

LABORATORY



Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists

Call us: 306 352 6791 or Toll Free: 1.877.334.3301

Mailing address-Box 3837 Regina, SK S4P 3R8

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Message from President & Executive Director **2**

Scholarships, CPE opportunities, Council Highlights **3**

How to navigate Member Portal **4**
Call for Nominations

What's new **5**
Notices

SSMLT council would like to acknowledge the hard work and challenges that MLTs have faced in the past year.

SSMLT 2021 Priorities:

Public Awareness Campaign– MLTs have education requirements , must be certified and are regulated by SSMLT. During NMLW, SSMLT council elected to facilitate a digital billboard campaign, to bring awareness to the profession and notify the public that MLTs are a regulated profession.

Digital billboards will be running in several locations across the province during National Medical Laboratory Week– April 11-17.



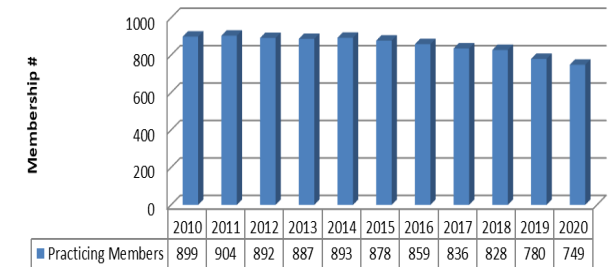
Member Continuing Professional Education Opportunities

SSMLT will be facilitating a series of Webinar in the fall that will be eligible for Category 1 CPE credits. In addition, SSMLT will continue to advertise education opportunities facilitated by others that qualify for Category 1 CPE. These items will be listed on the SSMLT homepage under Upcoming Events.

MLT Shortage– update

The SSMLT practicing membership has had a steady decline over the last 5 years. SSMLT will be sending this data to MLT stakeholders to open a dialogue for discussion on how to mitigate this challenge.

Comparison- Practicing MLTs



Current Practicing Membership age data indicates that 325 (43.5%) of members are age 50+ and 83 (11.1%) are age 60+. The ongoing decline in practicing members is a concern. Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) reports the mean age of retirement for public sector is 62 years. Using this information, it estimated that approximately 160 practicing MLTs will retire in the next 5 years. SSMLT will continue these discussions within our mandate of public protection.

MLT Age Data	2014	2017	2020
20 - 29	41	122	90
30 - 39	126	154	188
40 - 49	365	164	146
50 - 59	286	296	242
60 - 69	66	96	81
70+	14	3	2
Total	898	835	749

Jurisprudence module

Many members are not fully aware of the SSMLT mandate and the obligation of its members. SSMLT will develop an education module outlining SSMLT regulatory responsibilities, legislation, bylaws and policies that apply to new members. Once complete, this education module and quiz will be a requirement for registration of new members.

Message from:

SSMLT President & Executive Director:

Sherri Sandin & Kim Deydey



2020 WHEATLAND BOUNTY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Queen's University Infection Prevention and Control Course

I am honored to be selected as the recipient of the Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologist (SSMLT) Wheatland Bounty Professional Development Scholarship. As a Medical Laboratory Technologist I'm always looking for ways to expand my knowledge, learn new concepts and skills to develop professionally and adapt to changes in the workplace.

Infection Prevention and Control has always been of great interest to me. What better time to be a part of an Infection Prevention & Control Course than in the middle of a Pandemic! The course consisted of a variety of modules: Principles of Adult Learning and Evidence-based Medicine and Literature Searching, Clinical Microbiology, Routine Practices and Additional Precautions, Disinfection, Sterilization and Construction, Employee and Occupational Health, Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation, Public Health, Management and Communication in Infection Prevention and Control. The Infection Prevention and Control course was designed with structured learning activities that included: assigned readings, self-directed research, case studies, quizzes, individual and group assignments.

