

GAMMA CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT

We held a joint Education Day with the Ottawa Hospital and Algonquin College. It was well attended as it was on Collins Day. It was a great Educational Day. Some of the small Rural Hospitals had MDRT's in attendance, giving them a chance to talk to people from bigger Hospitals.

We had a couple meetings one on OTN and one at the Armprior Hospital was not a large turn out but we were able to discuss a lot of the issues that we had at the different Hospitals. We then tried to map out what we would like to do in this up coming year. We talked about hosting another education day in the New Year so we will not conflict with the MDRAO conference.

We have had quite a few technicians retire or get cut out as a lot of the smaller rural Hospitals are out sourcing or cutting back on the time needing a MDRT in their facility. So it is hard to keep members, the new members are to involved with their own life, there is little desire to give up their time to an organization that they feel is not giving them anything back.

It has been talked about before that we become professionals and charge everyone a license fee. The college course is becoming the way the Hospitals prefer new staff be educated. As they get to assess the person when they are in their placement. So we are talking to each other on how we can make changes to ensure there will be MDRAO in the future. The training manual is great but we cannot survive on that alone. More of the members will be retiring as time passes bye, we see it as a major hurdle to overcome.

Why have this as part of my report? Because I believe that we think it but don't want to talk about it. Before it is to late we have to start working and looking to the future. By doing this we may be able to come up with several solutions so there will be a MDRAO to continue on to ensure patient's well being.

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