



Spring Newsletter 2018

Message from the President of CSORN

Greetings to all from Toronto. Spring is slowly arriving here with days growing warmer. Opening season for our Blue Jay team is this week, a sure sign that summer is really on the way. I am looking forward to seeing all of you here in June at our annual CSORN gathering. The GTA group has put together a great program that we are sure you will all enjoy. Because our education day falls on Sunday this year we have planned our social evening for Saturday, June 2nd. A special thank you to our J&J partners who will be sponsoring a great dinner with a presentation by Dr. Elise Heon who will share tales of a great adventure she was on.

This event will be held at the Fairmont Royal York, details will be sent to all in formal invitation.

A reminder to all that we will be having election of officers this year at our general meeting and we are hoping that some of you will seriously consider stepping forward to become a part of our executive team.

I have enjoyed serving as your president over the last two years and will continue to be a part of this great organization. The knowledge and comradery we share across the country is inspiring. It gives us all the opportunity to improve quality of our care we give our patients every day. We also indirectly improve quality in our everyday living by improving our work life experiences.

Have a great spring and safe travels to all who are able to join us in Toronto June 2

Donna Punch
President, CSORN

COS/CSORN Conference 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 CSORN president, Donna Punch. The theme will be “Global Health”

CSORN invites all members to join us for a dinner at the “Fairmont Royal York” in the Library Room. Johnson and Johnson (formerly Abbott Medical Optics AMO) is sponsoring this evening with a dynamite guest speaker Dr. Elise Heon (Sick Kids) about her near-death experience on the side of a mountain for over 24hrs and how she kept herself alive. Reception is at 6:30pm and the dinner & presentation will be at 7pm. After you register for the COS/CSORN Conference, don't forget to RSVP to Paul Charette @ pcharett@its.jnj.com.

COS website is open for registration at this time. Please register as “Allied Health Member” under CSORN: <http://cos-sco.ca/toronto2018/registration/>. The fees are \$390 plus GST, until April 11, 2018, and \$490 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: Delta Toronto Hotel for \$279/night, InterContinental Toronto Centre for \$256/night, Fairmont Royal York for \$279/night. These rates are guaranteed until May 7th, 2018. Remember to mention COS Symposium to receive the preferred rate.

CSORN Executive Business meeting will be held Friday, June 1st, 2018 from 2pm to 4pm at the Kensington Eye Institute. Executive/Provincial Reps are invited to join this meeting. Donna Punch and Adonis Manglapus will send this invitation out again closer to the date.

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

CSORN Executive Nominations Update

There are two executive positions that require nominations at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Toronto.

A call for nominations and a description of each position was sent out in the Fall 2017 newsletter. I received one nomination for secretary by the deadline as published. I am happy to report that Adonis Manglapus has been elected by acclamation. Congratulations Adonis!

Sadly no one has stepped forward for the President Elect or the Treasurer's position. This means that nominations must come from the floor at the AGM. I strongly encourage people to allow their name to stand for one of these positions. One of the benefits to participating in the executive is support to attend the annual conference. It is also a wonderful networking opportunity. **Please see the brief role descriptions in this e-mail and the nomination form.**

As all nominations will come from the floor there is no opportunity to exercise any "Proxy Votes". Hope to see you at the conference.

Kathy Bruce

Past President

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.
- ✓ **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

- 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.	
<input type="radio"/> Yes, I will be attending the CSORN conference in Toronto, June 3rd, 2018	

Please Email by 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 14th-16th, 2018 — Westin Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario

American Academy of Ophthalmology(AAO)

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

Walter Wright Symposium

- November 30th -December 1st, 2018 — Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Ontario

Provincial Reports

Ontario GTA Chapter: *Marcela Tutay*

The Regional Eye Centre located at the North York General Branson Ambulatory Centre is relocating!!!

The new centre will also include: Prostate Centre, Local Cystoscopy Clinic, Minor Surgical urology clinic, and outpatient physiotherapy.

With over 20, 000 square footage, you can imagine the exciting planning and design meetings for this new space. The aim is to move out of Branson by Spring 2019.

Looking forward to our new Eye Centre.

Much like the Ottawa Eye Institute, we have been anticipating some retirements in the next few years. We will continue to nurture and inspire our young (and not that old) nurses in ophthalmology...

Our milestones this fiscal year:

- Over 7600 cataracts completed and non-cataract surgeries: cornea transplant, surgical glaucoma, and oculoplastic
- We have hired another glaucoma surgeon
- Standardization of pre-op drops and post op discharge instructions
- Case costing: improving processes to better define actual direct cost per case
- Extra funding allocated for 220 more cataract surgery this year

See you all in June!!!

