

NSCP UPDATE

January 20, 2012

Greetings:

Jeff Rooney, Chair of the Board

It is never too late to wish our members a Happy and Prosperous New Year and I am pleased to do so on behalf of the Board and the NSCP Staff.

Last year was another year of accomplishments for your College, one hundred and two Portfolios were reviewed using a newly designed transparent- online approach; our fiscal problems are well behind us, no fee increase for the 2012 registration year; over 25 Letters of Good Standing issued at no charge to members, members issued new Passwords so as to be able to view their Practice, Volunteer and CE hour logs, and a newly revamped standards process leads to the issuance of two new/revised Standards and a promise to completely review the balance before year end 2013.

As I think of these and other accomplishments I also think of the relatively few NSCP members who are responsible for these accomplishments. In short we have ten elected Board Members and 12 additional volunteer members who do all the College work with our two part time staff. Imagine 22 Physiotherapists do it all.... In short they are to be praised for their work and their dedication but we cannot expect these 22 to handle the entire work load ; we need more volunteers; so step up and be counted....

2012 will shape up to be another year of accomplishments; the Peer Assessment Committee will review a newly designed on line Portfolio portal designed to warehouse each members Portfolio, (see below), the standards Committee has about ten Standards to review and the Board will be introducing a new Injury Management Consultant register provided the NS Government implements regulations similar to the Diagnostic and Treatment Protocols Regulation in place in Alberta. watch for more details.

Peer Assessment Committee

Michael Sangster Chair

Imagine having access to your own online Portfolio protected by your personal Username and Password and available to you anywhere in the world. With access you would be able to enter, maintain, download and manage your portfolio contents (CV, Job description, CE record, entire work history with Practice hours including as many employers per year as you have; uploading your certificates, course certificates and volunteer records; and undertaking self reflection programs online and uploading your work to your own personal area in the NSCP system). Not just a dream but possibly soon to be a reality as our committee will be reviewing a prototype at its first meeting in 2012. In addition it is our hope to undertake the first onsite reviews in late 2012 or early 2013; we will keep you posted.

Practice standards Committee

Todd Lewin, Chair

As Jeff pointed out 2011 was a year of transition and growth for the Standards Committee. we have developed a new process for developing new or reviewing existing Standards. the process involves extensive research and review including expert review, member review and all before the Standard becomes an active one. Members would have experienced their involvement in the new process in October 2011 when the most recent three Standards were posted for member input. Two of those three Standards have since been ratified by the Board of Directors and posted on the NSCP Website. 2012 calls for us to review many more standards and I would ask you to watch for notices of their posting for your possible input.

General:

Joan Ross and Pat King

Our membership continue to grow and each year more and more member registration activity occurs. During the month of November we registered 635 physiotherapists on line using the newly updated online registration process. The new online system allowed us to collect new data from you in order to meet many of the requirements of the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI). I am pleased to inform you that in early October of 2011 we signed off on our data submissions to CIHI for 2011 and were the first province to do so.

Having said this; another fallout from the new online registration process was our recognition that too many NS physiotherapists do not realize that by law (Physiotherapy Act) they must keep the NSCP informed of any home address, work address and phone number changes as well as any employment status changes and personal name changes. We remind members that we developed new online downloadable Change Forms which can be found on the NSCP Website under the Downloads Tab. Please let us know about these things and especially any changes in your work status e.g. new employer, or Maternity Leave (LOA) as we have a new Maternity Leave process that facilitates your change in licensure status to and from Practicing.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST OF THE YEAR:

Recently we emailed nomination forms for the Physiotherapist of the Year Award, additional copies are available under the Bits and Bytes tab on the NSCP website.

2011 Annual Meeting:

The 2011 Annual meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2011 at St Mary's University. All attendees are asked to register on-line. The event registration page can be found at;

<http://physio.eventbrite.com>.

Want to look at the CE programs that are a part of the AGM? The details can be found here:

http://www.physiotherapyns.ca/index.php/site/events_detail/2012_nspa_nscp_annual_general_meetings/

