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Note from the Editor

Two thousand and eight is now upon us and it is time for the winter edition of the *Communique*. You may notice that this issue of the newsletter is a bit shorter than usual. However, it contains a variety of important information and will update the membership on some important changes to SCPT staff, Executive, and Council.

The Communications Committee has not been as active as usual over the past few months, but I expect that the New Year will bring a variety of new

challenges. The Communications Committee is here to assist with facilitating communications between the committee, members, Council, and SCPT in general. Please do not hesitate to contact the Committee or the College with any communications related questions or concerns. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Sarah Puetz

Chair, Communications Committee

President's Report

As 2008 quickly approaches, I am sure we all have great expectations with a new government at the helm of our province and promises of improvement to our health care system. Prior to the election being called, many of the issues we were addressing such as emergency preparedness, pandemic legislation, rostering and temporary licensure were put on hold, so there is no new information at this time.

SCPT has also had some changes with administrative staff. We wish to welcome back Donna Fracchia as interim Executive Director/Registrar of the SCPT. Donna will continue to reside in New Brunswick but will be providing direction to the College on the national level and will be overseeing some of the more strategic issues. The SCPT also welcomes Jo-Anne Wolan as the Assistant Executive Director. Jo-Anne resides in Saskatoon and comes with a wealth of experience as she has been involved with the College of Physicians and Surgeons and has a special interest in professional conduct and disciplinary issues. She will be involved with several committees and will have a presence in

the SCPT office. Special thanks to Ruby Naujok, Public Representative, Lesley Stamatinos, Past President, and the Executive for the many meetings we have had over the last two months addressing the transition issues related to finding a new Executive Director. The College has advertised for a new Executive Director and is looking forward to the position being filled by March 31st, 2008.

Congratulations and special thanks go out to Charlene Doell for her ability to keep the office running smoothly during this transitional period. Charlene has also been promoted to Registration Coordinator/Office Administrator as she is, and has been, doing the majority of the registration data input at the time of renewals. Charlene has been training regularly on the use of our new database and updating related website sections.

Individuals from the SCPT, SPA, CPTe and the School of Physical Therapy participated in our Strategic Planning session held in September and facilitated by Hasmatali Consulting Services. Thank you to all who participated as everyone's input was

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Current SCPT Committees

Canadian Alliance Representative:

Lesley Stamatinos

Canadian Alliance Official Marks Committee:

Lesley Stamatinos

Canadian Alliance Continuing Competency Committee:

Leslie Beck

Canadian Alliance Support Worker Group:

Crystal Showers

Continuing Competency Committee:

Leslie Beck - *Chair*
 Carol Robertsen - *Coordinator*
 Ken Dornstauder
 Peggy Bacon
 Allisyn Camche - *Ex Officio*
 Michelle Kadash
 Erin Deichert
 Stacey Lovo Grona - *CPTe Program Director*
 Barbara Naviaux - *Council Liaison*
 Jo-Anne Wolan - *Administrative Staff*

Communications Committee:

Sarah Puetz - *Chair*
 Nancy Thompson - *Council Liaison*
 Stacey Lovo Grona
 Jo-Anne Wolan - *Administrative Staff*

Discipline Committee:

Shane Kachur - *Council Liaison*
 Jacqueline Holzmann
 Ian Orosz
 Beverley LeBruno
 Daniel Lundell
 Linda McConnell

Finance Committee:

Christina Woodcock - *Chair*
 Beverly Wilson
 Tamara Greenbank
 Donna Fracchia - *Administrative Staff*

Legislation Committee:

Allisyn Camche - *Chair*
 Dawn McLean
 Regan Coulter
 Beverly Wilson

Nominations Committee:

Linda McConnell - *Chair*
 Allisyn Camche - *Council Liaison*
 Loretta Duerksen
 Melanie Funk

Registration Committee:

Deborah Gunther-Hansen - *Chair*
 Gail Tennant
 Cathy Watts
 Karilyn Barber
 Donna Fracchia - *Administrative Staff*
 Charlene Doell - *Administrative Staff*

Professional Conduct Committee:

Scott Anderson - *Chair*
 June De Jong - *Public Rep*
 Sherri Wagenhoffer
 Susan Bear
 Ruby Naujok - *Public Rep*
 Andrea Schick
 Erinn Stoll
 Christina Woodcock

Professional Standards of Practice Committee:

Shane Kachur - *Chair*
 Ruby Naujok - *Public Rep*
 Darcie Sahar
 Gordon Pullar

Supervised Practice Committee:

Nicole Brown - *Chair*
 Tamara Greenbank
 Doria Michalishen
 Shane Kachur
 Donna Fracchia - *Administrative Staff*

Support Worker Committee:

Barb Naviaux - *Co-Chair*
 Nicole Brown - *Co-Chair*
 Heather Appleby
 Ken Dornstauder
 Elaine Wirtz

The SCPT staff participation in and support to committees is determined on the basis of need.

