

Canadian Society
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Fall Newsletter 2017

Message from the President of CSORN

Greetings from Toronto,

What an amazing fall we have had. We are still enjoying warm sunny days into October. Hoping all across the country are enjoying the same!

The Toronto group is busily planning our CSORN Education day for COS in 2018. The conference day for 2018 is June 3 which is a Sunday. The COS is a little earlier this year in attempt to avoid Father's Day conflicts. We are hoping that the Sunday date will not discourage attendance as we are planning a very exciting day filled with great speakers and topics. We will have our social event on Saturday evening, the night before as a meet and greet. We are finalizing venue for this and will get details out to you soon.

We will set our program to end by 4 pm to allow for travel time Sunday Evening. Having our CSORN day on Sunday will allow members to sit in on some of the sessions with Physicians on Friday and Saturday.

2018 is an election year so please consider putting your name up for an executive position. COS organizing committee has assured us that all vendor booths will be open until after 130 on Sunday which will allow us all to use a portion of our lunch break to visit booths.

Have a great fall,

Donna Punch

President, CSORN.

CSORN Conference

Our CSORN Conference in Montreal was a great success! We would like to extend our thanks to the conference coordinator Carole Desharnais and her team for an educational and entertaining day. Great job Carole!! Minutes from the 2017 General Meeting can be viewed on the website: www.csorn.ca/meeting

COS/CSORN Conference May/June 2018 - Toronto, Ontario

This year's Canadian Ophthalmological Society (COS) Symposium will be held May 31st - June 3rd, 2018. The official nursing CSORN Conference day will be held on Sunday June 3rd, 2018. Our Conference Coordinator is our own CSORN President, Donna Punch.

Her experience in organizing a successful AGM is greatly appreciated. Updates will be included in the Spring Newsletter. Please check the COS website www.eyesite.ca for more information, and to register for next year's CSORN Conference. To be eligible for reduced rates for COS you must be a CSORN member (\$25). Non-members pay a higher rate to attend the CSORN Conference.

A reminder, that CSORN Membership Registration **MUST** be completed by Jan 31st, or a \$10 late fee will apply!

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 CSORN members for at least 2 years. Please send your requests to Linda Wong at treasurer@csorn.ca. 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.

Nominations for CSORN Executive 2018 – 2020

- **2018 is a voting year for the following positions;**
- **President Elect**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

I encourage people to allow their names to stand for office. A group is only as strong as the membership participation. It is a wonderful opportunity to engage with Ophthalmology nurses from across the country. Anyone considering running for a position must be a CSORN member in good standing for at least 2 years and must be a Registered Nurse.

Nomination Process for 2018

- ❖ Please complete the nomination form included in the newsletter highlighting short professional bio, your current working position, professional accolades and interests and goals for CSORN in the future.
- ❖ **Completed nomination forms** should be e-mailed to pastpresident@csorn.ca by **February 1, 2018**. These nominations will be published in the spring newsletter so we may accept proxy votes from **members in good standing who are unable to attend** the Conference in Toronto in June 2018. The proxy process will also be included in the spring newsletter.
- ❖ **Nominations from the Floor** these will be accepted for positions **that do not have a declared candidate as noted above**. Proxy votes are only acceptable for candidates who have declared their willingness to run for a position and have submitted their intention by February 1, 2018 and have their Bio published in the spring newsletter.

Brief overview of Duties taken from the CSORN Bylaws – Article 7

- ✓ **Vice - President** – shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President will attend all meetings of CSORN. Terms of office are 2 years as vice, 2 years as President and 2 years as Past President.

- ✓ **Secretary** – shall keep an accurate account of all meetings of CSORN. The Secretary shall set up and organize conference calls for the executive. The secretary shall develop the newsletter with the President. The secretary will facilitate updating the CSORN web site. Term of office is 2 years with the option to run for a second term of office if desired provided they declare their nomination and are voted in.

- ✓ **Treasurer** – shall be a signing officer and shall keep accurate records of all financial transactions both monies received and disbursed. The treasurer will prepare a financial statement for the CSORN Annual General Meeting held at the conference time. The treasurer will develop a financial plan for the following year. The treasurer will ensure a financial audit occurs when the position is transferred between individuals. The term of office is 2 years with the option of a further 2 years provided they declare their nomination and are voted in.

Computer and social media skills are an asset for all positions as we are only able to meet face to face annually at the conference.

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Nomination Application for Executive Member of CSORN (2018-2020)

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

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

Please tell us why you wish to become a member of the 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 from CSORN members in good standing.

