

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Semi-Annual Meeting
01 May 08
Delta St John's Hotel

It is a pleasure to provide you with a brief overview of the various activities and initiatives that CSHP Newfoundland and Labrador Branch continue to be involved with since the AGM in Oct 2007. Members of your Executive and Branch Committees continue to work diligently to ensure sustainability of the Branch and to promote practice excellence.

Committee Composition:

The past several months have seen a number of changes in Committee representation. On the Executive Committee, Steven Byers has signed on as our student representative for 2008-9 and Tanya O'Brien has renewed another 2 year term as Treasurer for 2008-10. Mike LeBlanc took over as Past President to make room for me as Branch President. Mike's term will finish in October 2008 and accordingly the branch will be seeking to fill the position of President Elect in the next month. Following a brief but productive tenure, Renelle Bishop has stepped down from the Newsletter Committee and Rebecca Tobin (nee Mulcahy) has kindly agreed to assume her role. Your current committees and membership are:

⇒ Executive Committee:

- Past President- Mike LeBlanc
- President- Leslie Phillips
- Senior Advisor- Lisa Bishop,
- Delegate- Pam Rudkin,
- Treasurer- Tanya O'Brien,
- Secretary- Amy Conway,
- Student Representative- Steven Byers

⇒ Awards Committee Chair: John Bautista

⇒ Joint CE Committee co-Chair: Jennifer Donnan

⇒ Membership Committee Chair: John Hawboldt

⇒ Newsletter Committee Chair: Rebecca Tobin

⇒ Website Committee Chair: Dave Smith

Thank-you all for continued service to your Branch.



New Logo:

Long overdue, the Branch finally adopted its new logo – the Pitcher Plant, Newfoundland and Labrador's Provincial flower. The design has been approved by National.

Student Initiatives:

The branch continues its involvement in several student initiatives. The CSHP Welcoming Session in September 2007 was well attended and recruited new student members. Currently the Branch has 21 student members. Second year students were also invited to attend the annual CSHP Student Symposium during November. Finally, with the support of Eastern Health Pharmacy Services, the branch was able to resurrect its job shadowing program again this year. This was a big hit with students, their main complaint being they want more opportunities to shadow pharmacists. A special thank-you, on behalf of the Branch, to all of our members who participated and acted as role models for our student members.

Operational Funding for the Branch:

Perhaps the biggest challenge for the Branch over the past few years has been to secure operational funds. On average it costs between \$5-7000 per year to operate the Branch.

Following establishment of the Branch eleven years ago, the Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association provided an annual \$5000 operational grant in recognition that our Branch would represent the interests of hospital pharmacists within the Province and replace the Association's hospital pharmacy committee. With the proposed division of the Association into a regulatory board (NLPB) and a professional association (PANL), the CSHP Branch Executive in discussion with pharmacists leading the movement to form what would become PANL, encouraged its members to support the motion to dissolve NPhA and create the two new bodies. At the time we were assured that the Branch would remain the primary voice for hospital-based practice and would have the continued support of the new organizations. Accordingly, PANL generously affirmed its commitment in this regard by funding the \$5000 operational grant previously supported by NPhA. In 2005/6 an additional financial arrangement was agreed upon which would see PANL provide the Branch \$2500 per year (in quarterly installments) in return for its involvement with the Joint Continuing Education Committee.

During fall 2007, members of your Executive met with PANL to discuss partnership opportunities and funding. At that time, our Branch had last received the \$5000 operational grant for the 2005/6 fiscal year. In addition, the last payment received for the educational committee grant was a first quarter installment of \$625 for the 2005/6 fiscal year. Subsequently, I am pleased to report that PANL generously provided the Branch with a \$5000 payment for operational expenses for the year 06/07 and also invited the Branch to submit requests for operational expenses for 07/08 and 08/09. Your Executive has supplied PANL with financial statements and projected budgets for the time periods requested and are optimistic that we will receive a positive response from PANL in the near future.

Discussions also took place at that time with PANL regarding continued support of the annual



\$2500 CE grant. The original intent of this grant was to provide a rebate to members since hospital pharmacists were not reimbursed by their employer for joining professional associations unlike their community counterparts. Given that this was no longer the case for the majority of our members and concerns PANL voiced over the operations of the Committee, PANL was reluctant to continue this support. After much discussion it was agreed that the terms and conditions for the operation of the Joint CE Committee would be re-evaluated and the educational grant redirected towards support for non-industry sponsored CE events. The Branch has requested PANL pay the outstanding amount of \$1875 for the remaining three-quarters of the 2005/06 CE grant as this was a commitment it made to the Branch for that year. We are currently waiting a decision from PANL on this request as well.

National and Regional Initiatives and Collaborations:

With efforts to secure operational funding for the Branch well underway, we now direct our attention to a very exciting National Initiative – CSHP 2015. This is a national strategy for promoting and guiding practice excellence to the year 2015. Included in this strategy are detailed goals and objectives for our profession to strive towards. CSHP has also created a self-assessment tool to assist institutional settings in determining current operations and future priorities and goals. In conjunction with this National Strategy, the Atlantic Provinces are working towards establishing an Atlantic Collaborate 2015 Network. The purpose of this collaboration is to share information, ideas, and strategies about 2015 and how to get there. Department heads from Eastern, Central, and Western were invited to participate in the first teleconference on this collaboration on February 22nd. If you weren't able to join in at the time, it's not too late. The first assignment from this meeting was to have all participating institutions complete the 2015 self-assessment tool by end of May and then reconvene to establish collective priorities. It's easy to lapse into complacency or become so bogged down in the day-to-day activities we forget about the big picture. Every now and then we all need a "shot in the arm", something to revitalize us, to challenge us. Maybe 2015 will be that tonic for you. I encourage you all to read the document and reflect on what goals you can work towards in your individual practices or within your team or institution.

On a final note, membership renewal time is drawing near. I encourage you all to seize this opportunity to renew your commitment to CSHP and your Branch. Consider taking on a more active role – write an article for our newsletter, add something new to your clinical practice, or volunteer for one of our many Committees. Our success depends on you.

Respectfully submitted,

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