

NSCP Update

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Can you believe it has been seven months since the NSCP AGM and since I was elected Chair of the NSCP? I promised there would be changes and indeed we are underway with some of the changes. The office is no longer a \$17,000 per year expense, used one day a week and for the occasional committee meeting; rather it is a room in Dartmouth, a room in Smiths Cove, both at no rental costs, and a third location, cyberspace. Members are advised that the College now has only three email addresses: The Executive Director, Pat King receives all email addresses to: office@nsphysio.com and execdir@nsphysio.com The Registrar Joan Ross receives all email addressed to registrar@nsphysio.com So check your personal email software address book, delete all those other addresses for NSCP and replace them with the ones above... Do it now. If you need toll free phone number, other phone numbers, or snail-mail addresses for the College and staff have a look under the Contacts tab on the new NSCP website which was uploaded last Friday, Oct. 23, 2009.

Yes, the newly revised, and significantly improved, NSCP website is live at the same address as before: www.nsphysio.com The site consists of a home page and sixteen other tabs each containing information for members and the general public. Need to know the latest College Practice Guidelines, Standards, or Policies on an aspect of practice, then have a look under the Standards, Policy etc tab. Missed a college news report, then have a look under the College News tab. The Bits and Bytes tab contains miscellaneous news, CE events and more. Download necessary forms, check out the Act, find another member or service facility; need Peer assessment or Self-assessment information then look under the Quality Care tab. Register for the first time, take a WHMIS course, find out what the Committees are doing, who sits on them and so on. It is all there and more. We would very much like to receive your thoughts for improving the site and making it more dynamic, let the Executive Director know. Many thanks go out to Pat King for his contribution toward getting our new website up and running!

The online registration process appears to be well in hand. Assuming all goes well, members will receive, in mid-November, an email containing a User ID and Password, which will allow you access to your own membership data. You can make changes to the data and, once completed, you will be directed to an online payment process using Master-Card or Visa to pay your annual fees. Even your membership confirmation and receipt will be sent to you electronically.

Needless to say these advances come with their own costs to us the members. Many of you will recall that at the AGM in March we announced the possibility that during the summer of 2009 we would have no choice but to impose a levy (estimated at that time to be between \$40 and \$80), so as to cover the debit incurred by the College for software development and printing equipment. And in addition to the levy, in the fall of 2009 we would have to impose a member fee increase as well. As you know the Board managed to forgo the summer levy, but we cannot forgo a 2010 fee increase. At the last board

meeting we agonized over the 2010 membership fees and eventually it was unanimously agreed that the 2010 members fee would be \$380. In addition, the Corporation Fee is to be \$100. These fees are still well below other health care professional fees but will allow the College to continue to move forward in its quest to Ensure Quality Physiotherapy in Nova Scotia.

Finally a heads up if I may, we have set Saturday morning March 27th as the date for our annual meeting in conjunction with the Association's AGM and CE day.

Sincerely
Jeff Rooney, Chair
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