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CANADIAN SOCIETY OF OCCUPATIONAL SCIENTISTS
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LA SCIENCE DE L'OCCUPATION

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Update letter from the President CSOS

April 2022 marks a time of renewal for CSOS. This spring CSOS began begun steps to envision a new way forward. Under the leadership of the Past President Catherine Vallee, stakeholders across Canada were invited to provide input on the future of CSOS. A working group of stakeholders overwhelming supported the invigoration of CSOS with some key short term and long term directions (see document "Summary of planning meetings")

Our goal is to grow as a scientific community, and we need you and welcome your participation with CSOS. CSOS student members are free. For student and general memberships please register <https://www.csoscanada.org/membership/> and be part of the future. If you are interested in being a board member contact us at info@csoscanada.org

We urgently in need of at least 2 more board members and also welcome members who may engage in time limited short-term activities of CSOS (e.g. reviewing student award applications and Townsend Polatajko Lecturer nominations, discussion series leads)

Key Initiatives and activities your board is actively working on.

1. Nomination and appointment of Lynn Shaw as President of CSOS Board of Directors (Dalhousie University), Émilie St-Arnaud-Trempe (University of Ottawa) board member and volunteer administrative and membership director, Atul Jaiswal (University of Montreal) board member supporting social media, and Dorothy Kessler (Queens University), Treasurer staying for one more year. Melissa Park (McGill University) is a member of CSOS and is supporting the transition of documentation and website administration and updates.
2. Approval of a budget for 2022-2023.
3. Sponsorship for the WOSC conference in August 2022.
4. Approval of call for 2022 Student Award for WOSC Conference (Info to be posted May 15th)
5. Approval of call for the 2023 Townsend Polatajko lectureship (Info to be posted January 7th 2023).
6. Approval of a *new* CSOS student lead mini-series starting Fall of 2022.
7. Planning underway for future Virtual Discussion Series, Occupational Science Virtual Cafés and strategic planning.

We are looking forward to working together with you to build commitment and growth in our occupational science community, for students, researchers, and members.

Please join us in our upcoming events.

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