

Delegate's Report
CSHP NL Semi-Annual Meeting
St. John's NL
May 26th, 2010

Since October 2009 I've had the privilege of participating in National and Branch CSHP activities, operating as a liaison between the two levels of the organization. It has been a busy seven months with CSHP NL and National partaking in a number of activities and initiatives to strengthen the voice of hospital pharmacists. It is my pleasure to provide you with an update of National and National-Branch activities since the Branch AGM in Gander.

In late 2009 council voted to have CJHP archived in PubMed Central. Editorials, reports from the presidential team, and society news were granted immediate open-access, with scientific articles available 24 months post publication.

Early in the New Year, CSHP partnered with AdvancingIn, an online continuing medical education platform, to provide members with free CCCEP Accredited education courses from presentations given during PPC 2010. I would encourage each of you to take advantage to this free continuing education opportunity by visiting http://www.cshp.ca/programs/onlineeducation/index_e.asp. Currently there are four educational programs available that are sure to provide the most up-to-date treatment recommendations and practices.

From March 12th to the 14th, I represented our Branch at the 2010 CSHP Mid-term Council Meetings (MCM) in Ottawa. With a number of rigorous topics to discuss, the agenda proved to be quite challenging and thought provoking. During the meetings, Council discussed National and local Branch issues and developed new ideas with input from across the country. Below are highlights of these meetings:

Finances

- Council approved the capital and operating budget for the 2010/2011 fiscal year which will see the Society use \$98 450 of its reserve fund; noteworthy contributing factors include the 2009 economic environment with decreased revenues (decreased external financial support and advertising revenues) and increasing operational costs.
- Council approved a 10% membership fee increase, which translates into an approximate \$25 increase in fees to start this upcoming 2010/2011-membership year.



Official Publications

- Two new information papers, originally created for CSHP's patient safety advocacy campaign, were approved by Council: (1) *Hospital Pharmacists: Information Paper on Enhancing Quality and Safety in Medication Use* and (2) *Hospital Pharmacists: Information Paper on Direct Patient Care and Beyond*.
- *Journal Clubs: Guidelines* was approved as an official publication.
- The official publication "Pharmacy Service: Statement on Providing Pharmacy Services in a Healthcare Facility" was retired.

Executive Officer Elections

- Janice Munroe, current BC Branch delegate, was elected as President Elect for 2010/2011; Janice brings to the Society a wealth of professional experience as both an active CSHP member and as Chair of the Medication Safety Patient Specialty Network.
- Patrick Fitch was re-elected for another term as Director of Finance.

CSHP 2015

- CSHP 2015 remains an ongoing focus for the Society.
- Council approved yearly funding until the year 2015 to support this initiative.

Other

- Shared registration for CSHP conferences will no longer be offered.
- Council decided to discontinue National executive Branch visits.
- Council approved the appointment of Heather Lummis and Carolyn Bornstein to the Board of the R&E Foundation

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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