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SSMLT Council Update

SSMLT council holds at least four (4) meetings each year. To date council meetings were held January 16, 2021 and June 2, 2021, with upcoming meetings in September and November (dates to be determined). During COVID all meetings have been virtual, however, typically two (2) meetings would be live and two (2) meeting would be virtual. Between meetings, should business matters need to be addressed, this is done electronically.

Each year SSMLT sets our priorities for the year.

2021 priorities include:

- ⇒ Collaboration with other organizations/professions
- ⇒ Council orientation/education
- ⇒ Regulation advancement
- ⇒ Council/office operations

Collaboration:

Message from:

Director:

SSMLT President & Executive

Sherri Sandin & Kim Deydey

SSMLT is a member of Network of Interprofessional Regulatory Organizations (NIRO) http://www.nirosask.ca. This group consists of 27 regulated health professions that are self-regulated in Sask. NIRO provides a venue to exchange ideas and common challenges or concerns, while also providing a mechanism to consult with the ministry on common items.

SSMLT is a member of Canadian Alliance of Medical Laboratory Professionals Regulators (CAMLPR). This group meets to discuss regulatory issues for MLTs such as registration requirements and certification requirements. CAMLPR has obtained a grant to develop a single website/portal and standard processes for International MLTs seeking certification and licensure in Canada.

Council Orientation/Education:

SSMLT developed a Governance manual as a guide for council members. The manual outlines the obligations of SSMLT, the Council and the SSMLT office

NIRO will be facilitating a virtual Council Governance training day that is scheduled for fall 2021. New SSMLT council members will be provided the opportunity for this training to assist them in their roll on SSMLT council.

Regulation advancement:

The MLT Act, bylaws and polices guide the regulation of MLTs in Saskatchewan. Each of these are reviewed continually with updates or new policies developed when necessary. All of these documents are available for SSMLT members and the public to review. See <u>legislation tab</u> on the SSMLT website.

In 2021, SSMLT council implemented a new policy:

⇒ 1.13 Working without a Valid SSMLT licence

This policy outlines the process that will be followed should a person be working as a MLT without a licence. SSMLT conducted an environmental scan of other regulators to develop this standard policy.

SSMLT is developing a jurisprudence module that will be required by new applicants. Estimated completion January 2022. This module will be available to members also.

Council/office operations:

Like all businesses, COVID required the SSMLT office and council to conduct business in a different way. SSMLT moved all meetings to be virtual, no travel was conducted, and remote access was required to ensure business continuity.

COVID also resulted in worldwide security concerns. As a result, SSMLT has invested in several security measures to mitigate potential security challenges. This is something that will be an ongoing priority and will require continued investment.

SSMLT office in now open, however, we ask that you make an appointment prior to a visit to ensure staff is available.

Phone: (306)352.6791 or email: info@ssmlt.org

the SSMLT office. Phone: (306)352.6

Member Email Communication

Email



SSMLTs primary method for communication is email. Bulk email may continue to go to junk folder despite SSMLT office adjusting settings as recommended.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> To ensure you receive SSMLT emails in your inbox, you may need to whitelist the SSMLT domain. See instructions for various email platforms.

Sasktel-users

- 1. Login to Sasktel webmail.
- 2. Select the gear on the lower right hand side.
- 3. From the list displayed, select spam.
- 4. A new page will appear.

Select the + sign under trusted senders: and enter 'ssmlt.org'

- 5. Make sure that sure there is a check mark beside 'trusted senders bypass inbound email authentication checks'
- 6. Select save button on the upper right hand side.

Gmail -users

- 1. Select gear on top right hand side
- 2. Select 'See all settings' button
- 3. Select 'Filter and Blocked addresses' tab
- 4. Select 'create a new filter'
- 5. In 'From' box type '@ssmlt.org'
- 6. Select, 'create filter'
- 7. Select, 'never send it to Spam'
- 8. Select 'create filter'

Yahoo- users

If you receive an email from SSMLT in spam, all you have to do is highlight that message in the Bulk folder and mark it as Not Spam.

If you do not have a message in your email:

- 1. Open your Yahoo mailbox.
- 2. Click the address book icon under the Yahoo! Mail logo. When you roll your mouse over it, it will say Contacts.
- 3. Click "New Contact".
- 4. Fill in the fields of your Contact.
- 5. Click Save.

Mail from this sender should now be delivered to your Inbox.

Hotmail -users

- 1. Open your mailbox and click "Options" (upper right-hand corner).
- 2. Click the "Junk E-Mail Protection" link.
- 3. Select the "Safe List" link.
- 4. Type '@ssmlt.org' into the dialogue box titled "Type an address or domain".
- 5. Click the "Add" button next to the dialogue box.



Member Communication & CPE Opportunities

NEW SMS/Text Message

SSMLT will send important notices only via text message. To receive text messages, you need to add 'Mobile Phone Number' to your member profile.

Want to receive important text messages?

