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President's message

Greetings fellow Audiologists and SLPs

It was great to see so many of you at our September conference in Fredericton. I know that those who attended will join me in congratulating Jennifer O'Donnell and the entire AGM committee on a job well done! I want to especially thank you for your candid and heartfelt feedback collected during the AGM. The Executive will be reviewing this in the weeks to come and using your thoughts and suggestions to help guide our work in the year ahead. Please keep the feedback coming—we sincerely want to hear from you!

We have several members who are moving on to new challenges after many years of support to committee work with NBASLPA. Thank you to Paula Murray & Francine Cormier who are retiring as co-chairs of the Training and Trust Fund committee after 9 years and to Jennifer O'Donnell who is retiring as chair of the AGM Committee. Sincere thanks to these members for their efforts and work on behalf of NBASLPA.

We are fortunate to have a strong roster of committee chairs who have agreed to continue their work this year. A big thank you goes out to Ruth Woodworth & Kathrin Pader for their work as co-chairs of the SLP committee; Danielle Pelletier & Annie Giasson for their work as co-chairs of the Discipline Committee; Sarah Feltmate as editor of the ECHO; Theresa McVea as chair of the Complaints committee; Bernise Hachey as chair of the Translation committee and Mary Blunston as chair of the Membership & CEE committee.

We have several positions vacant including chair positions for Training & Trust Fund Committee, Audiology Committee, and AGM & Awards Committee. We thank Kari Clark for agreeing to take on the role as NBASLPA Representative to the Pan-Canadian Alliance, Michelle Lanteigne for taking on the role of Chair of the PR

Committee, and Matt Box for taking over as chair of the Legislation Committee. We continue to wait for word from the provincial government regarding an appointment of our Lay Representative and will make that announcement in the (hopefully) near future.

It is shaping up to be a busy year for NBASLPA. On July 1, 2016 changes to the Official Languages Act will come into effect in the form of Bill 49. We will be working hard between now and then to ensure that NBASLPA complies with this new legislation. The SLP Committee has been working to develop a questionnaire that will solicit feedback from preschool and school age SLPs to evaluate current service provision. Through our membership with CAASPR (www.caaspr.ca), we will continue to work toward a national competency-based assessment framework. Working as part of the Pan-Canadian Alliance, we look forward to developing a number of resources including promotional material for use during May Speech & Hearing Month. We are also entering the final year of our 3-year strategic plan so will be looking to evaluate our progress to date and looking ahead we enter the next phase of our work together.

I am looking forward to the year ahead as your President. I know that the time will pass more quickly than I can imagine but commit to you all that I will work hard on your behalf to help move NBASLPA forward. I am fortunate to be working with a strong executive council including Matt Box, Past President; Darin Quinn, President-Elect; Mélanie Chiasson, Treasurer; Mary Blunston, Secretary; and Rhonda Rubin, Registrar. I would encourage you join us and become involved in your association – we are stronger together. There are always opportunities for both short term and longer term volunteer commitments so please, if you are interested in becoming involved, we will welcome you with open arms. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have questions, comments or suggestions. I can be reached by email at debbie@speechpath4u.ca or by phone/text at 506-961-4636.

– Debbie Maund
President of NBASLPA



Executive Council 2015-16: Darin Quinn (president elect); Matthew Box (Past President); Debbie Maund (President); Mary Blunston (secretary); Mélanie Chiasson (Treasurer). Absent from photo: Rhonda Rubin (Registrar).

2015 AGM and Conference Summary

What a great turnout for the 2015 NBASLPA Conference & AGM! Five exceptional speakers! More than 100 people registered! An awesome Friday Night Social featuring The Medicine, including NBASLPA members and talented musicians Darin Quinn, Darin Luke, and Bill Wallace! Excellent feedback!

Team Canada Healing Hands



The gift basket fundraiser was a success again this year! Spearheaded by Kim MacKeigan and with help from Sarah Feltmate and all those who donated items, a generous \$960 was raised. This will go to Team Canada Healing Hands to support ongoing work related to speech-language pathology and audiology in Haiti.



Prizes

The winner of the iPad mini 2 AGM attendance prize was Marie-Andrée Maher. Renelle LeBlanc won the complimentary 2016 NBASLPA membership.

Clinical Excellence Award

Congratulations to this year's NBASLPA Clinical Excellence in Speech-Language Pathology Award recipient, Guyanne Bernard-Gaudet! Guyanne opened a speech-language pathology department in one of our province's hospitals, has been working for more than 20 years, and currently practices at the Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre. A model clinician, she was nominated by Renée Levesque for her exceptional work ethic, generosity in sharing her time and expertise, and willingness to supervise many students from various universities.



Financial Report

Some expense forms were outstanding at the time of the Echo submission deadline; therefore, a financial report pertaining to conference will appear in the next edition.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's event, as well as to the conference committee (Marie-Hélène Brideau, Kim MacKeigan, Debbie Maund, Francisca Morneault-Rouleau, Sandy Surette, Martine Thériault, Ruth Woodworth, and Gilles Allain) for their exceptional work and the Executive Council and staff for their ongoing support in offering quality learning opportunities to their members! Next year's AGM (no conference, as we have moved to a biennial conference format) will be held in Moncton on October 22, 2016.



