



*Eastern Canada Division*

# ECD e-Chatter

*April 2012 issue*



## ***From President Shelley Morton***

It is hard to believe winter is over and spring has arrived. This season brings new beginnings - animals come out of hibernation, the first signs of budding flowers are out of the ground, people are milling around and enjoying the nice weather.

The same can ring true within IAAP. Spring brings forth the call for nominations for officers and committee chairs/members both at the Division and Chapter levels. New blood is always a welcome sight. These individuals bring new ideas and new perspectives. It is important for Chapters and Divisions to have new ideas and objectives – it keeps the membership enthusiastic and attending meetings.

After only three months of becoming a member of the Moncton Chapter, I was approached to take on an Executive position with the Chapter. The role was editor of the monthly newsletter. My next step was a chapter officer – believe it or not, I took on the Treasurer's position – I HATE finances; but, I survived. I eventually took on the role of President of the Moncton Chapter - twice. I thought to myself that was as far as I planned to go within the Association. However, a few years later, I was asked to become secretary of ECD...I accepted and the rest is history. Each of these roles has provided me with leadership skills that I could receive from my job at the time. These roles have allowed me to grow within myself, the organization and it has even spilled out to my 'real' job. My involvement with IAAP has provided me with many opportunities for growth at work, and my employers have noticed my new take charge attitude.

Will I go on to International? One never knows. At this point in my life – it is a flat no. However, the most important lesson I have learned from my experiences with IAAP has been, *never say never*. So I invite all of you to take on a role within your chapter's executive, become a chapter or division officer...what do you have to lose? Try it - you may like it.

To quote Gayle Johnson, Past President of East Coast Admins ***“If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got.”***

Shelley ☺

## ***Chapter Updates:***

### ***Moncton (Ruth Ross)***

Plans are well underway for the Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event being planned for May 11 at the Hampton Inn on Mapleton Road. The Chapter is having good attendance at membership meetings from their students. Their APD event is planned for Friday, April 27 at the Crowne Plaza. We had 2 new members join in March.

### ***Evangeline (Bonnie Smith)***

Evangeline chapter are holding their APD event on Friday, April 27 at the Old Orchard Inn. They had one new member join in March.

### ***Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter (Anita Ross)***

Halifax chapter are busy planning their APD event to be held on Friday, April 27. They have also had an increase in their membership and are receiving good attendance at their membership meetings. This Chapter celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in March.

### ***East Coast Admins (Shelley Morton)***

East Coast Admins are planning their APD event to be held Wednesday, April 25.

### **Members-at-Large (C. Osborne)**

Nothing to report

## ***Certification News:***

- \* Halifax/Dartmouth Chapter have 3 or 4 members writing their exams this May.

## ***Membership:***

- \* ECD has a total of 203 members as of March 30, 2012.

## ***By-Laws & Standing Rules:***

- \* No proposed Bylaw Amendments for 2011-2012 have been submitted as of the cutoff date of March 31, 2012.

## ***ECD Nominations Committee: (Corina Osborne, CAP-OM)***

- \* Corina has sent her Nominations Report out and we have nominations for Secretary, Treasurer and President Elect. Two nominations were received for President-Elect; therefore, an election will need to take place at our AGM. All other nominations may be made from the floor at our ECD Annual meeting to take place on Saturday, June 9 at CDC in Kitchener.

## ***New Business:***

- \* ECD Executive Board has voted to send Anita Ross as Delegate and Bonnie Smith, CAP-OM as Alternate to EFAM in Texas.
- \* Chapter reports are due to Grand River Chapter by April 30 so Chapter Presidents are asked to submit their reports to Ruth Ross by April 20. ECD officers and chairs are also required to submit reports.
- \* Volunteers are needed to act as Pages, tellers, etc. at our AGM at CDC in Kitchener. Please contact President Morton if you are able to help out.

## ***Important Dates:***

- \* April 22-28, 2012 — [Administrative Professionals Week](#)
  - \* May 5, 2012 — [CAP and OM exams](#)
  - \* June 6-9, 2012 – [CDC](#) Kitchener, Ontario
  - \* July 22-26, 2012 — [EFAM](#) - Grapevine, Texas
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