

Gamma Chapter Meeting

November 28, 2018

Nathalie called the meeting to order as I was late arriving due to work.

Attendance was taken Present: Melanie Smith, Christine Snider, Dave Zieman, Jennifer Lindsay, Carol Lavallee, David Bobier, Rachiel Landriault, Beth Fraser, Nathalie Legault

Provincial Report:

MDRAO is doing very well financially. The association has a total of \$1,026,003.16 with the combination of its two investment accounts and two bank accounts.

The association's yearly revenue is based on education. This includes the online course, refresher course, and the selling of the manual and workbook.

The association's main expense this year is the translation of the manual and workbook into the French language. The translation is completed and in the final proof reading stages.

There are also ongoing expenses like website management, website hosting, email hosting, online exam management fees and proctor fees.

Our publisher for the manual and the workbook is Brown Book Company Limited. Our store front items (on the web site) also come from Brown Book Company. They receive all of the online orders (education courses, manuals, workbook and other items and ship them out. There is also a monthly cost associated with this.

Education

The online course opened June 2018, the cost for registration is \$661.90, that includes the book and workbook. The course must be completed in 3 months from the registration date. The passing mark is 70% and the exam can be re-written once for a fee of \$200. As of now we have 221 people registered in the online course.

The online refresher course also opened on June 1, 2018. It is opened to anyone that holds a certificate that is dated less than 5 years. The refresher course must be completed within 3 months from the registration date as well. Cost of the online refresher is \$355.00, that includes the book and workbook. The passing mark is 70 % and the exam can be re-written once for a fee of \$200.

As of now we have 40 people registered for the online refresher course.

MDRAO conference update: It will be held at the Marriott Toronto Airport Hotel and Conference Centre September 6th, 7th, and 8th 2019. This year is the 50th Anniversary so the theme is celebration.

Speakers are Dr Michelle Alfa (dirt and biofilm on Endoscopes), Cantel Medical (Risk analysis – identifying gaps in endoscopy), Paul Le Sage (Just Culture). We will also have workshops given by Zimmer, Nanosonics, Cantel and AMT. We will have the usual Vendor Displays as well.

Each chapter will receive a number of free conferences. We are not certain yet of the exact number of free conference each chapter will be getting but we were looking at sending 10 per chapter. This has not been confirmed as of yet.

Our Education, Understanding the Scope of the Problem – Infection Risks relating to Endoscopic Reprocessing and Handling – Derek Ouellet from Cantel was introduced by Nathalie Legault.

Derek gave a very informative talk on infections related to Endoscopy. He let us know there was not data kept until after 2013. He reminded us how difficult they are to clean, the risks involved when skipping steps in the processes, and that some of our current practices don't meet guidelines suggested. In 2018 UTI transmissions could be linked back to no precleaning, no leak test done or not done properly, no detergent flushing, damages scopes still in use, and lastly the scope was only partially submerged during the cleaning process. Some interesting facts he relayed to us are as follows: 1. 2 patients contracted TB from Bronchoscopy. 2. 2/3 sites evaluated acquired infections by being in violation of their own cleaning guidelines. 3. 71% of patient ready scopes tested positive for bacteria. 4. 50 % of scopes tested still had moisture inside of them which caused infection.

Some other interesting facts he pointed out Canadian hospitals note 220,000 infections per year and of these infections 8,000 patients die every year. It costs the hospital \$12,000.00 per MRSA infection each year. Imagine if we didn't have those infections what the hospital could do with that money. He also pointed out that there have been some problems with the reusable buttons coming apart, and that they should be tracked. There was some discussion around this point. It would be very difficult to do this.

Nathalie thanked our speaker for the very informative talk and it was also noted by Beth.

Treasurers Report Carol didn't have the financial statements with her but noted here would be some money coming in from the provincial and that we hadn't spent any money. She noted there would be a fee for maintaining the account.

Beth talked about those members joining the meeting would have their name put in a hat and a draw would take place for them to go to conference next year. You must be a member of the

MDRAO in order to qualify as well. It was also noted for our members to think about what they would like to have for upcoming educations.

Next meeting Reminder:

February 27, 2019 Event # 95842117 Call in # 905-415-6673

The meeting closed with a thank you for everyone attendance. Everyone was wished a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year by Beth on behalf of the entire executive.

Submitted Beth Fraser

President Gamma Chapter