British Columbia: *Adonis Manglapus*

Hello Everyone,

Dr. Simon Holland gave a talk on TASS for our New Years CSORN meeting supported by Bausch and Lomb. It was well received with many positive reviews from the BC nurses. We will be having a summer meeting late June. Dr. Andy Butler will be speaking on Extended Range Lens. This meeting is expected to be well attended. The BC-CSORN Chapter stands at 43 members. We are Grateful for Johnson & Johnson's Support for this upcoming meeting.

In the Eye Care Centre(ECC) at Vancouver General Hospital, we have 2 new phaco Machines. We being oriented to the Alcon Centurion. Our 2 OR's for the year has done 400 glaucoma cases and 4500 cataracts.

Quebec: *Carole Desharnais*

What's new and exciting in the province of Quebec.

This year the influenza and viral conjunctivitis period was particularly hectic. The good thing is that it will be end soon.

The ophthalmology surgeons are working on a version of the Yamane technique; vitrectomy & Interscleral Haptic Fixation procedure made to fixate a dislocated intraocular lens (IOL).

World Glaucoma Week was March 11th to 17th 2018. This year Mr. Renaud and the McGill Glaucoma Information Center concentrated their efforts towards mass-media: 30 local and community newspapers were sent an article on World Glaucoma Week, inviting their readership to get informed, and get eye examinations. An article was sent to over 600 public libraires around the province to be posted, distributed or joined in the "Cahiers des handicaps physiques". All in all, they could safely say that their message reached a few thousand individuals in Québec, Canada and more: A doctor in the Ivory Coast called on their expertise to help out on an awareness and educational project for WGW and perhaps on longer-term projects.

Greetings from the Academic Cataract Center of the JGH, Barbara Kerr.

Happy Spring! Finally. Things are busy as usual. We had our first Resident's day at the center. We had two R4's with 5 cases each. Each one had a room with a nursing team and the Attending Physician of the day bounced back and forth from room to room. A successful day overall. I had attended a lecture at COS last year on TASS (Toxic Anterior Segment Syndrome). It is something we have encountered sporadically in the last two years. The recommendation from the presenter was to flush the I/A handles with distilled water before being sent downstairs for reprocessing. This is done by our orderly in our wash-up room after each case. We haven't heard of a case in a while. However, it is something that doesn't get reported as much as it should.

Regards

Ontario Ottawa Chapter: *Rosemary Bickerton*

Happy Spring everyone.

The Eye Institute and Eye Care Centre in Ottawa have been very busy these past 6 months. As many of our staff retire we have been hiring new and enthusiast nurses to the department. We are strong believers on keeping our RN and RPN staff mix at status quo despite the pressures from the hospital budgets to replace RNs with RPNs. At the moment we have a nice mix in all areas such as the Clinic, DCU, and the OR.

We are happy to have completed our QBP target of 10,200 cataracts for this fiscal year.

New and exciting things from the Ottawa program are:

- trialing Alcon's Ngenuity 3D optic system for retina cases
- 50 XEN implants have been budgeted for 2018-19
- removal of epinephrine from the BSS bag at both sites. Some physicians are opting to add phyelephrine intracamerally.
- patient arrival times for surgery have been reduced to 1hr - 1 1/2 hours from 2 hours.
- we are accurately costing all items to the case. Hopefully we will have more accurate case-costing data

38 Ottawa CSORN members attended our Annual CSORN dinner meeting in the fall. We also heard from CSORN member Lily Simoneau who did a mission with ORBIS to Cameroon, Africa for 2 weeks. Her photos and experience were fascinating. Thanks to Alcon for sponsoring our speaker on glaucoma.

We hope to send 12 nurses to the conference in Toronto this June.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Nova Scotia: *Mary Stairs*

Spring is trying hard to come to the Atlantic region.

We have been very busy trialing some retina vitrectomy cutters and supplies. Presently involved in RFP for lenses.

We have had a number of staff changes due to retirements, new adventures and following their significants for both our Eye Centre and Operating Room. Staff changes seem to be the norm.

Presently planning a spring education session where we will be doing hands on simulation of procedures with our Residents/Surgeon, sure to be great fun.

COS is fast approaching and we will be sending some members.

Obituary of Catherin Cormier, New Waterford

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Catherine Ann 'Cathy' Cormier, age 60, on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

Cathy was born in New Waterford and lived most of her life in Halifax, later retiring to Kingston, Nova Scotia. She was an early cancer survivor and went on to have a 32 year career as an RN in the Ophthalmology Department of the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

Cathy loved to watch figure skating; attending and volunteering at regional competitions. She had great joy serving as a member and volunteer of the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses.

Cathy is survived by her parents, Wilfred and Veronica Cormier; brother, Brian (Wendy) Cormier; sister, Lisa (Mike) Hickey; niece, Gillian (Sean) Street; nephew, Andrew Cormier; nieces, Kelly Hickey and Kara Hickey.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Toronto in June!

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