

Canadian Society of
Ophthalmic Registered Nurses



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Spring Newsletter 2016



Message from the President

I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage members to attend our annual meeting in Ottawa, Ontario in June 2016. We will hold our seminar in conjunction with the Canadian Ophthalmology Society (COS) meeting from June 17-20/16. . Janet Power, Rosemary Bickerton and others from the Ottawa Regional Group have put together an interesting day with the intent of providing information/knowledge for all. They have included a session to facilitate discussion of issues from across the country. We hope you will come prepared with your burning questions. I believe the Ottawa group will be soliciting questions in advance so they are prepared for the discussion. We will also be asking members to recruit regional representatives so the regions may take advantage of funds available to support education in the Ophthalmological field of practice. Guidelines for the formation of regional groups of CSORN may be found on the new web site. You may reach any of the Executive by sending an e-mail to the CSORN address. These e-mails

automatically are forwarded to personal e-mails so we may address concerns. We encourage you to go into the web site CSORN.CA and provide us with feedback. The site remains a work in progress and our vision is that the site will become a very active discussion forum and communication tool. We need to grow our membership numbers and I welcome feedback/opinions on the following potential strategies;

1. Should we be reaching out and offering full membership to RPNs, and LPNs?
2. Is there opportunity to build on Regional Groups to build membership?
- 3. What can we do to encourage members to run for the National Executive? The following positions are open for nominations to the executive; Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is vital that new individuals allow their names to be nominated for office to keep the group fresh and relevant to nursing practice today. An organization is only as strong as the participation of the members.**
4. What activities should we undertake to influence health care agendas?
5. We are in a position where we will have to increase our annual membership cost to deal with the reduced support of COS. The reduced support is due to increased costs for COS that they must recoup to remain viable.

Please approach me and introduce yourself to share ideas in Ottawa. See you June 17-20, 2016 in Ottawa.

Kathy Bruce RN, BHScN, CPN(c)
President CSORN

COS/CSORN Conference June17-20, 2016, Ottawa, Ontario

This year's Canadian Ophthalmological Society (COS) Symposium will be held June 17th -20th, 2016. The official nursing CSORN Conference day will be held on Saturday June 18th, 2016. Our Conference Coordinator is Janet Powers, Janet is also the Past President of the CSORN.

This year CSORN will hold our "30th Annual Symposium", the theme will be "EMERGENT AND EMERGING CARE". Back by popular demand is our "Town Hall which will be moderated by Pascale Rinfret. Pascale has asked if you have questions that you would like answered, especially those that are "Standards or

Guidelines” related, that they be sent to her via email prior to the meeting @ prinrfret@toh.ca , you may also bring questions forward on the day of the meeting. Once again CSORN invites all members to join us for a dinner at the “Vineyards Wine Bar & Bristo”. The restaurant has capacity for a maximum of 75 people, therefore we require an RSVP’s be sent to Janet Powers’s @ JPowers@toh.ca, to reserve your space. Please send RSVP’s as soon as you register for COS/CSORN Conference. This year we will be asking for a \$20 (refundable) deposit the morning of the conference to guarantee your attendance at the dinner that evening.

COS website is open for registration at this time. Please register as “Allied Health Member” under CSORN: www.eyesite.ca . The fees are \$330, until April 22, 2016, and \$430 after this date. This registration fee is for the entire COS/CSORN conference. You have access, and are encouraged to attend the COS Lectures and Exhibit Hall.

The official accommodations for COS are, The Westin Ottawa, Fairmont Chateau Laurier, and Les Suites. The Westin rate of \$245 night, Fairmont Chateau Laurier rate \$229 night, and Les Suites \$199 night are guaranteed until May 26, 2016. Remember to mention COS Symposium to receive the preferred rate.

CSORN Executive Business meeting will be held June 17th, 2016.

Executive/Provincial Reps are invited to join this meeting. Marlene and Kathy Bruce will sent this invitation out again closer to the date.

The CSORN Executive would like to remind you that 2016 is a voting year. Positions are available on the Executive for those who are interested in taking on an active role in CSORN. Kathy Bruce’s term as President will come to an end in June, and Donna Punch will move from the position of Vice-President to President. Janet Powers will be stepping down as Past President as Kathy Bruce assumes the responsibilities of this position. Thanks you Janet for all your years of involvement on the Executive and continued dedication to CSORN. The terms of current Treasurer (Wanda Mulrooney), and Secretary (Marlene Griffin) and the Vice President (Janet Powers) are coming to an end and the positions will now be vacant. Anyone considering running for a position on the Executive must be a member in good standing for at least 2 years. If interested, please send an email to Kathy Bruce as soon as possible to president@csorn.ca please include a short Bio about yourself including your current position, CSORN membership length, professional accolades and general interests. We will also

accept nominations at the Conference, therefore be ready to present yourself to the group. Proxy votes can be emailed to Kathy Bruce or sent along with members who are attending the COS from their area. If proxy votes are brought to the COS they should include the name, email, and signature of the person they are bringing the proxy vote for.

