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Letter from the President

Chuck Evans

Welcome to the latest edition of the ACES newsletter. I apologize on behalf of the Board and myself for not publishing more newsletters this year. Given all the changes, and the pace of re-structuring that has been taking place in all of the Health Regions, we have found it very difficult to solicit articles. Most of the Biomedical community has seen an increased workload in the past year, co-ordinating program equipment transfers, and new equipment purchases. As well, budgets, Hospital closures, and the challenges of resource re-allocation have been demanding a lot of attention from some of our members.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the people who have volunteered their time to work on, or with the ACES Board in the past year. Without people who are willing to volunteer, most organizations such as ACES could not survive. Unfortunately, two of our Board members, Ken McDonald and Tim Belic made the decision to resign from the Board earlier this year. Ken and Tim expressed the concern that since they were no longer directly involved with the biomedical community they should resign their position to allow someone else the opportunity to direct the future of ACES. Both Ken and Tim will be greatly missed, and I thank them for their tremendous contributions over the years.

In order for ACES to represent *all* the diverse sectors of the biomedical community, and continue to be relevant, it is important that the Board of Directors also reflect that diversity. I invite anyone who feels they can make a contribution, to run for a position on the Board of Directors during our Annual General Meeting. With the biomedical communities support and *participation* ACES can only grow stronger.

Edmonton Update

Bill Rutledge

The Capital Health Authority has been making some significant announcements in the past three months, which can be seen as a direct result of the new board taking over in July. Only 3 members from the first CHA board remain and they are giving clear signals that they intend to address some problem areas.

Certainly the CHA is consistent in its attempts to adequately justify the need for more money to meet the current level of service. The Government of Alberta, of course, has changed its tune to say that more money may now be available to address properly documented and justified concerns. CHA is looking at needing \$8 million this year to maintain the current level of service and about \$7 million to meet urgent quality of care issues.

Meanwhile, we are beginning to move away from the "Referral Hospital" and "Community Health" system model. Initially, all acute care, including the Community Health Centre programs, were put under Don Philippon in September. Sheila Weatherill correspondingly took over the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, including the Northern Alberta Geriatric Program. With the recent resignation of Brian Lemon, the region's CEO, and the appointment of Sheila Weatherill as his replacement, there are further indications that the Board and executive are looking at a more "integrated" structure. There may well be more announcements in the near future.

As far as Clinical Engineering is concerned, we appear likely to receive the respiratory maintenance function into our umbrella of services at the Royal Alexandra site. Respiratory has been told to decentralize in a similar model to the UAH, which would bring two R.T.s into our team at the RAH. I think it will be great to continue to become a multidisciplinary group, and that we can continue to enhance service to the respiratory staff.

The RAH staff has also benefitted from the addition of Curtis Yano as a casual staff member. His shifts have helped to cover with a number of leaves of absence and heavy workload backlogs.

At the UAH site, we welcomed Hector Castillo and Brandon Beaudry to our staff in September. They filled the positions vacated by Canute Cupid and Darrell Degenhardt who left to pursue a career change.

An initiative to better manage and distribute infusion pumps has been very successful. Jerry Froehlich and Mike Farrah have now been able to convince virtually all the nursing managers that the new process managed by Clinical Engineering is to their benefit -- quite a feat at this time when new ideas are attacked mercilessly!!!

At Caritas, the process of integration of the two site teams (Grey Nuns and Misericordia) has been further enhanced by the union agreement to allow Chito Nicolas to work at each site. Chito is an IUOE member at the Grey Nuns, but the Misericordia is CUPE. We now have increased flexibility in terms of coverage and we also have the flexibility to attack workload backlogs or special projects as they arise.

Finally, we are all hoping to work a little closer together in the coming months on a number of capital equipment approvals which are in the works. A little over \$11 million has been earmarked by CHA to address urgent equipment needs and about half of it pertains to clinical equipment.

Announcing



1996 Fall Convention and Annual General Meeting

Friday, November 29th 1996

At the Glenrose Hospital Auditorium
10230-111 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

Presentations to Include:

Information Systems - Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

Their Expanding Role in the Healthcare Environment

New Technologies

Remote Monitoring of Hospital Hemodialysis Equipment
M.D.E. Spread Spectrum Telemetry Technology

Plus More !!

