

ACCADA NEWS

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UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Welcome to ACCADA News, this is an opportunity for your Executive to provide an update on various association activities since the last AGM. This newsletter will be emailed to all ACCADA members.

The Executive continue to meet regularly via conference call to discuss ACCADA issues and to connect the fall conference organizers.

New Board Members:

Please join me in welcoming 2 new Board members who were nominated at the last AGM meeting in Edmonton. Tricia Toderick, Western University is the new Secretary/Treasurer and Christine Burnell, University of Saskatchewan, is the new Membership Director.

2018 Conference:

The fall ACCADA conference took place on October 10th hosted by the University of Alberta in Edmonton. The speakers were very interesting right from Tim Arnold's "Thriving in a world of increased complexity" to the curious Cannabis Forum panel discussion. The breakout sessions were also a great hit. 98% of the people who responded to the survey stated that the conference was either excellent or good.

2019 Conference:

The 2019 fall ACCADA conference will be hosted by Western University on October 16th – 18th in London, Ontario. The Board has been having monthly conference calls with the planning committee. The hotel and venues have been booked and the agenda is just being finalized. We will let the planning committee make their announcement in early June as to the venue and theme of the conference. Their website should also be available really soon.

2020 & 2021 Conference:

At the AGM meeting in Edmonton, it was confirmed that McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec will be host to the 2020 conference. This will be the first time since 2003 that an

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ACCADA conference will be in Quebec. In addition, the Executive would like to confirm that the 2021 conference will be hosted by the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

2022 Conference:

We are looking for a host university for the 2022 fall conference. If we stick to the east/west exchange – then we are hoping that one of the eastern schools will volunteer. Still crossing our fingers for a Memorial University volunteer.

Website:

Angela McTaggart, our Communications Director, continues to do an excellent job in updating and upgrading the ACCADA website. As mentioned in previous newsletters, there is a “**members**” only login, which provides access to useful information such as other members, and presentations from past conferences! If you are a member and don’t have a password please contact Angela at Angela.McTaggart@kingstonhsc.ca. We currently have an ACCADA LinkedIn account. However, we are looking for ways as to how this account will benefit the ACCADA members. In addition, we are always looking for new ideas such as potentially hosting a webinar. If you have any other ideas or suggestions as to how improve the website, please let Angela know. The Board is a little disappointed in the website traffic. We don’t expect you to visit it every day – but you should access it at least once a month to keep in touch. In case you have forgotten the website is: <https://www.accada.ca/>.

Membership:

We had 82 members who have paid their \$50 dues. Please note that the membership time period is October 1st to September 30th. In the past, we have been able to renew or apply for membership when registering for the fall conference. Western University has agreed to provide this service at the time of registration.

We continue to struggle to get official ACCADA representatives at each member university. If you wish to be the contact for your University/Hospital, please contact Christine at Christine.burnell@usask.ca. This person would advertise the benefits of being a member of ACCADA and encourage colleagues to attend future conferences and would let Christine know if there are any member changes within their respective school/hospital.

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Finance:

Our financial obligations are met as a registered organization. Tricia has filed our 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial statements with the Canadian Revenue Agency. We are just waiting for a confirmation response from the CRA. All of the Financial Statements are also available in the “members only” section of the website.

J. Charles “Chuck” Morrison Memorial Award:

This award was established by the committee members at the University of Alberta. It will be presented to the winning recipient at each ACCADA Conference. This year’s committee members are: Francoise Bouman (University of Alberta), Christine Burnell (University of Saskatchewan), Dinah Frank (University of Western Ontario), Carolyn Sisley (Dalhousie University) and Cathy Turner (McMaster University).

Chuck was the Director of Administrative Services in the Department of Medicine at UofA from 1986 to 2007. He was also the Development Officer from 2007 until his passing in 2016. Any member of the senior administrative staff of an ACCADA member department will be eligible and the criteria and nominating forms will be made available on our website soon.

If you have any questions or concerns about this newsletter or for any agenda items for the upcoming AGM, please forward them to John Vetta at john.vetta@sickkids.ca.

Your Executive Team:

John Vetta (University of Toronto) – President

Tricia Toderick (Western) – Secretary/Treasurer

Christine Burnell (University of Saskatchewan) – Membership Director

Angela McTaggart (Queen’s University) – Communications Director
