

NSCP Update

May 1, 2010

New Board Members:

Over 100 physiotherapists and students were in attendance at the NSCP/NSPA conference and at the NSCP Annual General Meeting, held at the Four points Sheraton Convention Centre in Halifax on March 27, 2010. A copy of the NSCP Annual Report has been posted to the website at: http://www.nsphysio.com/College_News.html The meeting itself went for about 35 minutes and was followed by a CE given by the Registrar, Joan Ross on Peer Assessment. The presentation is reflected on the Website under the Quality Practice Program tab. All practicing physiotherapists should, if they haven't already, review the material under this tab.

As a result of the nominations committee report three (3) new Board members joined the NSCP and one Board member was re-elected. Joining the Board were; Barbara Kelly, Stephanie Francis and Todd Lewin. Ann Read was re-appointed by acclamation. retiring from the Board were Heather Lonergan, Tara Mercier and Maureen Eagle Aalders. For a complete list of the current Board Members have a look at the website: http://www.nsphysio.com/Board_Of_Directors.html

2009 Awards:

Certificate of Appreciation: Maureen Eagle Aalders: for her two years of service to the College as a Board Member, PSPAC representative and corresponding secretary.

Certificate of Distinction: Heather Lonergan for her four years of service to the College as a Board Member, Investigations Committee representative, and Personnel Committee involvement.

Certificate of Distinction: Tara Mercier for her four years of service to the College as Board Member, Treasurer, Chair of Finance Committee and PGEF Representative.

Physiotherapist of the Year: Carolyn King: the quintessential physiotherapist, for her unwavering commitment to the on-going development of the profession which has benefited all physiotherapists in Nova Scotia and beyond. Carolyn not only maintains an active practice in pediatric physiotherapy at the IWK Health Centre but is also an assistant professor in the School of Physiotherapy at Dalhousie University. She moves seamlessly between these roles, taking every opportunity to inspire students, colleagues, other health professionals, patients and families about the “greatest profession on earth.” As a long-standing CPA member (30+ years) Carolyn has represented the profession in a variety of leadership roles and has spearheaded countless professional initiatives. Not only has she served as President of the Nova Scotia Physiotherapy Association but has acted tirelessly and enthusiastically as a mentor to many of its leaders. Without Carolyn’s many and varied contributions, the face of physiotherapy in Nova Scotia would look very different today.

Call for Applications

The next Post Graduate Education Fund application deadline is **May 21st, 2010**. Up to \$2000 is available for distribution; a similar amount will be available in the Fall of 2010. This competition is offered due to the generosity of the Orthopedic Division for which we are most grateful. **Only** courses pertaining to orthopaedics and manual therapy will be considered. Applicants must clearly show that the course is appropriate to this field.

Members can apply for planned courses or those taken since May 2009 but must be able to produce receipts for any expenses claimed (to a maximum of \$500). Application can be made for 2 courses but these must be separate applications unless it involves a course followed by an examination in same area.

Focused conferences or courses (but not courses that are part of a university degree) can be stand-alone or, as a pre- or post congress/conference course. The PGEF does not fund attendance at the professional conference/congress, as say CPA's (NSCPA has some funding for those). All applications will be examined on a case-by-case basis for validity and merit, and practicality of the course/ focused conference.

Forms are available on the NSCP website under the Downloads tab and from the College office. Please note that you must submit hard copies only no fax or e-mail submissions will be accepted. All applications must be signed and a brief description of the course included. Applications can be submitted at any time, up to May 21st, to: NSCP, 15 Brookdale Cres., Dartmouth, NS B3A 2R3

Please take advantage of this special opportunity provided by the NS Orthopaedic Division. Members are encouraged to thank this section.

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Chairperson, NSCP-PGEF

Website Update:

Over the past few weeks a number of update have been made to the NSCP Website including: CE opportunities have been added to the Bits and Bytes tab; the information under the Quality Practice Program Tab has been updated and aligned with the Registrar's presentation at the AGM; complete information regarding physiotherapists who have been licensed as Practicing Sponsored is now found under the Downloads tab. This information includes sponsor responsibilities, and reporting guidelines.

Member Lists are updated twice monthly at the start of each month and on the 15th of each month. In addition we have added a new report "Membership Changes Since January 1, 2010" This list chronologically notes noteworthy changes made to the Members data base over the year, have a look at: http://www.nsphysio.com/Member_List.html

A reminder that the Contact Us tab details the responsibilities of the Registrar and Executive Director, this page was changed to reflect the fact that the Exec Dir is now handling the registration processes, take a moment to have a look: http://www.nsphysio.com/Contact_Us.html

