



## **Fall Newsletter 2023**

### **Message from the President of CSORN**

Another successful conference for CSORN in beautiful Quebec City. The weather may not have been great but the company sure was! I would like to say a big thank you to all for helping make this conference a success. There were some very interesting topics, including an innovative talk on robotics in retina surgery by Dr David Maberley. Dr Ahsen Hussain from Halifax spoke of the differences between evisceration and enucleation, which was followed up with Francois Durette for care of an ocular prosthesis. A presentation on TASS (toxic anterior segment syndrome) by Dr Simon Holland was very informative, which was also followed up with a presentation by Marcela Tutay discussing MDRD (medical device reprocessing department) role in preventing TASS and sterilization processes. Also Dr Paton discussed the care of patients with dementia and how we can provide support to patients and families.

Going forward, we certainly have some work to do. Our numbers for CSORN members are low, so I certainly encourage everyone to spread the word to join. Conferences are so important for us to grow as professionals and share knowledge in our field. We look forward to seeing those who can attend the next conference in Toronto, 2024.

### **CSORN EXECUTIVE NEWS**

Kate Callaghan is stepping down as president to become past president. Kate will still serve on the executive. Christine Gaudon will step into the role as president. We have a new vice president, Cassie Benjamin who is an operating room nurse at the VG site in Halifax, NS. Welcome Cassie and thank you for taking on the role. Marlene Griffin will continue to be treasurer, and Adonis Manglapus will continue as secretary. It certainly is a team effort!

## **COS/CSORN Conference May/June 2024 - Toronto, Ontario**

Please mark the date and plan to attend next year's Canadian Ophthalmic Society (COS) Symposium at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre held May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. The CSORN National Annual General Meeting will be Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Our Conference Coordinator is Thuong Huyng and the staff from Kensington eye institute. The theme will be Soaring high in Toronto.

Updates will be included in the 2024 Spring Newsletter. Please check the COS website <http://www.cos-sco.ca/cpd/annual-meeting/> for more information, and to register for next year's CSORN AGM. A reminder that to be eligible for reduced rates for COS you must be a CSORN member (\$40). Keep in mind that CSORN Membership Registration MUST be completed by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 or a \$10 late fee will apply! Payment method is through PayPal with a credit card only and cheques are no longer accepted.

### **Conference Funding**

National is sponsoring the COS early bird registration fee for 1 person. We will draw the lucky person during the AGM. Please email our treasurer Marlene at [treasurer@csorn.ca](mailto:treasurer@csorn.ca) to get your name into this draw before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. We encourage you to check with your Provincial Local Chapter Representatives to obtain additional funding, if available. Hospitals often have educational grants for those that apply. Receipts will be required for reimbursement. These members must be in good standing and have been CSORN members for at least 2 consecutive years.

### **Future Conferences**

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

- April 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 — Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Massachusetts

Canadian Ophthalmological Society(COS) Annual Meeting & Exhibition

- May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 — Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Ontario

American Academy of Ophthalmology(AAO)

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 — Moscone Center in San Francisco, California

Walter Wright Symposium

- December 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 — Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Ontario

Sally Letson Symposium:

- September 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 — Westin Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario

## Nominations for CSORN Executive 2024 – 2026

The coming year is a voting year for the following positions:

- Secretary
- Treasurer

Please complete the nomination form included in this newsletter highlighting a brief professional biography, what your present position is, your professional accomplishments &/ or rewards and what your interests & goals are for CSORN in the future.

The completed nomination forms are to be e-mailed to Kate Callaghan at [pastpresident@csorn.ca](mailto:pastpresident@csorn.ca) by February 1, 2024. The nominations will be published in the Spring newsletter for those unable to attend the Conference in Toronto. The process for a proxy vote will also be included in the spring newsletter.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor for positions that do not have two or more candidates, at which point a proxy process vote cannot be used. So we encourage members to step forward for a nomination.

