

COUNTRY REPORT

St. VINCENT and the GRENADINES

The life of the current executive began on January 31st 2011 with the election of officers to serve for the year 2011 – 2012.

The following were elected:

Executive committee 2011 – 2012

- President – Steve Millington
- Vice president – Tyrone Jack
- Secretary – Colette Bonadie
- Treasurer Assistant Secretary – Dian Miller

Committee members

- Fiona Dennie – Pierre
- Philea Watson – Haynes

The executive for the 2010 – 2011 year was,

Executive committee 2011 – 2012

- President – Steve Millington
- Vice president – Levi Walker
- Secretary – Jennifer Brathwaite
- Treasurer Assistant Secretary – Dian Miller

Committee members

- Tyrone Jack
- Shantel Richards

The past year has been one of mixed fortunes for the association. We were able to accomplish some of our goals and objectives. We had our challenges but despite these we made it through.

Goals of the Association

At the beginning of the year the association set some goals and objectives that we felt would improve its functioning and enhance the association. The following were selected mainly because there was some dormancy in the association.

- Review the constitution
- Resurrect the CE program
- Improve the financial base of the association
- Rekindle interest in the association

To assist in the functioning of the association three committees were established

- Education
- Constitution
- Finance

The programs started by these three committees were adopted by the 2011 - 2012 Executive with the addition of a fourth committee, the outreach committee. Each committee is chaired by an executive member.

Outreach /Membership

Membership attendance at meetings leaves much to be desired and members are reluctant to take an active role and participate. It is laudable to have plans but without the support of members these plans cannot see fruition.

We had our first social activity which took the form of a family picnic at Rawacou on 31st July, from all reports members enjoyed the socialization. We do hope this and subsequent activities would act as a stimulus to members.

Constitution review

After a series of meetings a new draft constitution was developed which we hope will improve the operation and functioning of the association. The by-laws are also completed and circulated to all members. An extra-ordinary meeting to discuss this new draft is set for September

Continuing Education (CE)

The education committee worked with the executive to achieve its goal in this area (the executive settled for the minimum of two CE sessions for the year, it was our hope to get up to four sessions)

Two sessions were held in conjunction with other organizations, (1) with the pharmacy and therapeutic committee (PTC), which reviewed and discussed a study on antibiotic use at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital (MCMH) and (2) in conjunction with the Caribbean association of Pharmacist (CAP), during its executive meeting and leadership summit held from 26th to 28th November 2010, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG).

Finance

This area has always been a sore point which requires an urgent injection. Financing of programs is always difficult. The committee is working to put a sustainable program in place that would enhance the financial base of the association.

Caribbean association of Pharmacist (CAP) Executive meeting

We hosted the CAP executive as they held their executive meeting and leadership summit in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) from 26th to 28th November 2010. The association came in for high praises from all participants for its organization of this executive meeting and summit.

Conclusion

It is with the perseverance of committed members and assistance from our partners we can soldier on in our quest to fulfil our vision for Pharmacy in SVG, to attain excellence in the provision of all aspects of pharmacy practice. We have made some accomplishment over the past year but we could have done more. We hope not to become complacent but strive to maximise our potential over the coming years to raise the level of our profession to new heights. We cannot afford to be left behind.

We would like to thank the president and members of CAP for the support throughout the past year and look forward to that continued support in the coming year.

Let us endeavour to continue the work we started.

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Steve Millington
President