

# APCCC Communicator

## Greetings!

Greetings to all readers of this, the first edition of the Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium's newsletter – APCCC Communicator.

This newsletter's goal is to inform readers about the Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium (APCCC), its mandate, its goals and its achievements. Through its publications, it will strive to highlight the significant achievements of its member institutions as they continue to support the social and economic growth of the Atlantic region through the provision of high quality post-secondary programs and services.

Your input into improving this publication will be appreciated. Please email any comments or suggested items for inclusion to Cyril Farrell, Executive Director, APCCC at [cyril.farrell@cna.nl.ca](mailto:cyril.farrell@cna.nl.ca)

## Introducing APCCC

The Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium (APCCC) is an interprovincial mechanism promoting and supporting the strategic development of regional collaboration, coordination, and sharing of resources among the Atlantic community colleges. This consortium, which reports annually on its activities to the Council of Atlantic Premiers, is officially recognized through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by

the provincial ministers responsible for community colleges and the presidents of the community colleges in New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

APCCC partners consist of the Department of Training and Development of the Province of New Brunswick, Department of Education of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Education of the province of Nova Scotia, Department of Education of the province of Prince Edward Island and the New Brunswick Community College, College of the North Atlantic, Nova Scotia Community College and Holland College.

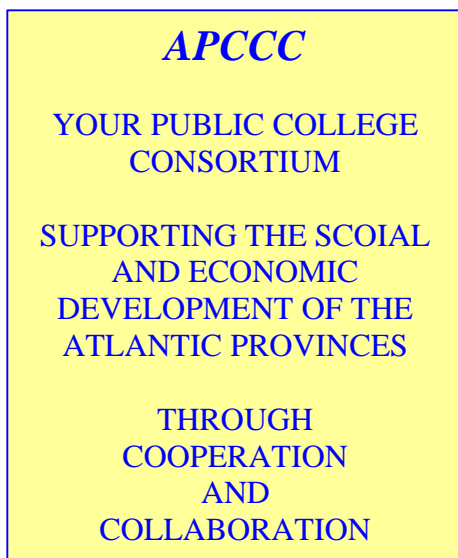


*Formalizing APCCC: Michel Thériault, Pamela Walsh, Jeanette MacAulay, Raymond Ivany.*

The Consortium is governed by a board which consists of the presidents and/or designates from the community colleges and the assistant deputy ministers and/or

designates from the departments responsible. The Chair of the Board rotates annually from among the college presidents/CEO's. It normally meets three times per year to deal with the administration, management and general direction of the affairs of the consortium.

The Consortium is staffed by an Executive Director whose role is to advance the agenda of the board on a day-to-day basis. The Executive Director is recruited from the member institutions and is appointed on a secondment basis for a three-year renewable term.



## The APCCC Board

### The APCCC Board for 2004 - 2005

COLLEGE/ PROVINCE	NAME
New Brunswick	<b>Michel Thériault (Chair)</b>
New Brunswick Community College	<b>Richard Corey</b>
Collège Communautaire du Nouveau- Brunswick	<b>Maurice Roy</b>
College of the North Atlantic	<b>Pam Walsh</b>
College of the North Atlantic	<b>Brian Tobin</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	<b>Rachelle Cochrane</b>
Nova Scotia Community College	<b>Ray Ivany</b>
Nova Scotia Community College	<b>Pamela Reid</b>
Nova Scotia	<b>Wayne Doggett</b>
Holland College	<b>Jeanette MacAulay</b>
Holland College	<b>Brian McMillan</b>
Prince Edward Island	<b>Mike Clow</b>
Council of Atlantic Premiers	<b>Rhéal Poirer</b>
Executive Director	<b>Cyril Farrell</b>

## APCCC Bids Farewell To Its First Executive Director And Welcomes A New One

Although the current MOU is relatively new, APCCC has been in existence since the mid-nineties at which time Calvin Caiger was seconded from Holland College to work with the Consortium as its Executive Director. Calvin's term of office expired in May 2004. The Board recognized Calvin's achievements at a dinner during its February 2004 meeting. Calvin is currently Manager of Engineering Trades and Technology Programs at Holland College.

Thanks Calvin and best wishes for the future.

Cyril Farrell has replaced Calvin as the new Executive Director for APCCC. Cyril comes from College of the North Atlantic where he has served for 29 years in various capacities including senior executive roles.

The Consortium welcomes Cyril to his new position and looks forward to him building on the solid foundation left by Calvin.