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

### Secretary:

- ☐ shall keep an accurate account of all meetings of CSORN.
- ☐ will maintain updates to 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
- ☐ shall keep accurate records of all financial transactions both monies received and disbursed.
- ☐ will prepare a financial statement for the CSORN Annual General Meeting held at the conference.
- ☐ will develop a financial plan for the following year.
- ☐ 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 the Executive of CSORN (2024-2026)**

\* **Secretary**

\* **Treasurer**

Name	
Address, City & Province	
CSORN Member since: date	
Position held in Ophthalmology	
Hospital/Clinic	
Work/ Home Number	
Email address	
Please tell us why you wish to become a member of the CSORN executive. What contributions you have made to CSORN or how you may contribute if elected to the executive?	
Please attach a brief biography or current resume with contact information for 2 references from CSORN members in good standing.	
Will you attend the CSORN conference in Toronto May 31st, 2024? ___ Yes	
<b>Please email to Kate Callaghan - Past President : <a href="mailto:pastpresident@csorn.ca">pastpresident@csorn.ca</a></b>	



## CSORN Annual General Meeting

### *Agenda*

June 17, Saturday, 10:45-11:30, Quebec City

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Responsible/Action</b>
1	Welcome to all conference attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome</li> <li>● Review of agenda items</li> </ul>	Kate Callaghan
2	Introduction of CSORN executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kate Callaghan : out going President</li> <li>● Adonis Manglapus (absent) : Secretary</li> <li>● Treasurer : Marlene Griffin</li> </ul>	*President and *Vice President positions (TBD)
3	Minutes of previous Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reviewed by executive members</li> </ul>	Approved by Marlene Griffin and Christine Gaudon
4	Quebec City conference organizers	The national executive collaborated in organizing this year's event	Kate thanked the meeting organizers
5	Provincial Reports	<p><b><u>Nova Scotia:</u></b> Education session held June 6, speaker Dr. Rishi Gupta, a retina surgeon. Provincial contract approved to be done in eye centre outside of the hospital setting under topical anesthesia; Funding up to 6,000 cataracts/year</p> <p><b><u>Ontario (Toronto/GTA):</u></b> Education session held Sept 15, speaker Dave Kitson (Alcon), held at North York General Hospital; plan of future Zoom meetings that will include other eye centres, approx. 29 members currently</p> <p><b><u>British Columbia:</u></b> Education session held Jan 18, Dr. Schendel spoke on the medical management for glaucoma patients. Switch to electronic charting (Cerner), decrease cases by 50% initially then after 3 months, full 100 % capacity</p>	<p>Reported by Christine</p> <p>Reported by John Dash (Regional Rep for Toronto/GTA)</p> <p>Reported by Kate</p>

6	Secretary report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Total membership : 80 members</li> <li>● Executive meeting held June 16 = discussion around website <i>refresh</i></li> <li>● Any suggestions for website, please reach out to local rep or executive members</li> </ul>	Kate(on behalf of Adonis)
7	Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Report shared with all members</li> <li>● Limited funding for this year as companies recover from the losses during the pandemic</li> <li>● Shows over budget of ████████, due to expenses surpassing revenue</li> </ul>	Marlene Griffin
8	Annual CSORN membership fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion to increase annual membership fee from \$30 to \$40</li> </ul>	Voted by members to increase to \$40
9	Executive open positions	<p>Christine Gaudon, elected CSORN President last year and mentored by the outgoing president, is now the president Cassie was the elected unanimously as Vice President Christine and Cassie work together in Nova Scotia. Both nurses have years of ophthalmology OR experience and eager to lead CSORN members in their tenure(s)</p>	Members congratulated both Christine and Cassie
10	Membership campaign	<p>Suggestions from the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Include memberships from private eye centres, encourage nursing staff to join CSORN</li> <li>● Refresh website</li> <li>● Education sessions included in the CSORN website</li> </ul>	Any further suggestions, pass them on to your Regional rep
11	COS/CSORN conference eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reminder to all: Members must be registered to CSORN in order to attend COS/CSORN conferences</li> </ul>	
12	2024 COS meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Toronto, Ontario, May 30-June 2, 2024</li> </ul>	Volunteers: Thoung and the KEI team will be coordinating the CSORN event

Meeting adjourned @ 11:36h , approved by Donna Punch (Past President)  
Meeting minutes : scribed by Marcela Tutay (Past Regional Rep Toronto/GTA)

## **Provincial Reports**

### **Ontario GTA Chapter: *John Dash***

The GTA Chapter held its Educational session at North York General Hospital last September. The event was sponsored by Alcon, who generously provided dinner, and our guest Speaker, David Kitsen. This event was a great success. More than 35 people attended the meeting, and 29 members joined GTA CSORN that evening.

