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President's Message...

By Rania Elhalabi

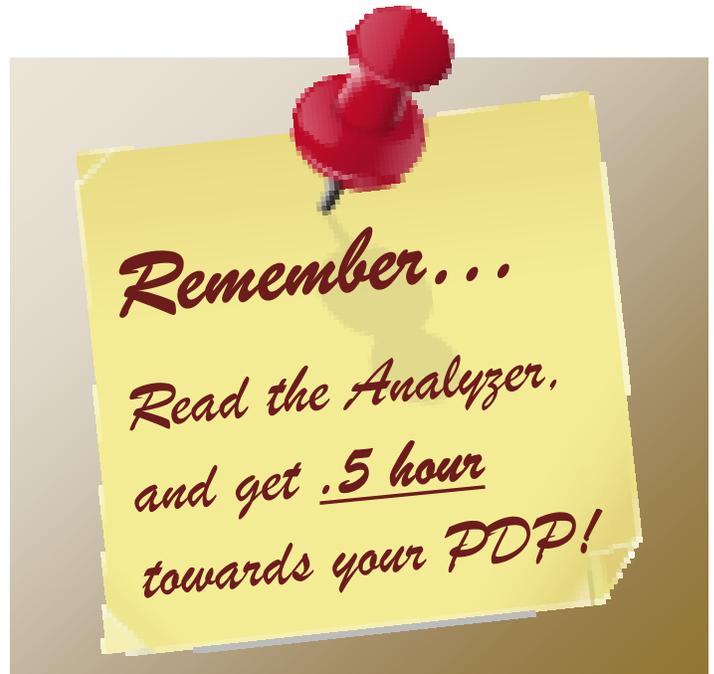


As NBSMLT President for 2014, I look forward to the countless possibilities of opportunities for not only the Society but for the members as well. We will continue to strive for the best only looking to the future and recognizing the past. I have been active with the Society for ten years now and in that time I have seen the dedication, professionalism and passion from MLTs across NB. The Society itself has come a long way. From humble beginnings to a powerhouse to be reckoned with, we are constantly being looked upon by government, professional bodies and others, not only provincially but both nationally and internationally as leaders among healthcare professionals. As Medical Laboratory Technologists you can be proud of the work your Society has done in the past few years to raise our profile and take us above and beyond the expected. The Board of Directors, Executive Staff and committee volunteers have been working hard on your behalf to ensure that the best decisions for Society members are being made in every situation. It's important to recognize those individuals for their tireless commitment to the Society and their desire to be a part of something great. I encourage all members to consider volunteering for a position in the Society, having been part of the Society in

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various capacities has been a very fulfilling and rewarding experience in which I would recommend to anyone. Who knows what the future holds? However I do know that we have an important decision to make as members of the NBSMLT, we can decide to take the safe path and maintain the status quo or we can take risks and move out of our comfort zone in order to grow and expand as a Society. Taking risks can be scary and may require hard work but together we can make those changes to realize our goals. I look forward to the year ahead and the exciting new challenges we will be facing, along with the prospects of great opportunities on the horizon.



Check on-line for details on activities for
National Medical Laboratory Week
and let us know if you are organizing special events!

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NBSMLT Anita Lindsay Award

The Anita Lindsay Award is awarded annually to a technologist who exemplified exceptional professional service.



Applications for the 2014 award will be accepted until August 15, 2014.

Objective

The Anita Lindsay Award is presented to a member who is leaving the profession of Medical Laboratory Technology. The award will only be given when a suitable recipient is nominated.

Selection Committee

The Awards Committee shall select the recipient by reviewing the résumé of the nominees submitted on or before January 31st. The Award Committee will purchase the award.

Presentation

The recipient shall receive an expense paid trip to Annual General Meeting where the President will present the award at the AGM banquet.

Selection Criteria

Must be leaving the profession of Medical Laboratory Technology (retiring or changing careers), at least 20 years as a member of NBSMLT.

Must have demonstrated professionalism, integrity and a commitment to high personal standards throughout his/her career.

Must have significantly contributed to the professional society at the academy, provincial, national or international level for at least 5 years.

Must be nominated by an active member of NBSMLT.

