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President's Message...

By Jim Sloan

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2011! I'd like to thank everyone for supporting me in my bid for president, and thank you for the opportunity to serve and represent you.

Every year begins with opportunities and challenges. One challenge we will continue to face this year is the consideration of changes to the Agreement on Internal Trade. This federal legislation has been amended in an effort to remove interprovincial labour mobility barriers, prevent the establishment of new barriers, and create a more harmonized interprovincial standard of practice. During the AGM at Maritech on November 6, 2010, the motion to move forward with the AIT was defeated.

There was much discussion at the AGM on this topic and a great deal of concern from members regarding these changes. Since then we have already been challenged by out of province technologists encountering barriers when trying to work in N.B.

The NBSMLT will continue to investigate the implications resulting from the defeat of these motions and our noncompliance with federal legislation.

An excellent opportunity to attend National Congress presents itself this year with Halifax hosting. Don't miss the chance to attend, if only for a single day. National congress will take place in Halifax June 10-13th.

I just want to let everyone in on an easy way to make PDP credits. Attend your local academy meeting. It's that easy! And if you include an educational speaker, you can add even more PDP credits! Give it a try!

Good luck on your contract.

From the Editor...

As the month of March approaches, one can hardly say that spring is just around the corner, especially with the snowy winter this year. However, time does go by fast, and before you know it, it will be April. This first issue of the Analyzer focuses on some educational events that will be held this spring as well as opportunities for members to get involved with the NBSMLT.

LABCON 2011 will be in Halifax this year and the OPTMQ Congress will take place in Rimouski, look for details on pages 9-12. The NBSMLT Continuing Education committee has been working diligently to develop a quiz for Med Lab Week, see page 3 for more information. The board is currently recruiting members to fill positions in various regions around the province. You do not need experience with the NBSMLT to apply for these positions; you just have to get involved. The Board is also looking for a candidate to take the role of 2012 President-Elect of the NBSMLT.

The richness of the newsletter content depends immensely on submissions from members. As always, I encourage you to send articles for publication. Writing short articles or case studies for publication is an excellent way to earn PDP hours.



Janelle Bourgeois

Next submission
date:

June 1, 2011

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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.

NBSMLT

JOAN KENNEDY MEMORIAL AWARD

The Joan Kennedy Memorial Award is presented every 5 year to a current or past registered member of the NBSMLT for their service to and support of the Profession.

Selection criteria include:

- Service on Academy Executive
- Service on the Board of Directors
- Active participation in planning, promoting, organizing and conducting seminars, conventions and congresses
- Active participation on NBSMLT committees

AND

- Professional conduct that is in accordance with the code of ethics of the CSMLS

Members are encouraged to submit names of possible candidates along with a description of their service to the profession to their Academy Director. The NBSMLT Awards

committee will chose one successful candidate based on the above criteria. The Award will be presented at the 2011 AGM which will be held in Tracadie-Sheila this Fall.

Academy Directors are:

Melissa King- Moncton
Jan Graham- Fredericton
Monique Desjardins-Levesque- Edmundston
Carlene McAffrey- North Shore
Marsha Cook- Miramichi
Claire Wright - Saint John

JOAN KENNEDY

Joan Kennedy graduated from the New Brunswick School of Medical Technology in 1958. She spent most of her career working in Edmundston, her hometown, where she was Chief Technologist. The term "Laboratory Manager" had not yet been invented in this province. She then attended the University of Prince Edward Island where she earned a BSc. and she later accepted a position as Chief Technologist at a hospital in Lindsey, Ontario. Joan died tragically in 1975 and was laid to rest in Mississauga, Ontario, where her mother and sister resided.

National Medical Laboratory Week Learning Activity

How much do you know about NBSMLT?

During the week of April 24-30, 2011 – National Medical Laboratory Week a NBSMLT learning activity will be posted on the NBSMLT website www.nbsmlt.nb.ca This learning activity is intended to educate NBSMLT members on various aspects of the society. It will consist of a quiz that can be printed, completed and submitted by members to NBSMLT office for marking. A certificate worth a total of two PDP points will be given to those members with a quiz score of 80% or higher.

Timeline - The quiz will be available on the NBSMLT website from April 24 to 30, 2011. Completed entries must be received at the NBSMLT office via scan to email or regular mail on or before May 20, 2011, to be eligible for PDP points. Successful entries will be sent their PDP certificate by email.

