



CSORN Spring Newsletter 2015

Happy Spring CSORN Members and Welcome to our New Members



Message from the President

Greetings to all members, I hope you are beginning to feel like spring has sprung. Those of us in the Toronto area are unsure, and I am sure our colleagues in the Maritimes have had enough snow to last a lifetime. We live in a wonderful country but alas the weather can get you down at times. I know the west coast already has spring flowers!! Lucky folks.

1. We have a quote to establish a new Web Site for CSORN. **We hope to launch the new web site at our conference in Victoria.** The gentleman that we have approached has designed the website for the Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC). He also has done work for many of the provincial OR nursing groups. I suggest you go to the ORNAC website at www.ornac.ca and check it out. Membership next fall will be on-line and the site will have interactive capabilities.
2. Our Secretary Marlene Griffin continues the challenge of reaching everyone as e-mail addresses continue to be a moving target. If you fail to notify us of changes we cannot keep you in the loop.
3. The final criteria for formation of Regional Groups will be posted on the new website so keep watch.

4. Planning for our 2015 conference in Victoria, BC is in the capable hands of our BC regional folks. Friday June 19, 2015 is the CSORN day.
5. We have learned from the Canadian Ophthalmological Society (COS), our parent organization that their costs to run the annual conferences have increased significantly. They have served notice to CSORN that the rebate portion of our registration fees to the conference will be reduced effective 2015 after this conference. The executive will discuss this issue and strategies to mitigate a negative impact. We will present this at our meeting in Victoria. **Please recognize that this will likely translate into increased membership fees beginning the 2016 membership year.** The fees have been the same for the 10 years I have been involved in CSORN, and frankly there are not many groups where you can belong for \$25/yr.

In Ontario the Ministry of Health has a Vision Care Strategy to provide all Ophthalmological care ensuring access. The government has again reduced the dollars available for the cataract episode of care. We are now in the \$480 range. This amount is expected to cover ALL costs (pre-admission visit, IOL, medical surgical supplies, staffing costs). Many centers providing Eye Surgery are looking at adding the Laser cataract approach to care. This is a challenge in Ontario as patients will have to assume the cost themselves, as it is not funded by OHIP. I imagine this is also an issue in other provinces as well.

I want to encourage all nurses to function and put Excellence into their practice every day. We must be able to articulate and demonstrate our value to the system if we are to preserve nursing positions.

See you in Victoria, BC June 18-21/15.

Kathy

COS/CSORN: Victoria, BC, June 2015

This year's Canadian Ophthalmology Society (COS) Symposium will be held Thursday, June 18th 2015 to Sunday June 21st 2015, at the Victoria Conference Center, Victoria, B.C. CSORN Nursing Day will be held **Friday June 19th, 2015**. If you missed the Fall Newsletter we would like to remind you of this exciting upcoming event. The COS Exhibits open Friday June 19th, at 0930. This year's Conference Coordinators from Vancouver, are Kate Callaghan and Linda Wong. Kate and Linda have been hard at work since last fall organizing an educational and interactive day for us.

AMO has generously sponsored a Cocktail reception and Dinner on Thursday, June 18th, 2015 at the Swans Hotel and Brewpub. RSVP to Paul Charette @ paul.charette@abbott.com or 613-292-0001. The Invitation is attached to this Newsletter.

Your 2015 CSORN Membership will ensure that you will receive the "Allied Health Member's" registration fee for the COS Conference of \$300 till April 15th 2015, after April 15 the rate will be \$400. Please register as "Allied Health Member" under CSORN: www.eyesite.com.

The official accommodations for COS are the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria B.C. A Special Group rate of \$199 + tax per night is available till May 18th, 2015. Reservations for The Fairmont Empress Hotel are available on the www.eyesite.ca, or by phone at 1-866-540-4429. Remember to mention that you are attending the COS Symposium to receive the preferred rate. If The Fairmont Empress is at capacity, "The Chateau Victoria Hotel and Suites" has offered a block of 20 traditional rooms for individuals to call in and book on their own. The conference rate at that time is \$167.00 + tax. Reservations are available at: reservations@chateauvictoria.com or by calling 1-800-663-5891. Be sure to mention you are with CSORN Group.