President's Report ... from front page

valuable. Watch for the finalized Strategic Plan in the next issue.

Since September, Christina Woodcock from Prince Albert has been our acting Treasurer and a member of the Executive. Chrissy's husband has just completed his RCMP training and has been stationed in Manitoba near the Saskatchewan border. Chrissy had hoped to remain employed in Saskatchewan so

she could continue to serve on Council. Unfortunately, she was unable to gain employment in the province and will be leaving us effective January 2008. Thank you Chrissy for being a positive addition to Council. We will miss you.

Wishing everyone the best in the New Year.

Allisyn Camche
President

Searching for a President Elect

The Nomination Committee is beginning their search for a President Elect to join Council in April 2008 with the intent of taking on the role of President in 2009 for a two year term. As President Elect, the individual will have a seat on Council but will shadow the President for a year attending all Council meetings, some Executive meetings, and at least one of all external stakeholder meetings. There will also be opportunities to attend workshops that will increase one's knowledge regarding Council function and governance.

We are looking for an individual that is passionate about our profession and wishes to interact and gain experience on a provincial, federal and national level.

If you are interested, or you know someone that you think would make a great future President, please contact the SCPT office for more information, or contact Linda McConnell, Chair of the Nominations Committee at: yvr@sasktel.net.

Allisyn Camche, President
Linda McConnell, Chair, Nominations Committee

Professional Conduct Committee Report

I have been accepted on Council this year and one of my roles has been to become the Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee. There have been an unusually high number of complaints this year, and one of those complaints has been referred to the Discipline Committee.

In October, several of our members, including myself, attended an Investigations Training Workshop set up by the SCPT. The instructor, Russ Buglass, came with many years of experience both as a lawyer and as a professor, and with experience in teaching other investigations training courses. In addition, a number of other professionals were in attendance. This proved extremely beneficial as it allowed committee members to see how other

regulatory organizations handle complaints against their members. The information exchanged during the course could also lead to changes to some of the ways that the SCPT receives inquiries, and how those inquiries are dealt with initially. There have been some inquiries received in the past that have been treated as complaints, but when further investigated, it was determined that they should not have been treated as such. The Professional Conduct Committee is looking at ways to have its members more involved with inquiries before they officially become complaints. I will keep you up to date as this possibility is examined.

Scott Anderson
Chair, Professional Conduct Committee



Continuing Competency Committee Report

The Continuing Competency Committee continues to work hard to see the program into launch. Carol Robertsen, a community therapist from Humboldt, has been named as the part-time Continuing Competency Coordinator (CCC) effective November 2007. Carol comes to us with expertise in a variety of clinical and administrative backgrounds in both urban and rural settings. We are excited to welcome her

aboard. You will find her approachable and eager to assist you in your competency efforts. Carol will become a familiar face and voice as she spreads the word on continuing competency across our province in 2008. Your renewal package, the College website, the newsletter, and educational opportunities will contain plenty of information to assist members in gaining an understanding of the program. The

competency program will continue to evolve as the CCC and the Council learn more about the needs of our registrants. SCPT, through the CCC Coordinator, will be providing education and support to enhance your competency efforts in 2008 and beyond. Stay tuned for more information.

Leslie Beck
Chair, Continuing Competency Committee

Supervised Practice Committee Report

The Supervised Practice Committee had the unfortunate loss of a great Chairperson, Melissa Cursons. Melissa will be busy in the next year with her new bundle of joy. I have taken on the task of chairing this committee. The committee members are Shane Kachur, Tamara Greenbank and Doria Michalishen. There have been no formal meetings over the summer, but revisions were completed to the Licence with Conditions, Physical Therapy Supervision Agreement, and the Restricted License documents.

Nichole Brown
Chair, Supervised Practice Committee

Alliance Representative Report

Happy New Year! from your Alliance representative. On November 30 and Dec 1, I attended an Alliance Board of Directors meeting in Toronto. The following issues were discussed at that meeting:

- Joseph Vibert, who has been in a temporary CEO position, was offered the permanent CEO position by the Board. We are very happy to have Joseph with us on a permanent basis.
- Donna Fracchia joined me as the Registrar and other Board Member representing SCPT. It was great to have Donna back in her part-time temporary role.
- The budget for the 2008 year was passed and is a balanced budget.

- Policies in relation to Finance, continued support for ACCPAC (Accreditation Council for Canadian Physiotherapy Academic Programs) and an updated CEO Job Description, the Privacy Policy, Terms of Reference for Committees and Working groups were discussed and passed.
- The results of the members' survey were shared.
- Discussion occurred about the Physiotherapy Examination preparation program that was established by the Michener Institute via a grant and sponsored by the College of Physical Therapists of Ontario. This program was established to assist foreign trained physical therapists to be successful in the PCE process. The project ends in March and there was discussion as to whether the Alliance wanted to take over the stewardship of the program on behalf of the member regulators. The vote to do so was defeated.
- Discussion occurred as to standardizing meeting dates for teleconferences and face-to-face meetings. The Annual Meeting will be held on May 21, 22, and 23, 2008 in Saint John, New Brunswick. The last full weekend in November is the recommended date for the semi-annual meeting in Toronto.
- At the Registrar's meeting following the Board meeting, the Mutual Recognition Agreement was reviewed and amended. A final copy will be sent to each Licensing Board for review and signature.

