

THE AXIS

Spring Edition



Spring INTO THE KNOW!

What to look for in this Edition

The 2024 Education Day and Annual General Meeting will take place at the Dartmouth General Hospital, 325 Pleasant St. Dartmouth, NS, on May 4th & 5th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!

LEGISLATION VOTE: will be open from April 12 - April 19
On CTANS.ca

BECOME A BOARD MEMBER: This year there is a call for nominations for Director of Technology.

CTANS EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Tonya Morrell- President
- Lindsay Nicholson- Vice President
- Michaela Gauthier- Director
- Brittany Marsh- Technology Director
- Lindsay Phillips- Treasurer/ Registrar
- Jaye MacMullin- Education/CEU Coordinator
- Alicia Drew- Secretary



Leah Curtis

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IN A ROW
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear CTANS Member,

Its been a busy year for the CTANS Board members with a lot of meetings and adjusting to the new CEU process this year.

I can't believe we are only a month away from our provincial Education Day and AGM. This year, Dartmouth General Hospital will be hosting and the group has been working hard to prepare for the weekend, which will be May 4th and 5th, 2024.

I want to encourage as many members to attend the weekend this year. There is so much prep work put into preparing for this weekend and it's a great way to reconnect with friends, old colleagues and make new contacts within PEI & NS. Also, if you attend the AGM, your name will be put into a draw to win your dues back. Who doesn't want to walk away from the AGM with a cheque?

Also, there is a lot of valuable information that is presented at the AGM and far too many times, members don't attend and then are not informed on possible changes within the association. It also gives you a chance to meet your board members and ask questions. If you are not able to attend the meeting, then I want to encourage you to sign a proxy so your vote will count.

I would also like to welcome any new members to the province and wish all those students that will be writing their certification exam the first week of May 2024.

And it goes without saying, a HUGE thank you to the provincial board members: Lindsay N, Lindsay P, Michaela, Alicia, Jaye and Brittany. Thank you for all your hard work, time and dedication you put into the board.

Sincerely,
Tonya Morrell, RCT
CTANS President



LEGISLATION Q&A

Q Most of our registered cardiology technologists do work in a hospital setting but we do have a couple of private clinics. Would the clinics be covered under the college, or should I say, would the technologist working at the private clinics have to be part of the college assuming they don't move to a hospital later on.

A *Yes, it would be the practice that is being regulated so anyone practicing as a cardiology technologist in the province of NS would need to be licensed.*

Q Is there a minimum amount of hours that the technologists are required to work when they join the college? We know we have to pay dues and get our education units but is there a minimum amount of work hours that is required by the college?

A *Yes, there is a currency requirement. Currently it is 800 hours over 5 years or 360 over 1 year or have graduated within the past 5 years. This is set in policy so the board may change this over time.*

Q In some of our outlying areas, smaller communities, right now, some positions are being filled by RN's, LPN's, Xray techs and other medical professions. If we join the college are these people still allowed to continue in their jobs? or would they be grandfathered in? Moving forward those positions can only be replaced by cardiology technologist. We do know that some of these people have no formal training, ie: going to an accredited program. How does that fit in? or does it?

A *Other professional groups will have some overlap with your scope of practice. For example respiratory therapists and nuc med techs both do 12 lead ECG as part of their entry to practice. So long as it is in their scope they will be able to continue to do this after regulation. What will stop is individuals that are not regulated at all or regulated individuals performing ECG if it is not part of their scope. For example a nuc med tech can do a 12 lead ECG and will still be able to even if cardiac techs are regulated but they cannot do Holter monitors. So there will be other professional groups that can do aspects of your practice but they will be unable to do the full scope of your practice.*

Q As many of you are aware, there is a huge staffing shortage in the medical field, across the province, particularly in Halifax. If we were to join the college and we are still dealing with a staffing shortage, can the college come in and say you either go without staff if you can't find Reg. Cardiology techs or are they allowed to hire other medical professions? For example, right now in the QEII, they have brought in a couple of nurses to do pacemaker. Our pacemaker techs are cardiology technologists that have done further studying in pacemaker and have their pacemaker certification exams. But, because of the shortage they have brought in nurses who have zero training. Would the college allow this if we were part of the college?