All followed by a fun social evening at "REDS" in West Edmonton Mall

Registration only \$25 members / \$35 non-members (Registration form on back page)

Watch the ACES Homepage for more details



Nominations for ACES Executive and Board of Directors 1996/1997

We are soliciting Nominations for ACES' 1997 Board of Directors. There are nine positions open to any member. Those who let their names stand for election at our annual general meeting must consider the time commitment necessary to do an effective job in their respective tasks.

The Board of Directors includes the following positions:

PRESIDENT:

Chief Executive Officer of the Society. Chairs all meetings of the Executive, Annual General Meeting, and General Meetings. Reviews all activities of the society to ensure that the society's policies are being carried out. May appoint committees to carry out the business of the society. Ensures proper interaction between the society and government agencies. May not chair a committee.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Fills in for President as necessary. May Chair or serve on committees.

SECRETARY:

Attends all meetings of the society, and the board, and keeps minutes of the meetings. Responsible for sending meeting notices, keeping membership records and mailing lists etc.

TREASURER:

Responsible for handling the society's finances, accounts for funds of the society, keeps financial records, and provides financial statements at the Annual General Meeting, or as required.

PLUS 5 DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

Program Committee, Membership Committee, Social Committee, Newsletter Committee Etc., These positions are assigned at the first meeting, and subsequent meetings of the Board from among the Board membership. Each committee Chairperson is responsible to recruit a well rounded committee membership.

Instructions for Nominations

On the form provided at the back of this newsletter, please provide the necessary information for each nominee. Each nomination should be signed by at least 2 members of the Clinical Engineering community. Nominee's run for the Board of Directors, individual positions are determined during the first meeting of the new Board of Directors.

Nomination forms should have a short description of each candidate attached. This information will be made available during the Annual General Meeting elections.

Completed Nomination forms should be mailed to the President:

Mr. Chuck Evans
Department of Clinical Engineering
University of Alberta Hospital
8440-112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6G 2B7

Nominations for the Board of Directors will also be accepted at the Annual General Meeting



Board of Directors Nomination Form:

Nominee Name: _____ Signature: _____

Organization / Address: _____

Phone: () _____ -- _____ Fax: () _____ -- _____

Nominated By:

1). Name: _____ Signature: _____

2). Name: _____ Signature: _____

Fall Convention and Annual General Meeting Registration

Yes, please register me for the Fall Convention and Annual General Meeting taking place at the Glenrose Hospital, Friday, November 29th 1996.

Registration Information:

Name: _____ Company/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Department: _____ Room: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: () _____ -- _____ Fax: () _____ -- _____ E-Mail: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Member Convention Registration	\$ 25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Member Registration (includes ACES Membership)	35.00
	Total Enclosed:	\$ _____

Please mail this form along with a cheque (payable to ACES), or purchase order to:

Alberta Clinical Engineering Society
c/o Chuck Evans
 Department of Clinical Engineering
 University of Alberta Hospital
 8440-112 Street
 Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2B7

Cheque Enclosed

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Internet Updates

BECOME A MEMBER !!

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The Alberta Clinical Engineering Society
c/o The University of Alberta Hospitals
Clinical Engineering Room OD1.00
8440-112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2B7
ATTENTION: Chuck Evans

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City: _____ Province: _____

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Company: _____

Position: _____

Department: _____ Room: _____

Address: _____ Box# _____

City: _____ PC: _____

Wk Ph:(____) _____ Ext: _____

Fax: (____) _____

The ACES Web page gains popularity with references appearing recently on the CMBES listserv. Discussions have been taking place on the listserv regarding the need for a second source parts list. As it happens, of course, ACES has been providing just such a service for over a year. Submissions are continually being taken at the address listed above, or in writing to any ACES Board Member.

To access the CMBES Listserv, send E-Mail to: majordomo@sbgh_oracle.sbrc.umanitoba.ca
In the body of the message, send the following:
subscribe cmbes

For those of you not receiving enough E-mail there is also an international Clinical Engineering listserv in Australia

E-Mail: listproc@nor.com.au
In the body of the message send the following:
subscribe bmelist your name

Thanks to Ray Cislo for providing this

Convention Registration Now Available
ONLINE!!

Send your registrations via E-Mail to cevans@connect.ab.ca
See the ACES Web Page for more details

Please Note: The information on these web pages can only be effective with the full support of all members of the Alberta Clinical Engineering Community.

Access our site at:
"<http://skynet.uah.ualberta.ca/~aces>"

