

Spring has arrived in the Maritimes; we were very fortunate in New Brunswick this year as the mother nature was in our favour and flooding was kept to a minimum.

The 2021 "Fall Education Sessions" that were scheduled for Truro, NS in November 2021 unfortunately had to be postponed due to COVID

As you know the 2022 CHES Maritime Chapter Conference is virtual May 2-3 but this will not stop the exceptional education sessions that the CHES Maritime executive chapter will deliver. The theme for this year's conference will be "Overcoming Today's Healthcare Challenges" and will be free to all CHES members. Yes, that is correct Free...

Current events, such as the pandemic and climate change, has added even more demand to already stressed facilities support groups. The public depend on us to ensure healthcare infrastructure is strong, flexible, robust, and safe. Being aware of mitigation strategies posed by changing risks is essential to the resilience of healthcare facilities. This conference will discuss standards, procedures, processes, and the challenges faced by healthcare facilities and how to develop positive outcomes.

The Conference will start Monday morning with lively keynote speaker Bill Carr. Bill's unique blend of humour and insight inspires laughter, consideration and will ensure delegates are motivated. There are scheduled educational sessions on Monday and Tuesday with the Chapter's Annual General Business Meeting on Tuesday 10 am.

Although the virtual conference does not allow for networking with colleagues or discussing new technologies with vendors on the trade show floor, we are confident that you will be able to take away some valuable tools and tips to help you provide the very best in care for the people we serve.

And as always, one of the regular Maritime CHES members in attendance will win a trip to the next National conference. This year, CHES will be hosting the International Federation of Healthcare Engineers (IHFE) in Toronto September 17-21. This will be an exciting event with speakers from around the globe. Check out the details at: 2022 IFHE/CHES Conference - CHES

The Maritime Conference program and registration are up on the website. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunities and look forward to your participation.

It is election time again; this May at our annual virtual conference AGM the call for nominations closed on March 1st for the positions below for Maritime Chapter Executive for the period June 2022 to June 2024.

Positions available for nomination:

- Executive Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice Chair Nova Scotia
- Vice Chair New Brunswick
- Vice Chair Prince Edward Island

The chapter is able to balance the books while offering several financial incentives and to its members in the way of student bursaries, contribution to CCHFM exam fees, webinars, Fall Education Day and other membership benefits.

Respectfully submitted

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