A new Executive was voted in, with John Dash as local President. John is a Reg. Nurse at North York General Hospital, in the Day Surgery Department of the Cataract Center.

The GTA Chapter plans to reach out & recruit new members from the numerous Private Cataract Centers in the GTA. There is also intention to host more educational sessions.

COS will be held in Toronto in 2024, Thoung Huynh from “Kensington Eye Institute” has offered to arrange the CSORN Conference for next year.

### **British Columbia: *Adonis Manglapus***

Hello Everyone,

Our 2023 New Year Chapter Meeting was on “Update for Glaucoma Therapy: Medical Management and Post-operative Treatment Regimens”. Dr. Steven Schendel excelled at this talk as it generated great interest with all the questions he fielded afterward. We are thankful for the support of Bausch & Lomb and our BC Nurses. Our next meeting is on Oct 27th made possible through the gracious support of Glaukos and Labtician. Dr. Kulbir Gill will present “Update for Glaucoma Therapy: MIGS Surgical Management”. BC-CSORN Chapter will be voting to become an incorporated non-profit professional society. This should make it easier for the chapter to offer educational opportunities to its members. Membership stands at 31 members.

In the Eye Care Centre(ECC) at Vancouver General Hospital, we have transitioned to Cerner, a “paper-lite” charting system. Go-Live began November 2022 where we reduced patient load by 50% to meet the learning needs of our Clerical/Nursing/Physician staff. It was a challenge to increase our patient volume back to 100% but after 6 months, we are finally there. We have planned some extra Saturdays and an extra work week in July to help bring up our cataract numbers from the Go-Live slowdown. In the end, this new way of patient charting has the potential to improve patient safety and is helping reduce our carbon footprint as we use much less paper.

## **Ontario Ottawa Chapter: *Janet Powers***

In one of our previous Chapter reports we told you about The Eye Institute and a new glaucoma clinic with 6 examining rooms, a large waiting room and reception desk renovation. This beautiful new clinic with state of the art design and equipment, thanks to a generous anonymous donor in Ottawa, is up and running and has been a huge boost to our department. We continue to fight for more funding for MIG Surgeries. The XEN, iStent, and Perserflo have become very popular but we are limited due to lack of funds. The retirement trend has played a huge impact on our Ophthalmology Program in Ottawa. Our CSORN Chapter said goodbye to several long standing members. Rosemary Bickerton and Pascale Rinfret took their retirement this past year and are missed. They both have been keeping busy with new challenges, travel, family and continue to 'dabble' in the private sector in Ophthalmology. Our nursing staff has seen a large turnover as many others joined the retirement league. We have also seen several of our Ophthalmologists hang up their 'loops' to enjoy retirement as well. As a result, we have had many new upcoming ophthalmologists join our team. The reality of COVID, increased wait times, and push to reach QBPs has had a major impact on our centre. Our main goal is to rebuild our Ottawa CSORN Chapter and engage the new nursing to participate in CSORN. Plans are in the works and we hope to hold a dinner with speakers this November to try and pump up CSORN registrations.

## **Nova Scotia: *Mary Stairs***

News from Atlantic Chapter (total membership 10)

An educational session given by Dr Rishi Gupta, a retina surgeon, was held in June of 2023. The topic was “everything you want to know about secondary intraocular lens placements”. Thank you to Michelle Balcom of Bayer for sponsoring. There is also a provincial contract with the Halifax Vision centre to perform up to 6000 cataract surgeries by the end of 2023. These surgeries, normally done in the hospital OR's , are being performed at a private clinic for those patients that do not require anesthesia assist. There are provisions however for preop ativan, and topical anesthesia. This arrangement allows for additional non cataract surgery to be performed in the hospital.



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

## **CSORN Executive**

*Christine Gaudon - President*

*Cassie Benjamin - Vice-President*

*Kate Callaghan - Past President*

*Adonis Manglapus - Secretary*

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## **CSORN AGM - Quebec**





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