Publicity

A résumé and picture of the recipient shall be made available for press releases and publication in the Analyzer.

From the Editor...

William Allen

*"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."
- Anne Bradstreet*

*"Ok, enough is enough. I get it, spring is VERY pleasant. I assure you Mother Nature, it really is no longer necessary to show me ANY more winter to make me appreciate spring."
- William Allen*



It's been a long, hard winter; we've experienced a tremendous amount of bad weather, terrible driving conditions, ridiculous amounts of snow, and powerless nights. I'm sure all of us are wishing and dreaming for spring. These dreams and wishes did receive a little hope during Groundhog Day, when Shubenacadie Sam, a famous Canadian groundhog from Nova Scotia emerged and did not see his shadow! Unfortunately, Sam's prediction was wrong. Speaking of Groundhog Day, have any of you ever watched the movie Groundhog Day with Bill Murray? Well, if you haven't, I recommend that you do. It's very funny and reminds me of this crazy winter we're having. I feel like I'm living the same day over and over again! We get snow, I take hours to shovel, and then the driveway is clear. I wake up the next morning, look out the window, and go do it all over again, ugh! Hopefully spring will show up soon and we can all put this memorable winter behind us once and for all!

While the winter has been harsh, the NBSMLT and Board of Directors and committees have been working hard since the fall to complete many items. We've been active with reviewing the committee terms of reference, launching of

the Bridging program, updating the website with one focus being the members section, implementing new PR committee initiatives, and much more.

You will find plenty in this issue which we hope will interest you. Be sure to check out the on-line news article published on Global News titled "5 occupations in high demand amid Canada's surprising job losses", it's nice to see the MLT profession in the media and the potential shortage being talked about now rather than waiting until it's too late. Check out your new 2014 Board of Directors on page 8, this poster will also be appearing in your labs soon.

The first communication concerning online membership renewals can be found on page 6. The NBSMLT needs your help to complete the email confirmation before we can proceed with this important step forward which will allow us to better stream line the renewal process, thus providing better service to our members.

Help promote our profession, share our MLT videos which have been uploaded to YouTube. These are great videos, especially for those who enjoy CSI.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/NBSMLT?feature=guide>

Submit your texts or comments/questions to:

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Editorial policy

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Chrystal Allen

BHSc, MLT, CT(ASCP)CM

2014 President-Elect

Chrystal has been an active member of the Society since 2005. She began volunteering with the NBSMLT at the academy level as the Public Relations representative for the Fredericton Academy in 2005. In this capacity, she organized and participated in local events that aimed at promoting the MLT profession. She was later appointed President of the Fredericton Academy in 2008. As part of her role in the Academy, Chrystal also was the Cytopathology Scientific Coordinator for the 2009 APSC.



In the fall of 2012, Chrystal became involved at the provincial level as Fredericton Area Director for the NBSMLT Board of Directors. Chrystal currently holds the position of Quality Consultant at Fredericton/Upper River Valley, Horizon Health Network. Among her many responsibilities, she has been appointed co-chair of the New Brunswick Cancer Network's (NBCN) Cervical Cancer Screening and Prevention Program (CCSPP) Education, Promotion, and Awareness (EPA) Committee.

The NBSMLT Board of Directors welcomes Chrystal as 2014 President Elect!

Check out article from **Global News** at below link:

*5 occupations in high demand amid
Canada's surprising job losses*

<http://globalnews.ca/news/1074649/5-occupations-in-high-demand-amid-canadas->



Election Information 2015

The time is here once again for the nomination of **President Elect** for the New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists.

The Nomination Committee requests that you put forward names of NBSMLT members to stand for this important position. It is an opportunity for you to nominate technologists with a vision for the future, an individual who will be able to direct the Society's affairs in these interesting and challenging times.

Please forward all nominations to the Society's office on or before September 15, 2014.

Nomination Information

Term of Office

In order to comply with the 1991 Medical Laboratory Technologists Act, an annual election will be held by the Society for the office of President Elect. This will be a three year term: the first year (2015) the technologist will serve as President Elect, the second year (2016) he/she will become President of the Society and the third year (2017) this individual will serve as Past President.