A *This is a more difficult question and would be part of a discovery process if regulation was approved. It would include looking at what education nurses have, etc.. There is also a transition period when a new group is regulated that may in the short term impact who can practice. For example when sonographers were regulated we had nurses doing sonography in different areas of the province. This stopped with the licensing of sonography with all employers except IWK. For them an exception was made that only nurses in the high risk fetal assessment unit could do obstetrical ultrasound but only if they had the required education and we as the college outlined what the education was. Once nurses leave that unit they are no longer able to continue doing obstetrical ultrasounds.*



DIRECTOR

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and start to 2024! As much as I love the holidays, I am quite excited for spring to come!

Vascular Conference 2024

I'm sure you've all seen, but the CCC for 2024 will be held in Vancouver this year! If you haven't kept up to date with the facebook page or with your emails, CSCT has an exciting contest to send 8 lucky people across Canada to the CCC! From the months of February through June, members will have a chance to participate in a monthly contest to win reimbursement for travel, registration, meals, and accommodation of up to \$3000. This is a great opportunity to win a chance to see some amazing presentations and also a great opportunity to showcase your love of being a Cardiology Technologist! I hope to see some awesome submissions from you all! In keeping with the theme of the CCC, if you know any doctors or medical professionals that would be interested in speaking at the CSCT Education Day in October, please email me at director-ns@csct.ca as we are always looking for representation around Canada for our Education Day!

CSCT Website

Recently, an events calendar has been added to the CSCT website, I highly recommend checking it out as it contains important dates regarding different meetings happening for CSCT but also different Cardiology conferences that you might be interested in!

I have no other updates to make, so far it has been a good year continuing to go over policies, bylaws, and also making plans for our AGM/Education Day in Vancouver! I hope to see some friendly faces in October for the CSCT AGM but also see some friendly faces in Dartmouth for our annual CTANS AGM!

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Gauthier, RCT
CTANS Director



EDUCATION/ CEU CO-ORDINATOR

Hello members,

I can't believe it's already April! Where did the time go! I hope everyone had a great long Easter weekend and the Bunny found everyone!

So, we all survived the first year of the New CEU Guidelines. I know there are still a few kinks to iron out but, as far as I could tell, there were no major incidents. One of the most common issues that the Techs had with their CEU Submissions was with the SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. It is very important to keep all receipts, confirmation emails or whatever proof is given for whatever event or learning session taken or attended. Everyone needs to make sure you keep all that stuff and make copies! The SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FORMS, that are available on the CTANS website, are just as important. Without proper proof or documentation, the CEUs will not be accepted.

Another big issue some Techs had was uploading their CEUs - which we understand can happen. However, if you are having a problem with uploading any CEUs, please reach out to either myself or the Technology Director (Brittany Marsh) right away. People claimed to have issues uploading, but then did not bother to contact their CEU Co-ordinator, Technology Director or the CEU Committee until it was too late (meaning, until they got audited).

Everyone has a whole year to accumulate and upload their CEUs, and waiting until the last minute will get you into trouble. The Committee will not accept late submissions because the Tech could not figure out how to upload (and they did not ask for help). The Deadline is set in stone. It is important to not wait! We understand that there are extenuating circumstances, and we take that into consideration, but coming to us in January, because you had an issue in December, is too late. Like I said, everyone has 12 months to accumulate 10 CEUs, trying to do it all in December is too difficult. Please ask for help if you need it. I am here and the CEU Committee is here too. They are a great bunch of people and all we want to do is help! I am only an email away!

I am really looking forward to the AGM in Dartmouth this year and will be providing some helpful handouts for everyone, to help with CEUs! Even though I am no longer responsible for Nova Scotia's CEUs, I am still here to help and I want to make sure everyone reaches their CEU goal! Never hesitate to reach out to me if you do need any help or advice.

