



**Welcome to CACCN's**

**Critical Connections Bulletin!**

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**The CACCN is pleased to bring you this monthly email to keep you informed regarding the latest association news, events, and contests.**

(Please note, there are no links in this edition)

The Board of Directors is extending a hearty **welcome** to all new and renewing CACCN members. We are looking forward to your involvement in the CACCN at the Chapter and National levels.

Please visit our website at [www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca) or feel free to contact [National Office](#), if you have a question or require additional information.



### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Central Region)**

The National Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses would like to advise of the Call for Nominations for the position of Board of Director, to take place at the CACCN Annual General Meeting on September 29, 2008 at 16:30 hrs, Hilton Montreal Bonaventure, Montreal, Quebec.

Nomination forms may be submitted to National Office up to September 19, 2008 via email at [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca), facsimile to 519-649-1458 or via ExpressPost to CACCN, PO Box # 25322, London, ON, N6C 6C1. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the CACCN Annual General Meeting.

Each nominee will be asked to address the membership at the AGM (max. speech – 3 mins). Nomination forms may be found at [www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca) under CACCN NEWS.



## CACCN CHAPTER CONNECTIONS DAY

September 27, 2008 @ 8:00 am - Dynamics of Critical Care, Montreal, PQ

This is a great opportunity for Chapter Presidents, other Executive members and the Board of Directors to discuss the Association's mandate and to set priorities and goals for the coming year !



## CACCN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 29, 2008 @ 1630hrs - Dynamics of Critical Care, Montreal, PQ

Providing opportunity for all CACCN Members to meet with the Board of Directors to discuss the past fiscal year and the current year's objectives.

Members unable to attend the annual general meeting are reminded to send their proxy vote to CACCN National Office by **midnight, Monday, September 22**. The proxy vote form is available in the Dynamics Journal – Fall Edition, through your Chapter President, CACCN National Office and at [www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca) under CACCN NEWS.

**YOUR VOICE COUNTS !  
ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**



## DYNAMICS 2008 - SEPTEMBER 28 to 30, 2008

The conference is less than three weeks away and the Planning Committee has been busy putting the final touches on the many, many details involved with planning a conference of this size. This conference is going to be spectacular !!

### Registration

Due to overwhelming the overwhelming response to this year's conference, we regret to advise registration was **closed** on September 5, 2008 and unfortunately, we are unable to accept any additional delegates.

If you were unable to register for the conference this year, we hope you will plan to attend Dynamics 2009 in Fredericton, NB, as we set sail for the next 25 years of critical care advocacy.

### Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel

The unionized staff at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, has gone on strike. The **Delta Centre-Ville** (across from the Place Bonaventure and the Hilton Bonaventure) has agreed to receive transfer of the re servations of all persons registered under the CACCN room block at the Fairmont QE. The rooms will be offered at the same rate as the Fairmont QE.

The planning committee has made every effort to notify the affected delegates via email. If you

wish to obtain your reservation confirmation from the Delta Centre Ville, please contact the hotel **directly** after September 16 at 514-879-1370. Please do not contact CACCN National Office, as we do not have access to the reservation confirmation numbers.

### **Annual Gala Dinner**

Don't forget to purchase your Annual Gala Dinner tickets. The entertainment provided includes Flair Bartenders making two special Dynamics cocktails for purchase; strolling magicians; comedian Steve Patterson; and the live band, "Blush".

This Gala Dinner to celebrate CACCN's 25th Anniversary is on Monday, September 29 in the Westmount/Outremont B allroom. Cocktails (cash bar) begin at 1800.

Tickets are \$ 65.00 and may be purchased, by faxing the Ticket Purchase Form found under "Delegate Information" on the website to 519-649-1458 with your credit card/expiry date.

Limited tickets may be available at the registration desk in Montreal until 10:00 am on Sunday, September 28, 2008. Don't delay in purchasing your ticket ...you don't want to miss this evening.

Wear something silver and 'glittery'

### **Montreal Bus and Walking Tours**

There are still spaces available for the Montreal bus and walking tours on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 01:00 pm and 04:00 pm. These tours are 2 ½ hours in length and you will enjoy a fully guided excursion of this cosmopolitan city. Don't miss it !

Tickets are \$ 37.00 for the bus tour / \$ 20.00 for the walking tour and may be purchased by faxing the Ticket Purchase Form found under Delegate Information on the website to 519-649-1458 with your credit card/expiry date.

Pre-purchase for the tours is required and the last day to purchase tour tickets will be September 18, 2008. **Tickets will not be on sale in Montreal.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Tour tickets for the first 150 delegates were not included in the conference confirmation package mailed to your home. If you do not have a tour ticket, **please do not worry.** A listing of all delegates for each tour will be provided to the tour operator and you will be included !!



### **SILVER ANNIVERSARY CHAPTER CHALLENGE**

The Silver Anniversary Chapter Challenges ends on September 27, 2008. So far the challenge numbers are very impressive. Thank you to those who have joined CACCN, to those who have renewed their membership and to those members who are busy recruiting their colleagues to join the Association.



## **DYNAMICS – SUMMER JOURNAL**

Be sure to bring the 8th annual “Special Dynamics of Critical Care Issue” of the Journal to the conference, so you are able to refer to the Abstracts during the presentations.

## **DYNAMICS – FALL JOURNAL**

The Dynamics Fall Journal has been issued. This journal is full of interesting articles, we know you will enjoy. Interested in providing a Journal Article? Click here for more information



## **TASK FORCE MEMBERS FOR THE CACCN STANDARDS OF CRITICAL CARE NURSING PRACTICE 4th EDITION**

The current edition (3rd) of the CACCN Standards for Critical Care Nursing Practice is under revision.

Thank you to those who have submitted their names for the committee. National Office will be in touch with you in the coming weeks.

Hard copies of the current edition are no longer available through the website or National Office. Electronic copies are still available via [www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca) under Publications.



## **CACCN WEBSITE PROJECT**

The new website was officially launched on July 2, 2008 with support from our web partner, BizZone. We are very excited and proud of the work completed as the CACCN has a new look.

Stay tuned as new features, such as the Members Only Area are added to the site.

Chapter Executive Members will soon have access to their chapter webpage to update information.

While we are working through this process, National Office is more than happy to assist by uploading information received from the Chapters.

We also welcome your feedback: [website@caccn.ca](mailto:website@caccn.ca) or [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca). Check us out at [www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca).



**CHAPTER QUARTERLY REPORTS - July to September 2008**

Chapter Quarterly Reports from July to September 2008 are due in National Office by September 30, 2008. Please email [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) with the reports as soon after the end of the month as possible. If you have any questions or require assistance with the report template, please feel free to contact National Office.



### **CHAPTER NEWS**

Manitoba Chapter has recently updated their webpage. Check out the new information at [www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca).

If you have information to share about your Chapter – be sure to let National Office know.



### **JOB LINKS**



### **ARE YOU PROMOTING YOUR HOSPITAL TO CRITICAL CARE NURSES ACROSS CANADA?**

Dynamics 2008 ramped into high gear, we have had lots of traffic to our website. We expect additional visits after the conference, as members and interested parties view the session notes provided. This is the perfect time to highlight your hospital or health centre. Share this link opportunity with the HR/Recruiting team at your facility. JOB LINKS provides a great one-stop forum for current critical care nursing opportunities.



### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

**We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.**

~Winston Churchill



**SPREAD THE WORD OF CACCN**

Please share this e-mail newsletter with your peers and interested colleagues.

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