

NSCP Update

September 24, 2009

Office Closure: All went according to plan; the office was empty and closed effective July 31, 2009. Files, data, office supplies and some furniture were distributed between the Registrar's house and the Executive Director's. Both were operational by the first Monday in August. The telephone system is working and either staff member can be reached by phone or fax in their respective homes and in the event they are not at home messages can be left. There are still one or two pieces of office furniture to sell and a call will be put out to the membership to see if there is any interest.

Member Communications: A number of communications have been emailed to the membership since the end of July, two regarding news updates, at least three attaching Standards, and a couple general announcements regarding CE events, etc. The mass email system is working fine, since the errant addresses were either removed or updated. The Executive Director is exploring a website called Constant Contact, a site that will allow the NSCP, for very few dollars to use one of the site's newsletter templates and to mass email said newsletter to all NSCP members.

Website: The new website is nearing completion, and the NSCP hopes to bring it to life by mid to late October. This new site is a stepping-stone to the NSCP's ideal site, which will include a member's protected area with functionality that we need.

Finances: The executive Director, Registrar and Finance Committee had concentrated their efforts in determining the need for a member's levy; at the last meeting of the Board, it was agreed that no levy would be assessed to the membership. Presently the group is developing a Budget for 2010 so that a 2010 Membership fee can be set; a number of pro forma budgets will be reviewed at the September Board meeting. In addition the Executive Director hopes to have the new financial statements completed by the time of the Board meeting in October.

Registration Process: A hosting agreement has been signed with NICOM IT Solutions for our registration database and the NSCP has severed relationships with KLJ on a positive footing. The Registrar and Executive Director have met with NICOM regarding adding the Report Writer software, and Chase functionality to the database, and moving forward with the electronic Registration process. The Report Writer will be added immediately and the NSCP will pay for it in 2010.

Registrar's Activities: Since the last newsletter the Registrar has taken part in two Department of Health meetings on H1N1. Also a meeting was held with the Federal Government - Labour and Work Force on foreign educated credentialing. In addition the Registrar gave the "ethics in practice" lecture at Dalhousie to the second year students in Physiotherapy. She also attended a meeting in Ottawa on the CIHI Physiotherapy database submissions for 2008 and the upcoming report; and met with the Health Regulators Network for discussion on Fair Registration Practice,

H1N1. The Registrar also participated in the regular teleconference with the Alliance Board of Directors for their regular meeting and had discussion with the College's solicitor to discuss the legal issues for NSCP on expanded scope of practice for physiotherapists during a pandemic or emergency service