Service and Goals

In order to provide the membership with background information regarding the candidates' present and past service in Society matters, a summary must be provided of his/her professional activities. A statement regarding goals as President Elect of the New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists, as well as a current photograph suitable for printing, should also be included. This information shall not exceed 250 words and will accompany the instructions sent with the ballot to each voting member.

Nomination Form

Election of President Elect

In order to comply with the 1991 Medical Laboratory Technology Act, the membership are to elect a technologist to the position of President elect each year. The term of office will be for three years, progressing from President Elect, to President, and the final year, Past President.

I _____ allow my name to stand for the position of President Elect of the New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists.

Signed _____

Date _____

Nominated by _____

Seconded by _____

IMPORANT INFORMATION FOR ALL NBSMLT MEMBERS

The NBSMLT is in the initial stages of working with our data provider to be able to offer online registration renewals. Our goal is to have this available for the 2015 registration cycle, in the Fall of this year. To help accomplish this, all members will require an active @GNB, @Horizon, or @Vitalite email address. These are GNB accounts which members will use to log into the system and renew their memberships.

Do you have one of these email accounts?

YES

For those members, who have one of these email accounts, please ensure you are able to access your account and follow this link to enter your information:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xF-PzQrUWqqla3vLytoSV1sQYttm48jL3VqywMUyzi4/edit#>

This will ensure the NBSMLT has your most recent information on file.

NO

Members without one of these accounts will be required to create a GNB account. Please follow this link for the instructions on this process:

<https://www.iam-gia.snb.ca/iam/im/pubsnb/snbcselfsrv/index.jsp?task.tag=SNBSelfRegistration&language.id=en>

Once you have completed setting up your GNB account, please follow this link to enter your information:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xF-PzQrUWqqla3vLytoSV1sQYttm48jL3VqywMUyzi4/edit#>

This will ensure the NBSMLT has your most recent information on file.

The NBSMLT Board of Directors and office staff would like to thank you for taking the time to help us work towards establishing online renewals.



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The *Moncton Academy* is challenging other Academies to a **CHARITY CHALLENGE!** Raise money for your charity or charities of choice. The Academy that raises the most money will be crowned the...

“Charity Champion”

Moncton Academy

CHARITY CHALLENGE

Please submit your total dollar amount raised to:

office@nbsmlt.nb.ca

The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony, which will take place at the **October 2014 AGM.** The Academy that raises the most money for their charity will receive the prestigious **Charity Challenge Award.**



The **Moncton Academy** would like to encourage other Academies to get out there and give everything you've got! Not only do you get an award, but your academy also gets bragging rights as the ***Charity Champion!***

Event deadline is October 1, 2014

Board of Director Meeting Synopsis are available on the members only section of the NBSMLT website



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Please note that if you wish to receive NBSMLT e-mail correspondence, send your e-mail address to: office@nbsmlt.nb.ca

THE NBSMLT IS NOW ON YOUTUBE.

Monday, May 06, 2013



The NBSMLT is now on YouTube.

Follow the link to the NBSMLT YouTube channel.

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on our website.

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Medical Laboratory Technology - Bridging

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We will assist you in your efforts to work in Canada as a Medical laboratory technologist.

●○○○ **CAREER**

THE PROGRAM

- Program Description
- Special Considerations
- Costs
- List of Courses

THE PROFESSION

This refresher program is for people who have already completed post-secondary studies in Medical Laboratory Technology.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

- Prior Learning Assessment
- Accompanying Teacher
- Duration
- Prerequisites

These courses are not only for IEMLTs, they're a great way to obtain refresher in any discipline. Also, these courses are good CE opportunities,

Be sure to check out the Bridging Program online training at link:
<http://www.coursenligne.net/index.cfm?Obj=programs&id=101>

Online courses are available in both French and English

JUNE 21-23 | SASKATOON, SK

It's your time to
shine!

Workshops include:

Biosafety Legislation
Quality Control
Understanding & Working
with Conflict

Sessions include:

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Laboratory Utilization
Personalized Medicine
Tissue Banking

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Changing Practice in Laboratory Medicine

Michael Noble

Chair, Program Office for Laboratory Quality Management at UBC
Risk & Error in the Laboratory

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