Conference Funding

Funding for COS Conference Registration fee is available to the first 10 members who contact the National Treasurer. These members must be in good standing and have been a CSORN member for at least 2 years. Please send requests to Wanda Mulrooney at wandaeye@hotmail.com. Requests may be made every 2 years for funding. We also encourage you to check with your Provincial or Local Chapter Representatives to obtain additional funding, if available. Receipts will be required for reimbursement.

Future Conferences

ASCRS: May 6-10, 2016, New Orleans

COS/ CSORN: June 17-20, 2016, Ottawa, On.

Sally Letson: Sept, 15-17, 2016, Ottawa, On.

AAO: Oct. 15-18, 2016, Chicago

Provincial Reports

Ontario: Ottawa Chapter (*Rosemary Bickerton*)

Hello ophthalmology nurses:

We are delighted to host the COS in our fabulous city this June. Our CSORN conference committee under the leadership of Janet Powers has been very busy putting the program together and planning the evening social. Please mark the date Saturday June 18th.

The Ottawa CSORN Chapter membership is at 37 members. We are experiencing many retirements these days as the “old guard” is making way for the new nurses to come in.

Here is what is new and exciting:

- Cataract volumes we have performed over 10,500 cataracts this year and see over 90,000 visits in our clinics and diagnostic areas.
- We have moved to paper gowns from linen gowns and have put these in the packs to increase efficiencies
- Standardized the povidone eye lid and lash scrub in the day care area for all surgical pre-operatively. Results are excellent. No endophthalmitis reported.
- Using a new diabetic protocol on insulin dependent patients which is easier and better for patients and reduces the chance of high and low blood sugars.
- XEN implant for glaucoma was trialed and is extremely successful. This implant replaces the need for a trabeculectomy and takes about 20 mins in the OR.

Great for results for patients. Unfortunately the cost is very high which a budget issue is.

- Working on Patient Satisfaction results with post op calls.
- RFP for Retina is coming up.
- Case costing in the ORs. New system coming where we can scan, in any “extra” items that are used in the case. This system will eventually give us accurate costs for all cases.

Enjoy the spring sunshine, and hope to see many of you at the conference.

Rosemary Bickerton RN, BSc.N
CSORN Ottawa Chapter Chair
The Ottawa Hospital Eye Care Program

Ontario: GTA Chapter (*Marcela Tutay*)

Spring is finally here with new promise of blossoming gardens and warmer days. CSORN GTA chapter members recently attended the Toronto Cataract Course, Feb. 20, @ the Sheraton Centre. It was a well-attended event with speakers from the GTA hospitals and south of the border. Participants and attendees learned new

techniques to improve post op refractive accuracy, identify current and future applications of femtosecond laser cataract surgery, and how to better manage co-morbidities with cataract surgery. The course was relevant and informative, creating a healthy discussion from the group.

In terms of LHIN funding, the 2 regional centres (North York Branson and Southlake) have been given extra funding for more glaucoma and cornea surgeries, while we maintain our cataract QBP funding at bay.

Looking forward to the CSORN Conference in June, hosted by our Ottawa colleagues.

See you then....

Marcela Tutay

BC: (*Adonis Manglapus*)

Hello everyone from the BC Chapter.

We had a great turn out on Feb 11th, with 45 attendee's. Dr. Pierre Faber gave a Specialty IOL Update and Dr. Katherine Paton Spoke on Ocular Oncology in the OR: Principles 2016. We will be having a summer meeting early July. Dr Oliver Applegarth of Anesthesia will be speaking on Procedural Sedation. Dr. John Blaylock will be speaking on Femtosecond Laser and Abberometry. This meeting is expected to have 45-50 in attendance. As for provincial funding for British Columbia, we have seen a slight increase in funding to help reduce cataract patient waitlists.

Nova Scotia: (*Mary Stairs*)

Hello everyone, Halifax has been very busy. We have had one new physician start, Dr Anu Mishra, Anterior Segment/ Low Vision. Both the Eye Care Center and the Operating Room have had many retirements. Lots of new faces and many changes and challenges associated with getting staff orientated. But we also have some new members for our CSORN group.

We have had two educational sessions which were well attended. Dr Rishi Gupta spoke on Medical and Surgical Retina updates and Dr Alex Tan who spoke to us regarding intraocular measurements, IOL placements and selection.

We would also like to acknowledge that Maureen MacEachern has been acknowledged by CRNNS for Excellence in Nursing and Clinical Practice.

2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Excellence in Nursing Clinical Practice Award



Maureen MacEachern, Staff Nurse, Capital Health
Recipient of the Excellence in Nursing Clinical Practice Award

We look forward to seeing you in “Our Nation’s Capital”, Ottawa in June.

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Nomination Application for Executive Member of CSORN (2016-2019)

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Name	
Address	
Member of CSORN since: Date:	
Position held in Ophthalmology	
Hospital/Clinic Name	
City, Province	
Phone Number Work: Home:	
Email Address	

Please tell us why you wish to become a member of CSORN Executive. What contributions have you made to CSORN or how you would like to contribute if elected to the executive?

Please attach a brief bio or current resume with contact information for 2 references.

Yes, I will be attending the CSORN conference in Ottawa, June 18th 2016

Please return by May 31st to the President of CSORN: Kathy Bruce @ KathyBruce8102@gmail.com

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