- Yes, I will be attending the CSORN conference in Toronto, June 3rd, 2018

Please Email by Feb 1st to the Past President of CSORN: Kathy Bruce @ pastpresident@csorn.ca

Future Conferences

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery(ASCRS) Symposium:

- April 13th -17th, 2018 — Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington DC

Canadian Ophthalmological Society(COS) Annual Meeting & Exhibition

- May 31st - June 3rd, 2018 — Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Ontario

Sally Letson Symposium

- September 14-16, 2018 — Westin Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario

American Academy of Ophthalmology(AAO)

- October 27th -30th, 2018 — McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois

Walter Wright Symposium

- December 1-2, 2017 — Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Ontario

Provincial Reports

Quebec: *Carole Desharnais*

We are presently recruiting for our CSORN Division. We hope to have our first dinner / conference in early December. An invitation letter was send to 33 nurses around Quebec. The conferences on glaucoma are still presented once a month in English and French to glaucoma patients and to the public in general. We have been holding these session for more than 10 years.

An awareness letter on glaucoma has been translated into 12 languages in order to reach as many people as possible in the community. We also have a DVD on glaucoma available in all the Quebec libraries translated in French, English and is available in Creole through our website jgh.ca/glaucoma

At the request of Mr. Marc Renaud, project manager of the Center, we also wrote an informative article about our activities for the Optho-Press magazine for the “Ordre des optométristes du Québec”, due to be published this fall or in 2018.

Greetings from the Cataract Centre at the JGH. Summer is long gone and we have returned to our usual pace. We currently have 12 surgeons and are running two rooms for one surgeon with a total of 14-17 patients per surgeon per day. We are starting to use the pre-loaded Alcon lenses.

Nova Scotia: Mary Stairs

The province is actively working on a new contract for cataract packs. We are in the process of evaluating new Retinal supplies, 10,000 CPM vitrector- first in Canada and earlier Ngenuity. It has been a very busy fall, and we continue to have changes in staffing due to retirements and maternity leaves. Our first education session for the fall is in the process of being planned.

Ontario, Ottawa: Rosemary Bickerton

Hello CSORN Members: Ottawa Chapter

In Ottawa our ophthalmology program is running extremely well. We continue to have pressures from the Ministry of Health to make our cataract numbers and reduce wait times for our patients. Our nurses continue to come up with suggestions to make things more efficient and reduce workload to become innovative and provide the best possible patient experience.

Recently, we finalized our contract for retina surgical supplies/packs with Alcon. We are very pleased with the results. We are in the process of standardizing our instrument trays between both campuses which has taken some time to do.

We are busy hiring and cross training our nurses due to many retirements. We seem to be experiencing a shortage of operating room nurses these days. Is this a common trend across the country?

Our Ottawa membership sits at around 40 members. We have our upcoming Annual dinner meeting which has been generously sponsored by one of our reps. Our presentation will be on Glaucoma: update on new trends stents and implants.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next June in Toronto.

All the best to the organizing team for our next conference in TO. We know you are working hard. We expect to send 10-12 nurses.

British Columbia: *Adonis Manglapus*

Greetings to All

We had a great turnout of 48 nurses for our Fall 2017 Meeting on October 25th. We were fortunate to have 2 speakers for the session. Dr. Francis Law spoke on 3rd world Cataract Surgery in Mongolia. Dr. Paul Mackenzie presented on Intraoperative Suprachoroidal Hemorrhage to the group. We would like to thank Alcon for their support of nursing ophthalmic education.

Updates:

- ❖ The Vancouver General Hospital - Eye Care Centre has begun using Alcon's "Ultrasert" Preloaded Lens. We are also close to finalizing custom cataract pack with Alcon. We are hoping to be using the Alcon Centurion Cataract machine but late 2017/ early 2018.
- ❖ Surrey Memorial Hospital will be trialling a New Glaucoma Procedure. We look forward to the success of the CyPass Micro-stent.

Ontario, GTA: *Marcela Tutay*

What about this fall weather!!! Bonus...

Updates:

- We have now finalized our new contract (IOLs, packs, viscoelastics) for the next 5 years. The Plexxus group led the RFP for the participating GTA hospitals (TSH, Lakeridge, St. Joseph's Health Centre, Mount Sinai, UHN, Sunnybrook, TEGH, and North York General). The primary vendor was awarded to Alcon (up to 80%) with 20% to the secondary vendor(s).
- The North York General, Branson site, will be relocating to another space as the lease for the building will not be renewed. Services currently housed at the Branson site, will have to be transferred by March 2019. Options are currently being explored for the best location.
- For our fall educational event, we will be gathering at the new Peel Memorial Hospital on November 9. We encourage our expert nurses to come and join the rest of the GTA/CSORN members. Should the weather remain this way, we are hoping for a good turnout...

We look forward to seeing everyone at Toronto in
May/June!

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