–Jennifer O'Donnell
Outgoing AGM & Conference
Committee Chairperson



Committee Updates

News from Training Trust Fund (TTF)

- Three \$1000 individual bursaries were awarded at the beginning of 2015. Bursaries were allotted from unused funds designated for educational events in 2014. The recipients were Stéphanie Bellemare-Gagnon, Christine Viel-Ladouceur and Renée Lévesque.
- From December 2013 to December 2014, the value of the TTF investments increased by about \$1900. Therefore, in February 2015, the TTF Board decided that \$2000 would be available for educational events in 2015.
- No requests for funding were submitted to the TTF so far this year.
- If no funding is needed for educational events in 2015, individual bursaries should be available in 2016. The membership will be informed in early January if individual bursaries are available or not.
- The TTF Board is continuing the updating of all TTF documents (guidelines and forms).
- In February 2016, the TTF Board will meet to determine if funds will be made available for educational events in 2016 based on the status of the mutual funds on December 31st, 2015.
- In September 2015, Paula Murray and Francine Cormier, co-chairs of the TTF Board both submitted their resignations to the NBASLPA Executive Council.

Mutual funds investment update:

Date	Total value
December 31 st , 2014	\$43,940.55
March 31 st , 2015	\$44,760.01
June 30 th , 2015	\$43,867.49
September 30 th , 2015	\$41,796.74

The Board members are:

- Francine Cormier (co-chair)
- Paula Murray (co-chair)
- Patty Campbell-Guitard
- Annie Giasson
- Mélanie Chiasson

–Francine Cormier

Regional Updates

Saint John Area

Fall has been a time of change at the Saint John Regional Hospital Audiology Department. Stephanie (Uher) Tinker and her husband Justin are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, Anna Marin Tinker. She was born on September 27th at the Saint John Regional Hospital, weighing 7 lbs 12 oz and measuring 23 inches long. Stephanie will be returning to work at the Audiology Department of the SJRH in September 2016. In the meantime Allison MacEacheron, the audiologist covering her maternity leave, has some big shoes to fill. SJRH audiology welcomes both Anna and Allison.



—Allison MacEacheron

Miramichi Area

The S-LPs in the Miramichi Region would like to wish Brigitte Mahoney, S-LP, all the best in her new position with the Extra Mural Program. We would also like to welcome Monette Leblanc, S-LP, who has accepted a full-time position with intramural speech services. We would also like to congratulate Kelsey Manderville and wish her all the best with her new private practice at Peak Performance Health Center.

—Lindsay Gilliss

Fredericton and Upper River Valley

We all enjoyed seeing everyone for the AGM in September here in Fredericton—thanks again to the committee for putting together an amazing 2 day conference and A big shout-out to those that made it out to the Saturday night social at Wilser's Room. Way to represent Audios and SLPs!



Congratulations to Alex Calhoun who will be moving to Saint John in the new year. You will be missed at URVH! Sarah Feltmate has a new addition to her family; Tillie Amelia was born happy and healthy on December 8th. Sarah's maternity leave will be covered by Kerri Schriver and Holly Grasse.

—Darin Quinn

Moncton Area

The Speech and Hearing department at The Moncton Hospital would like to wish everyone a joyful fall season in beautiful New Brunswick. We recently celebrated the marriage of speech-language pathologist, Mylène Melanson. In addition, Mylène has had a name change and is now a Savoie! Congratulations! Wishing everyone well from our South-East corner.

—Cathy Cormier

Regional Updates (continued)

Restigouche Area

Hope to hear from you next time!
Would you like to represent the Restigouche area? The position is vacant!

Campbellton Area

Hope to hear from you next time!
Would you like to represent the Campbellton area? The position is vacant!

Edmundston Area

Hope to hear from you next time!
Would you like to represent the Edmundston area? The position is vacant!

Chaleur Area

Hope to hear from you next time!
Would you like to represent the Chaleur area? The position is vacant!

Would you like to become a
representative to keep us up to date?

Your duties would include contacting
your local area SLPs and audiologists
for updates 3-4 times per year and
sending them along to the Editor (in
either English or French).



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A message from the editor

I truly can't believe how fast the fall went this year. For those who saw me at the conference, you know what was soon to come (it was pretty hard to miss my belly!). Since the conference, my life has been a whirlwind of appointments, anticipation, and of course anxiety as my husband and I prepared for the arrival of our first child. On December 8th, Tillie Amelia very enthusiastically said, "Hey! I'm here!"

Since I have this space, I'd like to send special thanks to Denise King, Rebecca Freeze, Kerri Schriver, Holly Grasse, Kari Clark, and Darin Quinn for pitching in after my early departure! Knowing everything was being well covered at work made an otherwise stressful time much more manageable. We give so much to our patients and it's nice to see that we do the same for each other.



PUBLISHING INFORMATION

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February 1, 2016

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Fees must be received prior to publication. A copy of the newsletter containing the advertisement will be sent to the advertising agency at their request.

Employment advertisements should contain position title, duties, qualifications, salary, and contact information.

All advertising submissions may be edited to conform to space purchased.

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Employment and business ad fee schedule:	
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full page	\$200.00

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