



Spring Newsletter 2024

Message from the President of CSORN

Welcome everyone to the ophthalmology spring newsletter! Spring is slowly arriving with warmer weather, and lets not forget the eclipse! It was great to see eye protection promoted, although I felt 100% safe watching on TV, as I unfortunately did not have solar eclipse glasses.

It is that time of year again for our upcoming annual conference being held in the vibrant city of Toronto, May 30 to June 2, 2024. The official nursing CSORN day is June 2, 2024. This years conference promises to be an enriching experience, filled with insightful discussions among leading experts, but most importantly, a chance for us to all get together and share our knowledge and expertise. The Kensington Eye institute has graciously agreed to arrange a variety of speakers for this years conference, so a very special thank you to Thuong Huynh and her team for arranging this.

The COS website is open for registration. Please sign up for your annual CSORN membership, as we encourage everyone to do this before our CSORN nursing day on June 2. Also, we will have two positions that will be available on the executive for secretary and treasurer. I am planting the seed now, as we will take nominations and have a vote at the annual general meeting. I encourage everyone to think about it, as it certainly is a team effort.

Have a great spring and see you in Toronto!
Christine

COS/CSORN Conference 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 30th to June 2nd, 2024. The CSORN National Annual General Meeting will be Sunday, June 2nd. If you have any Town Hall Discussion topics, please email president@csorn.ca with your ideas. Our Conference Coordinator is Thuong Huynh and the staff from Kensington eye institute. The theme will be Soaring high in Toronto.

Please check the COS website <http://www.cos-sco.ca/cpd/annual-meeting/> for more information, and to register for next year's CSORN Conference. A reminder that to be eligible for reduced rates for COS you must be a CSORN member (\$50). Payment method is through PayPal with a credit card only and cheques are no longer accepted. Keep in mind that CSORN Membership Registration is a requirement to attend the CSORN AMG at COS.

Conference Funding

As discussed in our 2023 winter newsletter, national is sponsoring the COS early bird registration fee for 1 person. Our treasurer, Marlene, Will draw from all the requests she received before the April 1st deadline. We encourage you to check with your Provincial or Local Chapter Representatives to obtain additional funding, if available. 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 5th - 8th, 2025 — Los Angeles Convention Center, California

Canadian Ophthalmological Society(COS) Annual Meeting & Exhibition

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

American Academy of Ophthalmology(AAO)

- October 18th - 21st, 2024 — McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois

Walter Wright Symposium

- December 6th - 7th, 2024— Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Ontario

Sally Letson Symposium:

- September 19th -21st, 2024 — 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 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	
Please email to Kate Callaghan - Past President : pastpresident@csorn.ca	

AGENDA

National Canadian Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses- CSORN

June 2, 2024

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

TIME	TOPIC
7:00-7:30 am	<i>Breakfast</i>
7:30-8:00 am	Registration
8:00-8:10 am	Welcome Christine Gaudon
8:10-8:50 am	Dr. Stephanie Ramdass Prosthetic replacement of the ocular surface ecosystem (PROSE) treatment
8:50-9:30 am	Dr. Alex Kaplan Uveitis and Rheumatoid Arthritis
9:30-10:10 am	Dr. P. Yan Retinal diseases and Anti-VEGF treatment
10:10-10:50 am	<i>Break</i>
10:50-11:50 am	Annual General meeting- Christine Gaudon and Cassie Benjamin Treasure Report- Marlene Griffin Secretary Report- Adonis Manglapus Provincial Report Executive Election for treasurer and secretary positions
11:50-1:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00-1:35 pm	Dr. Clara Chan Keratoconus- Cross-Linking Treatment
1:35-2:00 pm	Dr. Kathy Cao CATARACT before, during and after
2:00- 2:45 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:45-3:30 pm	Michael Maban RPN CAMH Nurse Educator Compassion Fatigue
3:30-4:00 pm	Town Hall

Provincial Reports

Ontario GTA Chapter: *John Dash*

The GTA Chapter held its first virtual “meeting” in 2023 with presenter Dr. P. Christak is speaking on weird and unusual eye cases. The presentation was great, a bit of a break from the regular topics, if not a wee bit “gross” at times. We would like to make the virtual presentations ongoing, as people can log in after work hours and not have to commute any extra time. We will work on starting to record them, with the presenter’s permission, to enable all CSORN members to benefit. Stay tuned!

