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President's Message

By Bernadette Muise

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Marielle Lagacé was unable to assume the role of President of the NBSMLT for 2009. At the Board of Directors meeting held January 28th, the Board approved a motion to allow me to serve a second term as President. Susan Findlater has accepted the position of President-Elect 2009. I am very honoured to be allowed this opportunity.

I want to congratulate the members of the NBSMLT for their achievement in making the mandatory Professional Development Program a success. The dedication of the members and their commitment to professional development makes me very proud to call myself a **medical laboratory technologist**.

In December, Lori Clarke, Laboratory Consultant, NB Department of Health, and I met with the Minister of Health Michael Murphy, and we discussed several issues critical to medical laboratory technologists in New Brunswick. He was very interested in our profession and supportive of maintaining the highest possible standards in the laboratories across the province.

In December, the Program Advisory Committees for the Medical Laboratory programs at UNB and NBCCSJ had their annual meetings. The NBSMLT representatives attended both meetings. Academic renewal of the program at NBCCSJ, mandated by the NB department of Post Secondary Education and Training and Labour, is progressing and will mean an increase in the time to complete the program. This increase is due to courses being delivered using a semester format. The class which entered in September 2008 will write the certification exams in February 2011.

During 2008, the Board prepared a three year strategic plan, which focuses on a number of areas in which we feel improvements to the NBSMLT can be made. Communication between the Board of

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Directors and the members is one of the key areas identified. As a result, in the coming year, we hope to utilize the website and email more for communications with the members, so please be patient as we work through the details. There will be short surveys sent out from time to time to get a better idea of how the membership feels we are doing and the issues that are important to them. Please take the time to complete these surveys, most will have an opportunity for you to provide your contact information, if you so choose, but the survey responses will remain anonymous.

The Board of Directors approved the expenditure required to allow the NBSMLT to become a provincial accreditation sponsor member of the Canadian Medical Association Conjoint Accreditation committee. Membership

in this committee will provide more visibility and credibility with our health care partners. This will provide an opportunity to network with other health care professions in a way not previously available to us.

The Fredericton Academy is finalizing plans for the APSC to be held in October. It promises to have a very full scientific program as well as a trade show and social events to let us reconnect with our colleagues. Watch the website for details.

Congress Grant applications for the LABCON 2009 to be held in St. John's NL June 20-24 are available in this issue and on the website. These grants are awarded by random draw of eligible applicants. To be eligible, you must not have received a previous NBSMLT Congress grant. Good luck!

From the Editor

Janelle Bourgeois Whitlock



In this first issue of 2009, you will find information on educational events that are coming up. LABCON 2009 in Newfoundland promises to be an exciting event with many great speakers to inspire and educate MLTs across Canada. You will also find the APSC preliminary program, please note that there will be at least four sessions related to cytology, details will be available in our next issue. The APSC will be hosted by the Fredericton Academy this October. Also in this issue, we welcome new Board members and highlight the accomplishment of one dedicated MLT student from NBCC Saint John. This newsletter is a method of communication between the Board of Directors and the members. The richness of the newsletter is dependant on the submissions that we receive from technologists. If you have an article that you think would interest other MLTs, do not hesitate to send them along. Remember: writing articles is a good way of accumulating PDP hours. If you have comments on how we can improve our newsletter, please feel free to send them by e-mail or regular mail (see address below). Our next issue will be published in July.

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Editorial policy

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communication between the members of the NBSMLT and its Board of Directors. The opinions expressed in the MLT Analyzer are those of the contributors and do not constitute official policy of the NBSMLT. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions as required.

Invitation

The Fredericton Academy of the NBSMLT invites you to attend the

Annual Provincial Scientific Convention

Oct 15-17, 2009

Beaverbrook Crowne Plaza



The X Factor

...examine the facts

...expand your mind

...extend your knowledge

*2 ½ days of Concurrent Scientific Sessions, Workshops
Trade Show, EXhibitors' Night, Boo Bash, AGM*



A few of our eXtraordinary speakers include:

Keynote Speaker : Kathleen Howard Motivational Speaker

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Akmal Ghafoor, MD | Afebrile Neutropenia |
| 2. James Henderson, MD | Biological Treatment for Inflammatory Arthritis |
| 3. Daniel Hughes, MD | Cystic Fibrosis (both Micro and Chemistry sessions) |
| 4. Duncan Webster, MD | TB... Old Disease with New Diagnostics and Treatment |
| 5. Sue Smith | One Match, ... CBS Program |
| 6. Martha Mills, MD | Coagulation in Pregnancy |
| 7. Alfred Robichaud, MD | Conceptia Clinic What tests, why, when ? (English & French) |
| 8. Colleen O'Connell, MD | Team Canada Healing Hands |
| 9. Kim Butt, MD | Maternal Serum Screening |
| 10. John Swanwick, BSc MLT | OPOR One Patient, One Report |
| 11. Gordon Dow, MD | Toxic Shock Syndrome and
Infections Acquired in the NB Outdoors |
| 12. Moira McLaughlin | Forensic Anthropology |
| 13. Jamie Reynolds, RT | Blood Gases |
| 14. Diane Burella | Automation in Transfusion Medicine |
| 15. Mihkel Oja, MD | Skin Lesions |



Cytology Sessions Scheduled for Saturday

and many more.....Watch for more information in the next Analyzer

and on the NBSMLT website! Contact: Martha White , Microbiology DECRH 452-5465

Meeting with the Minister of Health

By Bernadette Muise

On December 18th 2008, as a result of a letter sent to the Minister of Health regarding medical laboratory technologists in New Brunswick, Lori Clarke, Department of Health, Laboratory Consultant and I met with Minister M. Murphy to discuss some of these issues.

The Minister seemed very interested in technologists and how we fit in to the broader scheme of health care in New Brunswick. He was given a better view of the upcoming shortage of technologists and the need to ensure the quality of the MLTs and MLAs working in the laboratories in New Brunswick. There is new federal legislation pending which addresses mobility of technologists and other health professionals throughout Canada. The current draft makes it difficult to require CSMLS certification as the main licensing requirement. Minister Murphy asked to be kept informed about the progress of the legislation and how the NBSMLT will deal with the new requirements.

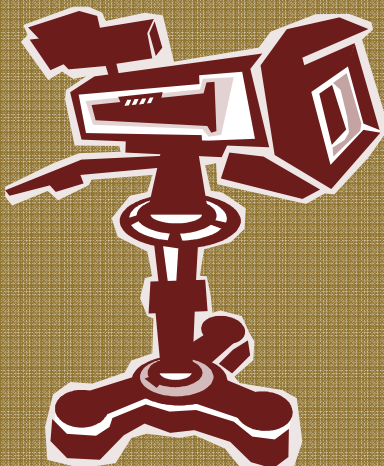
Other topics discussed were the need for regulation of medical laboratory assistants, and the need for increased clinical placement seats for medical laboratory technologist students in hospitals. The possible need for increased



Bernadette Muise with Minister of Health Michael Murphy

number of seats in the training programs to ensure adequate numbers of future technologists was also mentioned.

The meeting, held just after the release of the Creaghan report, provided a good opportunity to speak with the Minister of Health about technologists and their concerns. I believe that we presented important information to him about technologists and their impact on quality laboratory results.



MLT Visibility

The NBSMLT Video will be aired during Med Lab Week, April 19th to 25th on ATV and Radio Canada. Keep an eye out for our commercials, you might even know some of the technologists in it!

Synopsis of Board Meeting January 28th 2009

At the most recent Board meeting held January 28th 2009 a motion was passed to allow Bernadette Muise to serve a second term as President since Marielle Lagacé was unable to begin her term.

The Registrar's report stated that current membership of the NBSMLT for 2009 included:

Active Members: 635

Grandfathered: 3

Inactive or Retired: 15

Student: 55

Temporary: 2

The membership data has been sent to Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), this data is anonymous (aggregate data), and may be used for health human resource planning.

The NBSMLT has applied to be a provincial accreditation sponsor of the Canadian Medical Association for Conjoint Accreditation.

A report of the meetings held between the program advisory committees for the Medical Laboratory Technologist training programs at UNB and NBCC Saint John was given to the Board. The academic renewal of the program at

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the Saint John Community College campus has begun and the first class will be eligible to write the CSMLS certification exams in February 2011.

Next Board of Directors teleconference is March 11th 2009.

Synopsis of board meetings will be posted on the website in an attempt to provide more timely information to members about Board Activities.

