

The Heartbeat

Cardiology Technologist Association of NL

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Message from the former president:

Dear members of CTAN,

I would like to begin by congratulating our students who were recently successful in challenging their exams. I wish you all a long rewarding career in cardiology.

My career in healthcare is coming to an end and it has been an incredible journey. I started work in 1967 and I have been a registered cardiology technologist since 1970. In the early years, we were affiliated with Nova Scotia. We were a very small group, Joan Bruce Connors from the Janeway, Evelyn Reid and Dot Brothers from The General Hospital on Forest Road, and myself from St. Clare's. We held meetings at the General Hospital and Joan Bruce Connors was instrumental in getting us affiliated with Nova Scotia and also getting our own provincial association, CTAN, sometime in the 1980s.

I would also like to make special mention of Marilyn Thistle, Education Director at the time, and Marian Clemens

Fitzpatrick and Laverne Hutchings, who together met with NAPE and the government to seek reclassification for us in 1998. Marilyn brought forward our education program and Marian and Laverne met with Human Resources and Classification and Pay, where they were successful in getting us a name change, Cardiology Technologist, as well as a very significant raise in pay. We also became members of NAPE LX. The focus was centered on the responsibilities of the job of cardiology technologists.

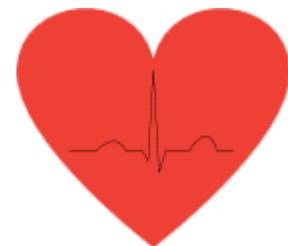
CTAN has come a long way. Our board of directors has been extended to include members from across the province of NL. Thanks to technology, all members can take part in the Annual Teaching Seminar. All hospitals participate in Cardiology Technologists Day in February. I am very proud of our association and appreciate the hard work of our members and wish you continued success.

As I leave work, I would like to tell you to be proud of

your work and the help you are giving to the sick of the province.

Thank you to all the friends I have made along the way. Thank you for the memories.

Bernice Morrissey, RCT
Member of CTAN



Education Director's Message

First of all I would like to congratulate all of the students who passed their registration exam this past April. I wish each one of you the best in your new career!

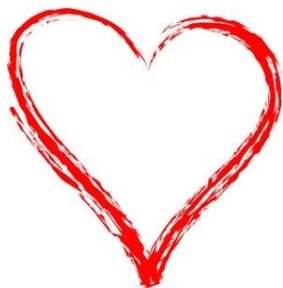
The Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC) is coming up this October 21-24 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The CSCT AGM will take place on Saturday, October 21st. Our provincial AGM is also coming up in the fall. All members will

be notified of the location, date, and time as soon as possible. The newsletter in December will contain a rundown of any pertinent information from these meetings.

It has been a number of years since this newsletter was last published. It was a neat way to keep everyone up to date with the goings-on in the association no matter where in the province you may be. We will start with releasing it biannually, in June and December. If anyone would like to contribute to it in any way, send a message to the education director email listed under the exec column. This can include (but is not limited to) interesting facts, summarized articles, EKGs, or descriptions/pictures of local events in your department. Contributions to the newsletter are also worth CEUs!

I would also like to thank Bernice Morrissey and Denise Tapper-Blake for their messages, this newsletter would not be possible without their support and input. It is my hope that following editions will have input from other members across the province.

Megan Willette, RCT
Provincial Education Director



Provincial Director/President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know how honored I am to be representing CTAN as the current President and Provincial Director. I hope to bring forward some changes, with the collaboration of my fellow board members, in order to develop further our association and promote/protect our profession in Newfoundland.

One project we hope to move forward on is the legislation of our profession. We are hoping to investigate and begin the steps of trying to have our profession legislated. We have a long and tedious road ahead of us, but I feel that we have a dedicated and motivated group of people working together to try to make some new changes. We are a group that consists of seasoned board members who bring previous experiences and knowledge, along with new board members who add fresh ideas and insight to our endeavors.

Our last annual AGM was held at the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor in October of 2016 with a great turnout of 21 attendees. Elections were held for several positions and members elected were: Denise Tapper Blake, President, Lisa Dawe, Vice President, Linda Sluchinski, Treasurer, Heather Stockley,

Secretary; Steven Budden, Provincial Director, Randy Marsh, CEU Coordinator, Jackie Kennedy, Registrar and Megan Willette, Education Coordinator, remained the same during elections. I would like to say thank you to Lisa Dawe (Vice President), Cindy Warren, Randy Marsh and Lezley Inniss for hosting a lovely event. We are grateful for your time and effort put into this AGM.

I would like to send best wishes to Bernice Morrissey who recently stepped down from the President's position and will be retiring this summer. She has spent 50 years working with Eastern Health and has been an active part of our association for many years. Best wishes for your retirement Bernice!

Steven Budden has recently resigned from the Provincial Director's position and is continuing his education to further his career. I would like to thank him for his dedication to our association during his tenure. Thank you for your support and information handed over so I can effectively step into this position. Best of luck Steve as you embark on this new path of professional development.

Megan Willette, our current Education Coordinator has taken the initiative to implement our newsletter. This newsletter hasn't circulated since 2007. This is a great opportunity to keep all members across the province informed of what is

going on within our association and our profession. Thank you, Megan for your diligence and dedication.

The CSCT exam was held on April 28th, 2017. Several students from our province were successful in passing the exam. I would like to congratulate you all on becoming Registered Cardiology Technologists.

This is a new venture for me and I am looking forward to growing with our association. I welcome all ideas and suggestions for the betterment of our association from all my fellow Cardiology Technologists across the province.

Kindest regards,
Denise Tapper Blake, RCT,
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President and Provincial Director

Reminder!

Please let us know if you are moving or if any of your information has changed so we can keep you up to date on current events within the association!

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