Conference Funding

Funding for the COS Conference registration fee is available to 15 members who contact the National Treasurer, are in good standing, and have been CSORN members for at least 2 years. Send your requests to Wanda Mulrooney at: wandaeye@hotmail.com. Requests may be made every 2 years. You are also encouraged to check with your Provincial or Local Chapter Representatives to obtain additional funding, if available. Receipts will be required for reimbursement.

Future Conferences

ASCRS: San Diego, California, April 17-21, 2015

COS: Victoria, B.C. June 18-21, 2015-04-06

CSORN: June 19th, 2015

Provincial Reports

Nova Scotia: *(Mary Stairs)*

Hello from Halifax. It has been a very long winter and still more snow in our forecast. We have just expanded our surgical service to add another Retinal Surgeon to our compliment of Retinal Physicians. With this came extension of OR time and some additional staff. We are all dealing with pressures of retirements and trying to get replacement staff. Spring has been full of change.

Ontario: *GTA (Donna Punch)*

Hello all from GTA Chapter,

We are soon heading to Victoria for our annual CSORN event. We have had a great year here in the GTA. We are all working hard to keep on track with government hot on our heels. With QBP pricing expected soon for our other ophthalmic procedures, Glaucoma, Cornea Transplant and Retina. We are striving to maintain the Q in the mix, Quality care within the lower price we have been given.

One of the big buzz happenings is Femtosecond Cataract procedures. Kensington Eye Institute was the first publicly funded facility in Ontario to have Femtosecond Cataract laser installed and

put into the mix to allow Ontario Patients access to this technology; many hospitals are now in process of adding this to their facility.

In keeping with this, our annual education night was around this topic. Alcon Canada sponsored our event on Nov. 3/2014 we had 37 nurses in attendance. We were fortunate to have Rene Cabana speak at this event.

Looking forward to 2015, and to continuing to grow and network, thus allowing us as an Ophthalmology team to share ideas, issues we deal with on a daily basis and to do or part in making a quality based , financially sustainable environment for our patients in Ophthalmology here in Ontario and across Canada.

See you in Victoria!

Ontario: Ottawa Chapter (*RoseMary Bickerton*)

Spring is here finally in Ottawa. We are excited to attend the COS conference in Victoria and plan to send 6 or 7 members . We have 40 Ottawa chapter members and hold 2 education events per year. In the fall we just our annual dinner meeting and in the Spring our educator Pascale organizes an ophthalmology focused day during Nurses Week.

Ontario health care is under huge restraints and cataracts and other ophthalmic procedures are under the microscope financially. Ontario has given each hospital a base fee of \$547 to perform a cataract so we are under the gun to keep our costs under this amount otherwise they will move the cataracts out. We are always looking for new ways of cutting and still delivering excellent care and service to our patients.

Laser assisted cataract surgery will be coming soon to Ottawa. We will be interested to hear others and their experiences on this new technology.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in beautiful Victoria in June.

British Columbia: (*Kate Callaghan*)

The last meeting was held in November, and we had 3 guest speakers and a tour of a private Femtosecond laser clinic in Vancouver.

It was a great evening, as all the speakers were dynamic and informative.

During the dinner component of the evening we elected new executive. Adonis Manglapus & Patsy Aplas will co-chair.

Adonis is a staff nurse at the Eye Care Centre and Patsy is the Patient Care Coordinator for Ophthalmology OR's at Vancouver General Hospital. Linda Wong is the new Treasurer.

Linda is the Manager of the Eye Care Centre, Eye Bank, Tissue Bank and several clinics in Perioperative Services at Vancouver General Hospital.

No spring meeting is planned at this time. Everyone is looking forward to visiting with all our CSORN members.

We look forward to seeing you all this June in beautiful Victoria, B.C. Attached you will find the invitation from Paul Charett from AMO for Dinner on June 18, 2015 in Victoria, BC. Please RSVP Paul Charett if you plan to attend.

The CSORN Executive

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CSORN DINNER IN VICTORIA



DATE: Thursday, June 18, 2015

TIME: 6:30pm Cocktails; 7:00pm Dinner

LOCATION: Swans Hotel & Brewpub – Penthouse
506 Pandora Avenue, Victoria
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