

New Brunswick Association of Respiratory Therapist
L'Association des thérapeutes respiratoires du Nouveau-Brunswick

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President's Report

Annual General Meeting – October 15, 2015

Delivered by Seana Martin, President NBART

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to welcome you all to the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the NBART. It is a privilege and a pleasure to share with you the 2015 NBART Executive report. This is an opportunity to reflect on the strides that have been made by the Association over the past year as well as to share with you some of the upcoming challenges.

It is wonderful to see so many of you here today. This is yet another fantastic year for the NBART conference with over 160 members attending. This is a reflection of our profession's ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality of care to our patients. Continuing education is the foundation of our profession and an essential aspect of personal and professional growth.

Since our last AGM in October 2014, the Association has worked on a number of initiatives both at the provincial and national levels. In our efforts to work towards accomplishing our strategic plan initiatives, the following documents have been created by the Association:

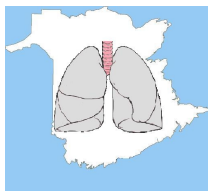
- Tools and processes for internationally educated Health professionals (this includes an orientation manual outlining the process)
- Manuals for the Discipline and Fitness to practice committees
- An orientation manual for new Board members

In addition to these documents, the Association has operationalized the Registration committee with the drafting of its terms of reference. The purpose of this committee is to assist the Registrar in developing and implementing the registration responsibilities of the Association.

A change was also made to our restricted license policy to echo the consensus of the Board of directors. This will be reflected in the addition of a "graduated" category of licence.

At the national level, the NBART is involved in various projects. Our registrar/executive director, Mr. Troy Denton, is finishing up his term as Secretary of the Alliance and is also co-Chair of the Registrar's committee of the Alliance. As was the case last year, the main project for this group has been the development of the new National Competency Framework. Troy's involvement in this project has been crucial and the project is moving forward with more great progress made over the past year.

In May 2015, representatives from each regulated jurisdiction were brought together to participate in a validation workshop for the new National competency framework in Calgary, AB. Some great feedback and suggestions were brought forward and the NBART would like to thank the RTs from our jurisdiction who participated in this important process.



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On behalf of the Education committee, the NBART held an early bird draw for a trip to attend the CSRT conference last May in Calgary. This initiative was part of an ongoing commitment to facilitating access to continuing education for our members. We will continue to promote life-long learning as we believe this is a pillar of our profession and an essential part of providing the best of care to patients.

This past year has also seen new developments with regards to the assessment of internationally educated health care professionals seeking to practice respiratory therapy in Canada. The Self-Assessment Readiness Tool (SART), created by Atlantic connections, has been launched and can be used by anyone seeking to see if they are a good fit for the profession of Respiratory Therapist in Canada.

In September, a conference was held in Boston by the. In an effort to ensure the NBART is up-to-date with its regulatory processes, our Registrar, Mr. Troy Denton attended the conference on behalf of the Board and was able to bring back some very useful information.

In closing this address, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board and our Registrar for their commitment and contributions over the past year. A few of our Board members are ending their terms today, and I want to extend my deepest gratitude for the hard work they have done for the Association. I would also like to once again thank you all for your ongoing commitment to the profession and your devotion in providing safe and ethical care to patients across the province. To end on a somewhat cheesy note, a quote from Patch Adams: you treat a disease, you win, you lose. You treat a person, I guarantee you, you'll win, no matter what the outcome.