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CSHP NB Branch Delegate - Progress Report

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Respectfully submitted by Leslie Manuel, CSHP NB-Branch Council Delegate

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At any time, please do not hesitate to contact the staff at the national office with questions or concerns.

In mid-August CSHP's Council held several business meetings in conjunction with the 61th Annual General Meeting and Educational Sessions in Saint John. Here are some of the highlights from the Council meetings held at the Annual General Meetings.

CSHP 2015

- Currently Goals & Objectives and Self-Assessment Tool are being translated into French by APES
- A project coordinator will be hired in the fall and the formation of a steering committee will follow.
- CSHP 2015 related posters will be presented in a special area at PPC. If your abstract is linked to CSHP 2015 initiatives please clearly flag this after your category designation in the body of your submission email and the unblinded abstract. Deadline for submission October 10, 2008.

BLUEPRINT FOR PHARMACY

- The final version of the Blueprint was circulated to all Council members for official endorsement by CSHP. Five working groups were struck to address the recommendations of the final version. A total of 17 CSHP members have been named to these working groups.

GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF HOSPITAL PHARMACY

- This conference was held Aug 30 and 31, 2008 in conjunction with the FIP annual conference in Basel, Switzerland. CSHP has made a donation to the travel sponsorship fund to assist bringing hospital pharmacists from developing countries to the conference. CPhA, the only Canadian FIP member organization has approved the appointment of Myrella Roy as the Canadian delegate on the council for this conference.

ADVOCACY

The following are the campaigns for 2007-2008

- Medication Safety Enhanced by Drug Distribution (Spring 2008)

- CSHP's Advocacy Committee launched a letter campaign with the goal of increasing awareness of the role of medication distribution systems in enhancing patient safety. As part of this campaign, a stakeholder's letter, CSHP's updated *Statement on Unit-Dose & Intravenous Admixture Drug Distribution*, and background paper entitled *Medication Safety and Drug Use Management Enhanced by Drug Distribution* was sent to government, hospital and other healthcare leaders across Canada.
- Safe, accurate, well-designed and efficient drug distribution systems are critical to safe patient care. Unit-dose drug distribution systems for oral and parenteral medication delivery contribute to patient safety. The Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists endorses the unit-dose/intravenous admixture system as the drug distribution system of choice in organized healthcare settings in Canada.
- The Pharmacist Role in Patient Safety (Fall 2008)

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Executive Director followed up with IFG on the following issues:

- Supplementary premium for pharmacists with "additional prescribing authorization" in Alberta:
 - Clarified that this premium did not apply to pharmacists participating in prescribing activities such as "adapting" prescriptions or "prescribing in cases of an emergency" who are covered under the base premiums
 - It was unsuccessfully argued that "pharmacist prescribing" should be covered within the base policy because "independent pharmacist prescribing" will soon become the norm within the scope of practice of pharmacists practising in all Canadian jurisdictions and that the Canadian Pharmacists Benefits Association, who provides malpractice insurance to pharmacists practising in Alberta, Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island, does not charge an additional premium to those pharmacists with the "additional prescribing authorization" in Alberta.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

- It has been determined that in order to assure a comprehensive annual picture of the financial position at both the National and Branch level, that further discussion should occur as to whether there should be standardization of the Branch fiscal year to match that of National.
- An investment policy, now included in the Reference Manual, will ensure that the assets of the Society's reserve fund, together with the investment income to be earned by the fund, are invested in a prudent manner. The policy will also guide investments at the Branch level to the extent that Branch finances will permit.
- At April 30, 2008, net assets equal \$1,215,686.00 and are comprised of \$733,226.00 in unrestricted assets as well as \$482,460.00 invested in the condominium property and equipment. The year ended with a surplus of \$218,251

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS

- Council approved a new Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy. Please refer to the Council and Branch Reference Manual.
- The National Office is working with the provider to develop an e-commerce system.

CSHP MEMBER SERVICES

- Membership has seen the greatest rate of growth in several decades largely attributed to establishment of liability insurance at reasonable prices inclusive of the toughest requirements created in Ontario. Ontario's new requirement took effect January 2008.

NEW PRESIDENTIAL OFFICER

Jason Howorko has been installed as our new President-Elect for the 2008-09 year. Jason is the Regional Manager of Pharmacy Services at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre - David Thompson Health Region. He has been an active volunteer in CSHP at the chapter, branch, and national levels.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next face-to-face meeting will be the **Mid-Term Council Meetings in Ottawa in March 7-9, 2008** (Friday, March 6 - Strategic Planning Committee; Sat, March 7 – Issues Day Meeting,; Sun, March 8 – Council Meeting)
- **Mark your calendars now for:**
 - **PPC 2009** (January 31-Feb 4) Sheraton Centre Toronto.
 - **SES 2008** (August 9–12,) Delta Winnipeg, Winnipeg Manitoba

I would like to thank Jennifer Ryan, Corry Clarke and their host committee members and volunteers for a hugely successful AGM in Saint John.

CSHP is very active and is moving forward. I encourage YOU, as a fellow member, to join other volunteers in our Branch and across Canada in contributing to our success.