



The Canadian Board of Examiners for Biomedical Engineering and Dialysis Technologists and Technicians



Le Jury Canadien D'Accréditation en Génie Biomédical et Dialyse Pour Les Technologues et Les Techniciens

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Dear Members,

The Board has had another successful year with continued interest in certification. Three individuals were recommended to the ICC for certification in 2010. This included the very first certified individual from the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Interest in certification continues to grow as several applicants have been approved to write the examination, or are in the applicant review process. Two individuals have been recommended for certification in 2011 already.

I represented The Board at the 2010 ICC annual meeting in Tampa, Florida. A verbal report from The Board was presented to the ICC committee membership. The report included the changes that have taken place between the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT) and a number of provincial certification associations, which related to requirements for national accreditation and certification. It is noted that this change will not impact the pre-requisite of provincial certification for eligibility to write the Canadian certification examination. The ICC has also changed its relationship with AAMI. The new relationship will not have any impact on The Board's relationship with the ICC. It will, however, protect the AAMI Foundation entity with which the ICC was formally associated.

The Board continues to encourage nominations from CBET(C)/cdt members to fill vacancies on the Board. A request for nominations was sent out with the annual dues notice and a limited number of nominations have been put forward. The Board requires your support to develop/refresh examination questions and to develop a continuing practise journal. If you know of a certified colleague who you believe would be a good candidate for membership on The Board, we look forward to receiving your nomination.

I would like to welcome Larry Boyce back to The Board. As a founding member of The Board and the Educational Advisor for many years, he accepted his nomination as the Co-Chair, Biomedical Engineering of The Board representing the CBET(C) certification program. Larry's history with The Board and his commitment to certification, will further advance our profession in the Canadian health care system.

As I am now stepping down from my position on The Board, I would like to thank everyone for the privilege granted to me of being the Board Chair and more recently the Co-Chair, Biomedical Engineering for The Canadian Board of Examiners, over the past six years. The Board is in good standing financially, has developed a certification program that is aligned with NOCA standards, has satisfied the new ICC requirements for certification and has expanded certification to include a dialysis stream. I look forward to continuing to support The Board in other capacities.

With the number of new applicants and individuals pending to write the exam, this could be the best year for the Canadian certification program. I would encourage each of you to support and encourage new applicants to achieve certification and the professional recognition that it provides.

Stay proud of your profession!

Respectfully submitted.

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