

Cape Breton Chapter

2018 Annual Report

Dear Members,

It has been a busy year this year for our chapter! We started off the year by attending the AGM & Education Day in Halifax. We had 5 members attend. We were very excited to meet one of the speakers, Dr. Blair Williams, who was coming to work with us in Cape Breton – we are so happy to have him!

We hosted a number of education sessions (NSHA SSC Policy, Colorectal Surgery SSI Bundle, Clean Closure Trays & VAC Dressings) this year and we are actively recruiting members to join as new members. We also had members participate in the ORNAC AGM via webinar. Membership has been a challenge since the electronic method of joining/renewing came into place. We aren't sure if it is related to the increase in cost or the perceived lack of ease in the process. Many people expressed how it was much more convenient when you could join at the AGM each year.

As an acknowledgment for all the hard work done by Perioperative Nurses and due to the success of our fundraising, during Perioperative Nurses week, we provided breakfast snacks to each of our Operating Rooms. Everyone enjoyed their treats.

We are encouraging members to write their Certification Exam – we had two members write in the fall session and another in the spring. Congrats to all who have obtained their Certifications!

We are planning to sell tickets on a dozen lobsters as a fundraiser to help with the costs for those who will be attending the AGM in Antigonish, as well as the Atlantic in Moncton. Our goal is to put all of our proceeds directly towards these events to minimize costs for our members. We are excited for the National Conference in Halifax in 2019 & have been lobbying our management team to assist in enabling as many to attend this event as possible.

Our finances for the Cape Breton Chapter remain in good standing thanks to the fundraising efforts by our members. As always, we minimized spending by utilizing the hospital board room for our meetings and education sessions. Our expenses for the year included: supper provided at education sessions, and the hotel room for the AGM in the Halifax.

We look forward to what the next year for ORNANS Cape Breton brings!

Respectfully,

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