



Manitoba Director's Report

CSCT Virtual AGM, March 13, 2021

Greetings from Manitoba,

Our Board of Directors met via Zoom in December 2020 and we have had some recent correspondence on WhatsApp as well. Plans are underway for an AGM on May 1st via Zoom and hopefully some educational videos or Power Point presentations available.

We are preparing to launch our new website using the Wild Apricot membership software which will make management easier for our board. We are really looking forward to getting set up and moving forward with this new platform. Recently we received permission to post weekly ICS visiting scientist seminars on our new website.

Cardiology Technologist Day 2021 was celebrated with the creation a poster that had contributions from many of our technologists and was sent to all our members. We also received a letter of appreciation from our Honorary President, Dr. Clarence Khoo, thanking us for all that we do. The Manitoba ASC Network co-chairs, Dr. J. Ducas and Lorraine Avery provided greetings and educational content for Cardiology Technologist Day.

Manitoba is experiencing a shortage of Registered Cardiology Technologists and have seen more cross training and under-hiring happening recently. Some of the issues are related to Covid-19 staffing but our board has addressed the issue with the Manitoba Association of Health Care Professionals and with Manitoba Shared Health. We are also hoping that with new contract negotiations happening soon that some of the issues might be addressed with better protective language.

Covid-19 cases are finally dropping after many weeks of lockdown, and with vaccinations starting to become more available we are anticipating even more improvement and eventually some return to a more normal life.

Respectfully submitted,

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