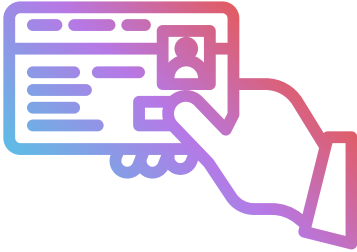
My email door is always open. ❤️

Jaye MacMullin, RCT
CTANS Education/CEU Co-Ordinator



REGISTRARS REPORT

The 2024 CTANS registration has commenced. Welcome to the new CTANS members we look forward to working with you in the future. 2024 Per-captia has been sent to CSCT January 2024. Your CSCT / CTANS card and receipt is printable from the CTANS website. As noted in past years, please make sure all your information is up to date on the website.



Thank you to the membership for making my job so easy. Should any full time NSH employee wishes to pay via payroll deduction please contact me by email with your name and employee number or I can put you in contact with my contact in Payroll. NSH will deduct your dues off of your paycheck and forward your due to CTANS on your behalf.

Have a wonderful spring and I look forward to seeing you all in Dartmouth at the AGM

Lindsay Phillips, RCT
CTANS Registrar/ Treasurer

CTANS MEMBERSHIP

102

NS Active Members

11

NS Inactive Members

10

PEI Active Members

14

Not In Good Standing

4

Students

141

TOTAL MEMBERS

STAY CONNECTED THIS SPRING WITH US!

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Vice President NEWS

Legislation Vote to open April 12th and will close April 19th. A link will be sent to members to vote and will also be available on the CTANS site.



Hello members! Please read this newsletter carefully and share it with your fellow RCT's. If you have any feedback or questions about information discussed in this newsletter, please contact the appropriate board member.

PLAN YOUR WEEKEND

Hotels Located in Dartmouth Crossing



Hampton Inns & Suites
by Hilton



Courtyard by Marriott



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Dartmouth Hotel & Suites

HAMPTON INNS & SUITES BY HILTON

65 Cromarty Dr, Dartmouth, NS
(902) 406-7700

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

35 Shubie Dr, Dartmouth, NS
(902) 406-3000

SANDMAN SIGNATURE DARTMOUTH HOTEL & SUITES

973 Wilkinson Ave, Dartmouth, NS
(902) 482-4340

BOOK NOW

-Tentative Agenda- 2024 CTANS Education Day and AGM

May 4th & 5th

Location: Dartmouth General Hospital, 325 Pleasant Street, NS
Basement level of hospital, signs will be posted.

Cost: \$20.00

Event registration will open April 5th on www.ctans.ca

Lunch / coffee breaks will be provided for the education day and coffee break for the AGM. This year, when you register for the education day, a menu will be part of the registration. This will allow for us to accommodate everyone's dietary needs.

If possible, we ask that each hospital donate a door prize

Agenda for Education Day

Time	Event
8:15-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Opening Remarks
9:15-10:15	Dr. Jafna Cox, Cardiologist, <i>Artificial Intelligence and Health Care</i>
10:15-10:30	BREAK
10:30-11:30	Kristen Duplessis, RCT, Heart Health Quality Leader <i>Efficiency in patient care</i>
11:30-11:45	Draws / review for Saturday event
11:45-12:45	LUNCH
12:45-1:45	Dr Evan Losier, Cardiologist, IHD / Stress testing
1:45-2:30	Lisa Bonin BHSc, MRT(NM), Nuclear Medicine <i>Myocardial Perfusion</i>
2:30-3:00	BREAK
3:00-4:00	Lindsay Corkum, RN, ICU Clinical Nurse Educator, CODE BLUE

Social Event

We are still working on this, but once we have more information we will post on Facebook.

AGM

Sunday, May 5th Registration/Check
in: 8:15am-9:00am
Refreshments will be provided.



Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 5th, 2024 Dartmouth General Hospital, Dartmouth, NS

- 1.0 Welcome & introduction of Executive Members
- 2.0 Attendance
 - 2.1 Proxies
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda
- 4.0 2023 AGM Minutes – Review and Approval (Alicia)
- 5.0 Business arising from 2023 AGM minutes
 - 5.1 Oldproxiestobedestroyed
 - 5.2 Givingbacktothemembers
- 6.0 Reports
 - 6.1 Presidentreport (Tonya)
 - 6.2 ProvincialDirector (Michaela)
 - 6.2 VicePresident’sreport (LindsayN)
 - 6.3 Treasurer/Registrarreport 6.5 (Lindsay P)
 - CEU/Educationreport (Jaye)
 - 6.6 Technologyreport (Brittany)
 - 6.7 Legislation/Bylaws (Tonya)
- 7.0 Elections
 - 8.1 TechnologyDirector-1yearterm
- 8.0 Open discussion
- 9.0 Next AGM & Education Day: Tentative Date: May 3rd & 4th, 2025, Bridgewater, NS
- 10.0 Motion to adjourn AGM

Call for Nomination

This year the position of Technology Director is up for election. This position is a one year term.

Any CTANS member in good standing with CTANS and CSCT can put their name forward by emailing president@ctans.ca and will be voted on at the 2024 AGM. **Deadline for Nominations is April 30, 2024.**

Please see below the list of duties as per CTANS bylaws section 26 and Executive Policy Manual:

26. TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

26.1. The Technology Director shall:

- a. Upload new information and/or documents to the Association's website;*
- b. Format/Design pages for the Association's website;*
- c. Manage assignment/re-assignment of emails for Board members;* *d.*
Assign/re-assign administrative privileges of database to selected Board members;
- e. Carry out all other duties as assigned by the Board.*

2.E EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

a. ALL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

I. All Executive board members must be active in the field of cardiology.

II. If an Executive member is unable to attend a meeting, then notice and report are to be forwarded to the president 10 days prior to the meeting.

III. The end of term for each executive director, the outgoing member must supply the incoming with their job description, their CTANS USB drive, and aid in a smooth transfer of position.

IV. Board members who have a loss of wages to attend a meeting will be reimbursed by CTANS. Proof of such loss is to be given in the form of a letter or electronic email from their immediate supervisor.

V. Mileage for travel by car for any CTANS Executive Business will only be issued upon the completion of expense statements with gas receipts.

PROXY FORM

**CARDIOLOGY TECHNOLOGISTS
ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA**



Cardiology Technologists Association of Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting held May 5th, 2024, at Dartmouth General Hospital, Dartmouth, NS.

I, (name, CTANS #) _____ being a member in good standing of the Canadian Society of Cardiology Technologists (CSCT), who is entitled to attend and vote, hereby appoint the chair of the meeting or the name provided here: _____ to act as my proxy at the meeting on my behalf and vote in accordance with the following directions.

Please check “FOR” or “AGAINST” as applicable, for each of the following items. Mark your vote with an X.

Ordinary Business For Against		
Item A: Approval of the Agenda Motion to approve the Agenda for the current AGM, as circulated.		
Item B: Approval of Minutes 2023 AGM Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2023 AGM, as circulated		
Item C: Destruction of 2023 AGM Proxies Motion to destroy the 2023 AGM Proxies		
Item D: Election for Technology Director for a term ending at the AGM in 2024 and any other matters that may properly arise at the AGM. Choose FOR, for either Option A or Option B		
Option A: In the event that I have provided specific instructions and any amendments or additional issues arise, my proxy holder may vote on my behalf on any such new issues, amendments and/or elections, in any manner as the proxy holder sees fit.		
Option B: In the event that I have provided specific instructions and any amendments or additional issues arise, my proxy holder shall abstain from voting on my behalf.		

*I acknowledge that this proxy will be acted upon unless revoked by me in writing or by my attendance at the meeting. Proxies are to be forwarded to the Registrar (lindsay@ctans.ca) by education day, May 4th, 2024.

Signature of Voting Member: _____

Date: _____