Send to: office@nbsmlt.nb.ca

Or mail to: NBSMLT, CE Quiz
PO Box 1812, Moncton NB E1C 9X6

*Note: to minimize costs, save paper and be green please **DO NOT FAX** your quiz to the office.*

If you have any questions please contact your local Continuing Education Committee member (SJ – Hope Mackenzie, Moncton – Nicole Caldwell, North Shore Lyne Pelletier, Edmundston – Lise Ruest-Clavette, Fredericton – Darlene Maddox)

Certificate of Professional Studies

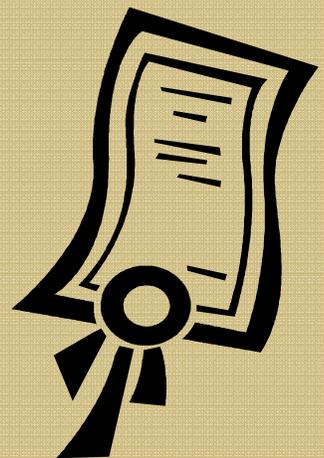
The following MLTs' have both obtained a CPS in management:

Janet Reid

Ella Gallien

Completion of the CPS certificate requires a great deal of motivation and hard work. Fulfillment of the CPS program requires the completion of 15 credits continuing education courses, representing many dedicated hours of advanced level study.

Congratulations!



*Correction: Please note that there was an error in the article of Labcon Experience published in the winter issue 2010 (Issue 3). It should have stated that the article was written by **Danielle LeBlanc**, and **Tanya Dupuis**.*



NBSMLT recruiting volunteers

The NBSMLT is currently recruiting members to fill the following volunteer vacant positions:

- ✔ Public Relations representative from the North Shore area
- ✔ Public Relations representative from the Miramichi area
- ✔ Public Relations representative from the Edmundston area
- ✔ Continuing Education representative from the Miramichi area

The terms of references for each position are posted on the Website at www.nbsmlt.nb.ca. These positions require approximately 10 hours per year and can earn you up to 11.25 professional development hours per PDP submission. Getting involved at the Academy level is an excellent way to familiarize yourself with the NBSMLT's role, learn new thing and meet new people!

Please contact our office at registrar@nbsmlt.nb.ca if you are interested in applying for the positions.

The NBSMLT Board would like to welcome new Board members and committee chairs for 2011

Board of Directors

Danielle LeBlanc, President-Elect
Marsha Cook, Director - Miramichi
Melissa King, Director - Moncton

Committees

Pierre Leveillé, Legislation Chair
Susan Findlater, ACR & PP Chair



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



Board of Directors Teleconference Synopsis, January 2011

An e-mail correspondence was sent to all laboratory managers on December 14, 2010 explaining that the renewal deadline was fast approaching and that employees are not on payroll deduction for annual dues should provide proof of registration. The Register was sent periodically from December 14, 2010 to January 4, 2011.

CSMLS has informed the NBSMLT that the ART certification will no longer be offered. This decision was based on membership feedback and low enrolment. If members have concerns, they are encouraged to communicate them directly to the CSMLS.

The CMA (Canadian Medical Association) has approached the NBSMLT to provide names of CSMLS certified MLAs who would be interested in participating in survey visits of MLA programs in the province.

Director reports were shared verbally. The 2011 APSC will be held at *Complexe des 2 rivières* in Tracadie-Sheila on October 21st and 22nd. The CE committee had a teleconference on December 13, 2010. A questionnaire will be developed for the membership and posted to the website.

Members of the Legislation Committee for 2011

were approved by the Board.

The Deputy Registrar announcement will be re-posted with slight modifications. The deadline for application is January 31st 2011.

With regards to the AIT and bylaw amendments, the Board has sent a letter to the CMA requesting additional information on accreditation criteria. An information sheet outlining facts and consequences of non-compliance with the AIT will be prepared and distributed to the Directors for information dissemination.

Bylaws, rules and 2011 Roster are updated and posted on the Website.

A motion was carried to approve the expenses for boot camp hearing and adjudicator volunteer training program offered in Halifax on February 4 and 5, 2011.

The Board appointed Marsha Cooke as Director for the Miramichi region.

The system for on-line renewals will be tested in the next few weeks. The system is administered through the Department of Health.

The next Board teleconference is scheduled on February 8, 2011.

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

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office@nbsmlt.nb.ca

A successful Maritech conference was held in Moncton, NB from November 4-6th, 2010 at the Delta Beauséjour. A committed host committee from the Moncton Academy worked tirelessly to provide three days of concurrent sessions in all disciplines. The committee members are to be commended for the tremendous amount of work they put into making this event possible.

Approximately 70 expert speakers presented timely and interesting information to 320 delegates from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and PEI. There were also five workshops that were well attended. Although the extreme weather event caused a few headaches with cancelled or delayed flights, there were only 3 sessions actually cancelled as a result of weather. We are very grateful to those speakers who went above and beyond to participate at the conference.

Several of the speakers were sponsored by scientific laboratory companies and the Atlantic Canada Chapter of the CLMA along with Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, sponsored a day of



Anne Robinson (left) and Bernadette Muise (right)

management sessions for the program. A two day trade show gave the 33 exhibitors an opportunity to display their instruments, products and services to delegates. Horizon Health Network and Vitalité Health Network were very supportive of our conference, both with items for our delegate bags and by allowing technologists the time off and financial support to attend the sessions. The City of Moncton and

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other local sponsors also contributed to the event with prizes, pens, discounts, etc.

The social events were amazing, the Casino night and auction provided great fun for all who attended! The bidding was very exciting and those whose bids were successful were very pleased with their winnings.