### Did You Know?

There are approximately 25,000 full-time students and 60,000 part-time students served by 4000 faculty and staff in 50 college campuses in Atlantic Canada each year.

## APCCC's Achievements In 2003-2004

The senior college and government officials met three times in 2003-2004 to direct the Consortium's efforts in achieving its strategic goals of enhancing the quality and cost-effectiveness of the community college systems of the four Atlantic Provinces through the pursuit of cooperation and collaborative initiatives. This resulted in the following accomplishments.

- The APCCC collaborated with the CAP LMI group to hold a construction sector labour market symposium for the region on November 6-7, 2003 in Moncton. The symposium '*Atlantic Canada – Working Together to Build Our Future*' provided a forum for the construction industry, colleges and governments to share provincial research on labour supply/demand, examine current understandings regarding construction trades recruitment and training, and establish benchmarks for developing a regional assessment. The proceedings of the symposium were published.
- The first regional meeting between the APCCC College Presidents and the Ministers and Deputy Ministers responsible for the community colleges was held on February 17, 2003 in Halifax.
- The APCCC facilitated the region's community colleges participation in the pan Canadian, Canarie funded *eduSource Canada Project*. This national e-learning initiative prototyped the

development of a collaborative learning object repository.

- The college tourism education and training departments involved with the *Memorandum of Understanding Creating the Atlantic Colleges Tourism Education Consortium (ACTEC)* held the inaugural Atlantic Canada Tourism Educators Conference, June 2003 in Charlottetown.
- The APCCC colleges held a forum on 'Designing the Learning College' October 4-7, 2003 in Sydney, NS. It brought together the region's senior college management to review best practices and to explore opportunities for improving community college education through innovation, experimentation, and institutional transformation. This forum was the first in a three part series that will see technology-enabled networking and communities of practice expanded among the regions 4,000+ college faculty and staff.
- The community colleges worked with the CAP Human Health Resources group to reduce barriers and ensure the inter-provincial availability of seats for students wanting to access out-of-province community college health related education and training programs.
- The community colleges continue to advance pan regional mobility and transferability through the promotion of the *Memorandum of Understanding on College Transfer Credits Among the*

*Atlantic Community Colleges*. The APCCC colleges developed an inventory of programs to support a collective approach to identifying credit transfer agreements.

- The APCCC developed a new 2004-2007 Strategic Plan and received approval for the new 2004-2005 APCCC Business Plan, *A Plan for Collaboration*.

## CAMET

Hon. Margaret-Ann Blaney, NB Minister of Training and Employment Development, Hon. Madeleine Dubé, NB Minister of Education, Hon. John Ottenheimer, NL Minister of Education, Hon. Jamie Muir, NS Minister of Education, and Hon. Mildred Dover, PEI Minister of Education, announced on March 3, 2004, the establishment of the Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education and Training (CAMET). The new Council will promote regional cooperation in all areas of education and training and will replace the Atlantic Provinces Education Foundation (APEF).

In establishing CAMET, ministers of education and training are committed to further enhance the level of cooperation in public and post-secondary education by working on common issues to improve learning for all Atlantic Canadians, optimize efficiencies and bring added value to provincial initiatives and priorities.

CAMET will also play a key role in establishing joint positions on national education issues and on matters pertaining to federal government

involvement and funding. Ministers recognize that CAMET will provide them with an opportunity to advise the Council of Atlantic Premiers (CAP) on education and training matters of mutual interest.

Ministers of education and training have identified three major areas of cooperation with the intent of supporting learning in Atlantic Canada. These areas of cooperation include improving student achievement; program implementation support to assist teachers with curriculum delivery and help students with their learning; and post-secondary education.

Ministers of education and training signed a memorandum of understanding setting the mandate and the governance structure of the new organization. CAMET is an agency of the Council of Atlantic Premiers and will be supported by the CAP secretariat.

APCCC looks forward to working with CAMET in helping them achieve their goals on the post-secondary front.

## **NBCC/CCNB To Host ACCC 2005 Annual Conference**

NBCC/CCNB will be hosting the Association of Canadian Community Colleges annual conference on June 5-7, 2005. If it is a great professional development and networking opportunity you are looking for you should plan to attend. Check out the details at:

[http://conference.accc.ca/index\\_e.htm](http://conference.accc.ca/index_e.htm)

## **APCCC/ACDI Professional Development Task Group Are Busy People**

The APCCC/ACDI Professional Development Task Group has been busy fulfilling its mandate of planning and delivering professional development activities to support APCCC's strategic theme of a "Learning Centered Approach" for colleges in the Atlantic region.