The NBSMLT Board would like to welcome new Board members and committee chairs for 2009

Board

Susan Findlater- President-Elect

Carlene McCaffery- North Shore Area Director

Paula Keoughan – Miramichi Area Director

Coral McRae - Past-President (appointed)

Committees

Rania Elhalabi - Public Relations Chair

Dorothy Harris –Continuing Education Chair



Your participation contributes greatly to the Society's achievements and demonstrates a sense of leadership and pride in your profession.



Claire Wright,
Saint John Area Director
presented the award of
"Outstanding Performance
in Medical Laboratory
Technology" to
Allison Ahier,
second year student
at NBCC SJ.

*Congratulations Allison
for all the hard work!*

Retirements

Laboratory management of Regional Health Authority A- Zone 4 wishes to acknowledge the retirement of the following members:

Anne Beaulieu who retired in September 2008 as chief technologist for the Laboratory at Hotel-Dieu Saint-Joseph Hospital in St-Quentin;

Charlene Laforge who retired in December 2008 as the chief technologist of the Hematology Department at the Edmundston Regional Hospital;

Jacqueline Lagacé who retired in December 2008 as chief tech of the Laboratory at the Grand Falls General Hospital

These technologists had a successful career and had pride in their profession. They were well appreciated and will be missed.



Call for nomination President-Elect 2010

Nomination forms are now available on the NBSMLT website for those who wish to let their name stand...

Please contact the Registrar for more information.



LABCON 09 will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland, June 21-24. At the November 2008 meeting of the NBSMLT Board of Directors, a motion was passed to award two grants of \$1,300 each to facilitate attendance at the national congress. The application form is on page 8. Please complete if you are interested.

As in the past, recipients will be chosen based upon their commitment, professionalism and service to NBSMLT (at any level). All applicants who have contributed to the Society (as indicated on the application) in any manner, and have not previously received this grant, will be considered equally. Recipients will be chosen at random from qualified applicants and will be notified in writing by the Registrar as soon as the selection has been made.

On occasion, the Board of Directors may find an applicant to be outstanding and award one of the grants to that individual. When completing your application, please remember to complete all sections since this may be the only information that will be available at the selection process.

Congrès LABCON 09 aura lieu à St. John's, Terre-Neuve du 21-24 juin. Le Conseil d'administration de l'ATLMNB, lors de sa réunion de novembre 2008, a adopté une motion en faveur de l'octroi de deux subventions de 1,300\$ chacune afin de permettre à certains membres d'assister plus facilement au congrès national. Vous trouverez un formulaire de demande sur la page 8. Si vous êtes intéressé (es), veuillez remplir ce formulaire.

Comme par le passé, le choix des bénéficiaires sera fondé sur leur engagement, leur professionnalisme et les services qu'ils ont rendus à l'ATLMNB (à quelque niveau que ce soit). Seront examinées les demandes de tous les requérants qui, d'une manière ou d'une autre, ont contribué aux activités de l'Association (comme cela doit être mentionné dans la demande) et qui n'ont pas déjà reçu une subvention. Les bénéficiaires seront choisis au hasard parmi les noms des requérants admissibles, puis ils seront avisés par la registraire dès que les choix auront été faits.

Il peut arriver à l'occasion que le Conseil d'administration accorde une des subventions directement à une personne en raison de ses services insignes. N'oubliez pas de remplir toutes les parties de votre formulaire de demande, étant donné que ce formulaire sera la seule source d'information utilisée pour le processus de sélection.



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**Application for Congress Grant
Demande de subvention pour le congrès**

Name/Nom _____

Home Address/Adresse du domicile _____

Home Telephone/Téléphone à domicile _____

Business Telephone/Téléphone au bureau _____

Place of Employment/Lieu d'emploi _____

Years of active membership in NBSMLT/
Nombre d'années comme membre actif de l'ATLMNB _____

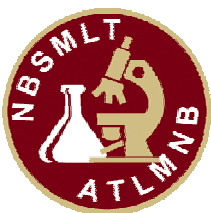
Previous grant/Subvention précédente
Yes / Oui No / Non If yes, when? / Si oui, quand? _____

Professional Activities/Activités professionnelles

Academy/Au niveau de l'académie _____

Provincial/Au niveau de la province _____

National/Au niveau national _____



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**Applications must be received on or before April 3, 2009
Toutes les demandes doivent être reçues pour le 3 avril 2009**