

2024

## January News



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## What is new in 2024

### SSMLT Operational Changes

Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists (SSMLT) continues to meet its regulatory mandate to serve the public interest. SSMLT office has consulted other regulatory bodies in SK and across Canada as well as legal counsel to determine implications of *section 3.1 in the MLT Act* and practices in other regulatory bodies. See- [Section 3.1 of the MLT Act](#).

The SSMLT has determined it will divest itself of any advocacy ('association') or non-regulatory service. SSMLT will not any business that may be seen as association related or have a connection to or an affiliation with a professional association. Changes include:

- Discontinuance of joint fee collection with CSMLS
  - Effective 2025 renewal - SSMLT will not collect fees on behalf of CSMLS. We recognize the convenience of this process.
- Live events or social activities
  - Effective 2024, SSMLT will not host event/social activities. This includes the fall conference or similar events.

### What does this mean for you?

- 2025 Renewal

SSMLT will work with IT and CSMLS to determine how best to proceed. We will continue to update you.
- Continuing competency (education) access

SSMLT will identify options that promote inter-professional collaboration, regulatory requirements, continuing competence, or advances in technology. Our goal is to provide access to free on-demand options that can be accessed from anywhere. Stay tuned for further information expected March 2024.

### Bylaw update

SSMLT continues to update bylaws and policies impacted by MLT Act revisions and the new Labour Mobility and Fair Registration Act.

#### 1. SSMLT Administrative Bylaws- [approved](#)

##### Key takeaways:

- Terminology changes from President and Vice-President to Chair and Vice-Chair consistent with regulatory function. (section 2-definitions)
- Directors and officers' insurance included in the bylaws to ensure ongoing policy coverage. (section 9)
- Council will appoint a member of council as chair and vice-chair annually. (section 10(2))
- Term of office limited to two consecutive terms (section 11(2))
- Eligibility for appointment to council and clarification who is not eligible for council (section 14(2))
- Nomination committee removed as it is not required for selection process.
- Fees – no fee changes. Addition of service fees section (Section 26(6)). Service fees have been collected but were not in previous bylaws.

## 2. SSMLT Regulatory Bylaws -[pending approval by ministry](#)

### Key takeaways:

- o Addition to definitions to identify individual fields of practice.
- o Categories of membership removes honorary.
- o Consolidation of all licence renewal requirements together.
- o Addition of independent practice section.
- o Resignation options added to include provisions in *the Act*.
- o Counselling and investigation and discipline committee sections, revised to capture changes in *the Act*

## Education funds – opportunities available

SSMLT manages three education funds. Funds are distributed for activities that promote safe, ethical, and competent practice. Practicing member can apply for:

- Wheatland bounty – [terms of reference](#)
- Lori Dianna Cooper – [terms of reference](#)  
[Application for funds](#)
- Judy Hoff Memorial fund-[terms of reference](#)  
[Application for funds](#)

NOTE: CSTM is in Saskatoon [May 23-26, 2024](#) and may be considered.

## Category 1 CPE – Approved event

**CSTM Virtual Education Day** – Heart Edition- February 14, 2024

- Hours of Category 1 credits
- Fee- No Charge
- See details and registration information - [here](#)

## 2025 Council or Committee Expressions of Interest

The SSMLT is responsible for overseeing the regulation of the MLT profession and setting the organization's strategic direction. The SSMLT Council and committee Members serves the public interest and can not advocate for the MLT profession.

**The SSMLT council** is responsible to ensure that Saskatchewan's ~800 MLTs are regulated in a way that serves and protects the public.

**The SSMLT committees** are responsible for specific tasks, recommendations, or decisions to uphold the regulatory mandate. The SSMLT has three (3) committees:

- Counselling and investigation committee
- Discipline committee
- Professional Practices committee

**Term of office for council and committees is three (3) years.**

If you are committed to serving the public interest and supporting safe and ethical health care delivery, consider serving on SSMLT council or a committee.

- See - [Council Governance Manual](#) for details on council and committee duties
- Submit your '[Expression of Interest](#)'