In October 2003, the task group, under the leadership of Gerry Seaward from Holland College, hosted a Institute on "Designing the Learning Centered College". Approximately 80 college leaders from the four Atlantic Provinces attended. The forum included presentations by Dr. Terry O'Banion, an author and leader in the learning college movement and Dr. Robert Gordon, President of Humber College which has been designated as the "vanguard college" in the League of Innovation, Learning College Project

In the spring of 2004 the task group organized a "Portfolio Workshop" hosted by Nova Scotia Community College, Truro Campus, with 47 participants from the Atlantic Provinces in attendance. A high level of satisfaction was reported by all participants.

To continue building on the Learning Centered College theme another Institute was held in June, 2004. This Institute was attended by 47 faculty members who engaged in a highly activity-based forum on how, from a faculty perspective, to design learning centered colleges at the classroom level.



*“Learning Centered” Learners: ACDI, June 2004*

Now the task group is preparing for another institute in the spring of 2005. This institute will be designed for student services and support staff who are a key part of the team in advancing the concept of the “Learning Centered College”. In addition, the task group has been asked to present at the Association of Canadian Community College Annual Conference to be held in Moncton, New Brunswick in the spring of 2005.

Thanks Gerry and team for all of your hard work. If you want to read more about the work of the group check out their website at [www.hollandcollege.com/acdi](http://www.hollandcollege.com/acdi).

## **ACTEC Fulfilling Its Mandate**

The Atlantic Colleges Tourism Educators Consortium (ACTEC) was formed in 2002 through a signed Memorandum of Understanding. This resulted from discussions, by APCCC members, of the need and benefits for creating a professional coalition or alliance of tourism educators in Atlantic Canada. The outcome is ACTEC, a forum for Atlantic tourism schools to work together in areas of professional development, curriculum development and exchange, faculty and student exchanges and international projects among other things. This collective strength will also serve to assist the tourism industry in Atlantic Canada with higher quality graduates and a more standardized curriculum that will improve outcomes.

Keeping true to its mandate, ACTEC has been busy organizing and sponsoring annual conferences among other activities of professional exchange. The most recent conference was held from May 25-27, 2004 and co-hosted by the Washington County Community College in Calais, Maine, USA and the New Brunswick Community College, St. Andrews. The conference was aimed at post-secondary hospitality and tourism educators, as well as deans, program chairs, suppliers and secondary school tourism educators.



*A serious ACTEC learning moment.*

During the 3 day conference 75 delegates from as far away as British Columbia were exposed to a variety of topics by prominent tourism and hospitality experts. Based on feedback, delegates felt that their participation helped them gain new knowledge of the industry and as a consequence will help with program enrichment. To learn more about the conference visit <http://198.164.128.4/actec/2004>

Plans are now well underway for the 2005 Annual Conference to be held in Halifax and to be hosted at the renewed NSCC Hospitality and Tourism facilities.

## **APCCC Website To Be Developed**

One of the objectives of APCCC for the 2004-05 year is to have its first website up and running. This site will be used to inform the internal college community, college partners and the public about the valuable work of the consortium.

The site will be designed by engaging interested students from member Colleges in a design contest. This will provide an opportunity to showcase the talent and skills of students and also provide the winner with a monetary reward that will support her or his education.

Further details will be made available to students in the fall through member colleges.

Have  
A  
Great Year!

## Are You Aware?

Are you aware that the four public colleges in Atlantic Canada – College of the North Atlantic, Holland College, New Brunswick Community College and Nova Scotia Community College, contribute annually \$228 million in direct faculty and staff wages and benefits and account for an additional \$1.5 billion in earnings off campus?

Are you aware that taxpayers see a real money “book” average return of 14.43% on their annual investments in the Atlantic Provinces?

And, did you know that in Atlantic Canada, community college students, on average, enjoy an attractive 10.5% annual return on their investment of time and money?

In addition to these significant benefits, the Atlantic Provinces benefit from improved health and reduced welfare, unemployment and crime, saving the taxpayers some \$51.7 million per year.

These findings are based on recent studies undertaken by **CCbenefits Inc.**

## Your Public Colleges

*Check them out!*



[www.hollandcollege.com](http://www.hollandcollege.com)



[www.cna.nl.ca](http://www.cna.nl.ca)



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