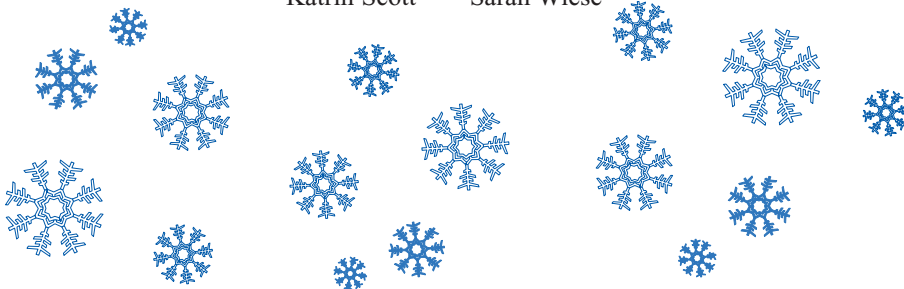
Lesley Stamatinos
Alliance Representative

Registrar's Report

Welcome our new registrants!

Lorianne Earl
Monica Henning
Robin Dowle
Julie Willms
Lisa Swallow
Alison Gillespie
Katrin Scott

Lizelle Craib
Judy Brockelbank
Amy Wilcox Gelhorn
Andrea Dodge
Carla Pinkney
Crystal Mack
Sarah Wiese



The Continuing Competency Program

The purpose of the SCPT Continuing Competency (CC) Program, as defined in the CC foundation documents, is protection of the public by working to ensure the competence of all licensed physical therapists in Saskatchewan.

The SCPT Continuing Competency Program will:

- encourage each and every member to maintain and improve their competency as a physical therapist;
- provide physical therapists with tools to assist them in reflecting upon and keeping current in the professional attitudes, skills and knowledge required for safe and

effective physical therapy practice;

- be based on the best available evidence, and implemented using reliable and valid measures, whenever possible;
- include regular communication with all members outlining the development, expected requirements, and implementation of the Continuing Competency Program;
- attempt to encourage and measure competency in a formative and non-threatening manner, whenever possible;
- endeavor to identify those physical

- therapists who may be practicing below established benchmarks; and
- provide members with feedback and sufficient opportunities for remediation of deficiencies, if deficiencies are identified.

More information will be forthcoming with your 2008 renewal package. The first phase of the program will be submitted as part of the 2009 renewal. SCPT will provide you with the tools and information to clarify your practice enhancement goals and strategies.

Leslie Beck
Chair, Continuing Competency Committee

The SCPT Office has relocated. We remain located at St. Paul's Hospital in the former Residence Building.

Our new office room number is:
#425/426 – 230 Avenue R South
Saskatoon SK S7M 2Z1

Website Access

In the future, announcements for changes to policies and position statements will be announced in the *Communique*, but may not be distributed through the *Communique*. In order to keep your binder up-to-date, you will need to download the information from the website, or ask the College to mail you a hard copy of any new policy or position statement.

To access the website, go to www.scpt.org. User ID is “members” and the password is “scpt123”



2007-2008 SCPT Council

President	Allisyn Camche
President Elect	Vacant
Secretary	Tamara Greenbank
Treasurer	Christina Woodcock
Members at Large	Scott Anderson Nichole Brown Shane Kachur Barbara Naviaux Crystal Showers Nancy Thompson
Public Representatives	June De Jong Ruby Naujok
Alliance Representative	Lesley Stamatinos



Are you moving? Changing your name? Changing your status? Mail or fax form to:

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Changing Your Name?

Registration No.: _____ Date: _____

From: _____

To: _____

Attach a copy of official change of name form or marriage certificate and \$25 for a new certificate.

Changing Your Address/Workplace?

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____ Country: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Work Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____ Country: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Effective Date of Change: _____

Changing Your Registration Status?

Name: _____ Registration No.: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please change my registration status to: _____

Please submit the following documentation that is applicable:

1. Proof of malpractice insurance (from Restricted and Non-Practicing to Practicing)
2. Proof of successful completion of the Physiotherapy Competency Examination (Restricted to Practicing only)
3. Letter of Good Standing from the last jurisdiction(s) you were actively working in outside of Saskatchewan (Non-Practicing to Practicing)

Payment of fees (Non-Practicing to Practicing) *Current Practicing fee less fee already paid for this licensing year.*

April 1 to September 30 (\$375.00 less \$95.00 = \$280.00)

October 1 to March 31 (\$187.50 less \$95.00 = \$92.50)