Thank you to the Kensington Team for organizing the COS CSORN conference so far. When final details are ready we will send out an email to everyone. We look forward to seeing everyone there. GTA members, planning is taking place to hold an in person GTA CSORN meeting, most likely mid-April, so keep your eyes out for an email regarding the meeting.

With the Ford Government announcement in January that private clinics will receive funding to provide more cataract surgeries, we are increasing our efforts to reach out to these private centres and recruit more nurses to join. There is always a lot we can learn from each other and knowledge to be shared so we look forward to welcoming more members from private clinics.

British Columbia: *Adonis Manglapus*

The BC Chapter had a great AGM in 2023. Dr. Kulbir Gill presented an “Update for Glaucoma Therapy: MIGS Surgical Management”. It was well received with the Nursing audience creating lots of discussion. We are planning another meeting/educational session for Early June with Dr. Tom Liu.

Our chapter has voted to become an incorporated non-profit professional society. In addition to Arlene Vanderhoeven(Treasurer), Anna Pasternak-Banerer(VP), and Myself, I’d like to welcome our new directors; Caroline Wong, Ju Liang, Shona Lobo, Cholai Gopez. Special thank you to Arlene for making this incorporation possible. We look forward to offering more educational opportunities to our members. Membership stands at 22 members.

VGH-Eye Care Centre is switching over from a Ceiling mounted Microscope to a stand alone floor model scope. There are pros and cons but we are looking forward to improving patient care. We are increasing our staffing numbers to help offset workload burnout associated with our transition to paper-lite charting and short notice coverage when sick calls happen.

Ontario Ottawa Chapter: *Janet Powers*

Happy New Year and Happy Spring to All!

2024 finds us struggling to meet our QBPs. As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, surgeons leaving The Ottawa Hospital for private centres, retirements, and nursing shortages have made our task that much more difficult. Last fall the Ministry of Ontario granted funding to several private centres in the Ottawa area to assist with the backlog and reduce the cataract waitlist. While this has made strides in assisting to decrease wait times, we continue to deal with the impact on our hospital physicians, anesthesia and nursing staff.

We have seen an increased number and more demand for Glaucoma MIG Surgeries. XEN, iStent, and Preserflo. Our glaucoma surgeons are performing more GATT, Gonio Assisted Transluminal Trabeculotomy, procedures in favour of Trabeculectomies and Valve surgeries which not only are cost efficient but can be performed in considerably less surgical time.

The TOH Ophthalmology department has most recently concluded trials of the Veritas, Centurion, Stellaris Elite phaco machines. We are awaiting the results of who will be awarded the new contract in March.

The Ottawa Hospital is looking at returning to cloth surgical gowns to decrease the carbon footprint. There are both pros and cons to this, particularly in Ophthalmology. The high volume usage and logistics are being debated.

Our CSORN Chapter continues its attempt to rebuild by encouraging new nurses to our Ophthalmology Department to become members. We hope to have Ottawa CSORN members attend this year's conference in Toronto.

Wishing you all sunny days and clear skies ahead!

Nova Scotia: *Mary Stairs*

We have been busy trying to dig ourselves out from another Nor Eastern Storm. We continue to try to manage our waitlist by doing cataract cases at our off site Center. There is a secondary Center for off site cataract, established by NSH. Starting in March we will implement the use of the Ngenuity for Retina surgery. We are also undergoing Ergonomic study concentration on microbreaks, ensuring better body mechanism and less physical fatigue. Coming in April our Tissue Bank will start cutting DSAEK cornea caps to provide tissue for glaucoma surgery and perforation. Most recently in the Fall NSH opened up another Outpatient Eye Clinic in Bayers lake to help deal with the growing population of Nova Scotia Finding staff for all sites remains a struggle. We are planning for an Education session early Spring with Dr Gupta.

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

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