmacy as part of our Society's investment and ongoing commitment to act in this national initiative for the profession of pharmacy.

Members And Membership Services

Progress with the CJHP strategic plan continues as new online hosting with Multimed will occur in the next few months. This also means the CJHP will be referenced in PubMed and CrossRef!

Council approved the joint CSHP/CPhA Primary Care PSN's request to seek external funding to support the continued development, presentation and assessment of a primary health care skills training program for Canadian pharmacists. CPhA approval will also be required.

At a follow-up meeting to the Global Conference on the Future of Hospital Pharmacy, held during the Midyear Clinical Meeting of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists last December, a clear issue arose from the discussion. Nowhere in the world are there established hospital pharmacist-patient ratios that are supported by evidence. At best there is information such as that provided in the current Hospital Pharmacy in Canada Survey (http://www.lillyhospitalsurvey.ca/hpc2/content/rep_2008_toc.asp) about what is now occurring in Canada, but these practices are not necessarily founded on any evidence other than past experience. Such evidence-based ratios could be useful to hospital pharmacy administrators across the country in securing the necessary resources to fully maximize pharmaceutical care services for all patients. **Council believes this to be a challenging issue to address and is asking interested members who wish to tackle it to make their interest known by contacting Myrella Roy at mroy@cshp.ca.**

Organizational Effectiveness

The work of the Branch Governance Working Group continues. CSHP's auditor joined Council for a discussion about financial liabilities and the pros and cons of branch incorporation. Plans are moving forward for a similar presentation by our legal counsel ensuring we have a complete picture of the key areas for potential concern in establishing our governance relationships. The Branch Presidents meeting at this year's Summer Educational Sessions (SES) will also be used to further this discussion in advance of inserting the final structure into the new Bylaws.

Financial

Council approved the 2009-2010 budget. The budget was developed with a sensitivity to the current



economic environment and a focus on achieving maximum benefit for our members. After several years of not increasing National membership fees, Council found it necessary to increase these fees, but were successful in keeping the increase to just 5%. This adjustment enables CSHP to continue to provide the services of greatest value to members despite the current economic times.

Elections

Council elected Neil MacKinnon as President Elect for the 2009-2010 year. Neil is an Associate Director for Research and Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy; and Associate Professor, School of Health Administration and Department of Community Health & Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, at Dalhousie University. Neil joined CSHP as a student in 1992 and has contributed as a presenter to many CSHP conferences, authored submissions to CJHP and participated as a chair or member of various committees and task forces. He was awarded CSHP Fellow status in 2006. Neil will assume the responsibilities of President Elect during our SES to be held in Winnipeg, August 8 to 11, 2009.

CSHP is the influential voice for Hospital Pharmacists. I invite you to become involved in any way you can and make this voice stronger.

Respectively submitted,

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