Our partners in the provision of health care, the exhibitors, came through for us in sponsoring speakers and participating in the trade show. Without them, we would not have had as successful an event.





Election Information 2011

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, 2011.

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 (2012) the technologist will serve as President Elect, the second year (2013) he/she will become President of the Society and the third year (2014) 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 _____

2011 LABCON Grants

Halifax, NS

June 10—13th

LABCON 2011 will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 10 to 13th, 2011. At the December 2010 meeting of the NBSMLT Board of Directors, a motion was carried to award four (4) grants of \$500 each to facilitate attendance at the national congress. The application form is on page 10. 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 LAB 2011 aura lieu à Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse du 10 au 13 juin 2011. Le Conseil d'administration de L'ATLMNB lors de sa réunion de décembre 2010, a adopté une motion en faveur de l'octroi de quatre (4) subventions de 500\$ chacune afin de permettre à certains membres d'assister plus facilement au congrès national. Vous trouverez un formulaire de demande à la page 10. Si vous êtes intéressé(s), 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 tous les niveaux). 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.



New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists

Association des technologistes de laboratoire médical du Nouveau-Brunswick

**New Brunswick Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists
Association des technologistes de laboratoire médical du Nouveau-Brunswick**

**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 _____



**Mail or Fax to: / Postez ou envoyez par télécopieur:
NBSMLT, P.O. Box/CP 1812, Moncton, New Brunswick, E1C 9X6
Telephone: (506) 758-9956 Fax: (506) 758-9963**

**Applications must be received on or before April 1, 2011
Toutes les demandes doivent être reçues pour le 1 avril 2011**

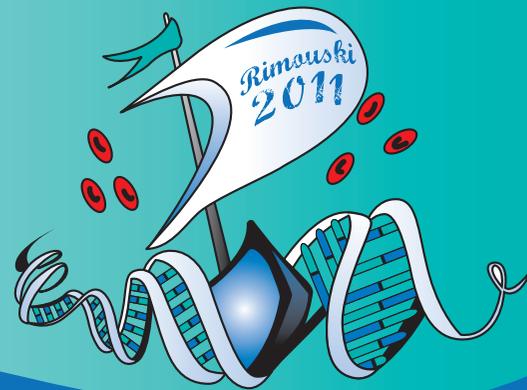


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Membres	350 \$	310 \$	220 \$
Non-membres	455 \$	375 \$	275 \$
Étudiants inscrits	X	100 \$	50 \$
Étudiants non-inscrits		175 \$	125 \$

Tarifs (taxes incluses)

RÉSERVATION DES CHAMBRES

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225, boul. René-Lepage Est
Rimouski (Québec) G5L 1P2
1 800 463-0755
hotelrim@hotelrimouski.com

Afin de faciliter
la réservation et d'obtenir
des tarifs préférentiels,
mentionnez que vous faites
partie du congrès
OPTMQ !

PROGRAMME DU CONGRÈS

Toujours avec le souci de poursuivre notre virage vert, aucun programme scientifique ne sera imprimé cette année. Nous vous invitons donc à visiter, à partir de mars, le site Internet de l'OPTMQ au www.optmq.org.

FORMATION CONTINUE OBLIGATOIRE

Dans le cadre de la politique de formation continue obligatoire, les membres participants obtiendront un crédit d'une heure par heure de conférence.

SERVICE D'AUTOBUS

Toujours par souci environnemental, un service d'autobus sera offert à partir de Montréal, Trois-Rivières et Québec à un tarif très abordable. Un minimum de passagers est requis. Vous pourrez vous y inscrire lors de votre inscription au congrès. Les détails concernant les départs et les tarifs seront disponibles dans le programme scientifique.

INVITATION

Déployez vos voiles et voguez vers Rimouski afin d'assister au congrès annuel de l'Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux du Québec qui aura lieu les 16, 17 et 18 juin 2011.

Ce rendez-vous annuel est devenu, au fil du temps, un incontournable pour les technologistes médicaux du Québec. Cet événement est une rencontre éducative, scientifique et sociale à l'ère des changements et de la formation continue. Au menu : un vaste programme scientifique diversifié, développé par des technologistes médicaux, des médecins et des professionnels de la santé. Des activités telles que des cocktails, des conférenciers de renom, la soirée du capitaine et des surprises promettent de vous en mettre plein la vue !

Prenez le rythme des changements et bourlinguez à la rencontre des exposants. Amarrez-vous afin de sentir la brise, profitez des activités sociales et voguez à la rencontre de gens de partout.

Venez vivre cet événement situé sur un site enchanteur avec vue sur la mer et admirer Rimouski, une ville entourée par d'importants sites naturels dont le parc national du Bic, le Musée de la mer, la marina et le Canyon des Portes de l'Enfer. La ville de Rimouski offre un cachet unique et un panorama exceptionnel, là où le fleuve se confond avec la mer.

Voguez à notre rencontre !

Le comité congrès



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