My objective for taking the course was to be introduced to the practice of Infection Prevention and Control. I was able to increase my knowledge and skills in managing the prevention and control of infections and disease.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the SSMLT for awarding me the Wheatland Bounty Professional Development Scholarship. - Pamela Jesky -

Upcoming CPE Events

SSMLT advertises CPE events on the website homepage. All events advertised are approved for SSMLT CPE credits

April 20: Alternatives to Blood (1 hours Webinar) - [information](#)

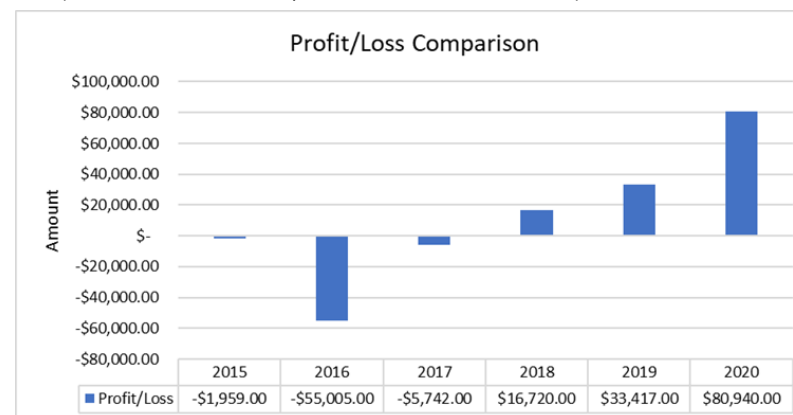
May 12 & 13: Choosing Wisely Canada Virtual Conference— [information](#)

SSMLT Council meeting—January 16th Highlights

- Approved Minutes of the November 2020 Council meeting
- Received the monitoring reports from committees:
- Received the Registration Report
- Received & Approved the Financial Report

5—year Profit-Loss Comparison

(Note:2020 decrease in expenses due to travel restrictions)



- Approved Council Governance Manual
- New Council Orientation

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

How to Navigate the Member Portal!

Go to the Website www.ssmlt.org/ select Resource tab

Member Section— includes

- ◆ Licensing & Renewals
- ◆ CPE Opportunities
- ◆ Approved ECG courses
- ◆ Practice Guidelines
- ◆ Member Services— *member access only—login required*
 - * Member Emails
 - * Name change request
 - * CPE Opportunities
 - * Scholarships
 - * Regulatory links
- ◆ FAQs — selection of frequently asked questions & responses

Other sections include:

- ◆ Events
- ◆ Publications/Communication
 - * Annual Report— most recent years
 - * Newsletters— most recent years
 - * Position Statements
- ◆ Member Directory
- ◆ Job Postings

Nominations— Open

SSMLT is accepting Nominations for:

Vice-President—3-year term with progression to President

Council members —3 year term (2 vacancies)

The Council invites engaged, motivated MLTs to run for Council election. Professional Council members help shape the future of healthcare in Saskatchewan.

Time Commitment:

- 4 meetings a year. Meetings are virtual or live.

Assignment to an additional internal or external committee (1-2 meetings/year)

SSMLT provides council/board training as well as reimbursement for expenses.

The SSMLT [Governance Manual](#) provide an overview of duties and responsibilities.

Benefits & Outcomes

- Opportunity to develop and expand leadership & communication skills
- Provides experience working with MLTs from other locations or practice areas
- Satisfaction in working with an energetic, committed team
- Opportunity to collaborate with other MLTs and/or other Healthcare professionals
- Governance training and education provided
- Expenses are reimbursed

Interested in the opportunity? email SSMLT at: info@ssmlt.org

Please use subject line "nomination"

Or: submit the [nomination form](#)

We will be pleased to answer your questions or provide you with the nomination form.

Nominations deadline extended to April 30, 2021.

What's New

Coming Soon

SSMLT 2021 Fall Webinar Series

SSMLT will be facilitating a Webinar series in Fall 2021.

These webinars will be provided at no charge. They will be eligible for Category 1 CPE credits.

Do you have topic or presenter ideas?

Send them to SSMLT office: info@ssmlt.org

Save The Date

2022 Fall Conference

September 22-24

Saskatoon Western Development Museum

Accommodations– Sandman Signature South

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

NMLW April 11-17

This National Medical Laboratory Week, we're encouraging Canadians to take a closer look at what medical laboratory professionals do. Let's celebrate all you do and tell Canada about your crucial role in patient care.—source CSMLS Website

CSMLS information and toolkit—[here](#)



**SSMLT Welcomes:
2021 Council members**

Donna Stadnyk

Doug Margach

We thank you for your service



OFFICE CLOSURE

APRIL 2 & 5, 2021

Emails will be responded to
within 3 business days

Email: info@ssmlt.org