- ⇒ Login to member portal
- ⇒ Enter mobile phone number to your profile.
- ⇒ If you only have a mobile/cell phone, enter the same phone number into both primary and mobile phone number section.

Internal Member Messages

All important emails are also sent as a 'message' to members in their member portal.

To view these messages:

- ⇒ login to member portal
- ⇒ under 'My messages',
- ⇒ select -click here to view your messages

CPE - Indigenous Canada Free Course

The SSMLT office has been working diligently to review issues of social injustice, specifically the history of Canadian Residential Schools and the various calls to action as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Report. The report contains specific calls to action regarding the Education and Health Care of Indigenous Peoples.

Indigenous Canada has developed a FREE course that explores Indigenous histories and contemporary issues in Canada. The course includes 12 lessons to begin the journey of understanding and healing.

This course qualifies for 21 hours Category 1 CPE. Click here to register: Indigenous Canada | Coursera



CPE Opportunities

SSMLT has curated several webinars and presentations. These items are eligible for Category 1 CPE. For a complete list see SSMLT website homepage/ Events 'View List'

Memorial Scholarship

Judy Hoff Memorial Scholarship

- From the Scholarship Organizing Team-

We were saddened the learn of the sudden passing of a dear friend and colleague, Judy Hoff. Judy touched many lives in a profound way; we are enriched for having had the opportunity to work with and get to know such a lovely person. Judy had a unique talent of engaging with others anywhere she went.

To honour the memory of Judy, we are creating a memorial scholarship for a Saskatchewan Medical Laboratory Technologist to advance or enhance their training, hopefully in the area of Transfusion Medicine.

Judy was committed to ongoing training and worked tirelessly throughout her career to enhance the knowledge and processes to improve patient care in Regina, Saskatchewan, and Canada. Judy's commitment to patient care was integral to her being - as much as her love for her dear family and many friends across the country.

Judy's contributions to Transfusion Medicine are well recognized both in Saskatchewan and Nationally. In 2012 Judy was awarded the Ortho Award from the Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine. She was also part of the team to receive the Saskatchewan Premier's Award in 2012 for the process improvements implemented in Saskatchewan. She was instrumental in the introduction of blood banking for Saskatchewan Air Ambulance and STARS, a national first.

She was an active member of the Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine (CSTM), the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS) and the Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists (SSMLT).

With the consent and support of Judy's family, fundraising for the memorial scholarship will be conducted through a "GoFundMe" donation process. The scholarship will be dispersed via the Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists (SSMLT). The fund organizers thank the SSMLT for agreeing to disperse this memorial scholarship. Anyone wishing to donate to this scholarship to recognize her lifetime commitment to patient care. **To Donate Click Here**



Life Well Lived

A life well lived is a precious gift,

Of hope and strength and grace,

From someone who has made our world,

A brighter, better place.

A life well lived is a legacy,

Of joy and pride and pleasure,

A living, lasting memory,

Our grateful hearts will treasure.

~Author unknown~



What's New

Free

SSMLT 2021 Fall Webinar Series

These webinars are facilitated by SSMLT at no charge to members. The webinars, dates, and registration information is available on the <u>SSMLT homepage/events</u>

You must pre-register at least 48 hours prior to event

⇒ Wednesday September 8 @ 12 noon-1pm

Multiple Myeloma and related diseases- Freelite technology

<u>Presenter:</u> Frank Courjal <u>Sponsored by:</u> Binding Site

⇒ Wednesday September 22 @ 12 noon −1 pm

A Bridge to Improved Care - Sepsis, Monocyte Distribution Width (MDW) and Case Study Outcomes

<u>Presenter:</u> Joe Bottos <u>Sponsored by:</u> Beckman Coulter

⇒ Saturday September 25 @ 9-10 am

Mental Health in the Workplace

<u>Presenter:</u> Janelle Jackiw <u>Sponsored by:</u> SSMLT

2022 Licence Renewal

SSMLT online renewal will open on October 1, 2021.

In preparation for 2022 licence renewal:

- ⇒ Login to member portal and ensure contact information is current.
- ⇒ Enter all CPE and Practice Hours

SSMLT 2021 AGM

SSMLT is conducting a virtual AGM via zoom again this year.

When: September 25, 2021 at 1015 hours. (Estimated length 45minutes)

Where: Virtual via zoom

AGM package will be circulated to all members in early September.

You must <u>pre-register</u> to receive the link to attend. Persons attending the keynote address can remain logged in.

Volunteers Needed

2022 SSMLT committees:

SSMLT has several committees that require member participation. Most committees require minimal time commitment but they are a great way to be involved, collaborate with peers and understand self-regulation.

- ⇒ Professional Practices committee
- ⇒ Counselling & Investigation committee
- ⇒ Discipline committee

Interested or want more information?

Call (306)352-6791 or email: info@ssmlt.org



OFFICE VISITS

SSMLT office visits are currently by appointment only. Call 306-352-6791 or