

Society welcomes new President

Gary Nolan became President of the Lifesaving Society Newfoundland and Labrador at the Society's April AGM. Gary joined the board of directors in 2016 responding to the Society's search for a director with legal expertise. Gary works as an associate with Rose • Van Driel law firm where he has practiced law for a decade with a focus on commercial and corporate matters. He succeeds Corinne Wright.



Incoming President Gary Nolan (left) presents Past President Corinne Wright with a frame of her past awards and badges as thanks for her service.

Clarification: Instructors can (and should) examine their own course.

Not only is an instructor permitted to examine their own class (provided they hold the required certifications) but the Society encourages it.

Instructors spend dozens of hours teaching and evaluating candidates on their courses giving them the best perspective on a candidate's ability to pass (or fail) any given test item of the Society's training programs.

Having the course instructor perform the final exam not only facilitates better evaluations, it allows increased flexibility for facility programmers by reducing the amount of staff required for the course, or the need to work around an outside examiner's schedule.

To stay up to date on all the Society's programs and service, consult the 2018 edition of the *Program Guide*.

New Program Guide now available

We've revised the Lifesaving Society *Program Guide*, which provides the most up-to-date information on the Society's programs and services. The Program Guide helps aquatic programmers plan and deliver Lifesaving Society courses and it should be part of every programmer's reference library. The 2018 edition features the information programmers need to know about the Society's new leadership system.

You can consult the *Program Guide* online on our [website](#). Hard copies are available for purchase from the Society's office.

6 reasons to switch to Swim for Life

The Lifesaving Society is in the learn-to-swim business as part of our drowning prevention mission. Today, over one million Canadians participate in the Lifesaving Society's learn-to-swim program annually. Increasingly, more and more Canadian affiliates are reaping the benefits of a switch to Swim for Life. Here are six good reasons to consider the switch:



- 1. It works:** The Swim for Life® program is a complete learn-to-swim program from Parent & Tot through Leadership that focuses on swimming strokes and skills and making kids Water Smart®. Swim for Life levels lead seamlessly into the Society's lifesaving awards and onward into the Society's leadership training system.
- 2. It's cost effective:** There is no per-participant fee. Our licensing arrangement means you pay no more no matter how many participants you have. Save even more with our multi-year license options and loyalty program.
- 3. It's flexible and easy to administer:** Customize content and choose the candidate recognition items (e.g., certificates, badges, seals) most appropriate for your clientele. We provide an electronic copy of the resources including worksheets, candidate recognition certificates and progress reports. Print them as you need them. Or use your own recognition system.
- 4. It comes with a streamlined leadership development system:** The Lifesaving Society's simple and straightforward instructor training system minimizes barriers to certification. The Society's Assistant Instructor certification provides affiliates with a good way to engage youth early in leadership training. Young leaders can progress easily from Assistant Instructor through Swim and Lifesaving Instructor to more advanced certifications like First Aid and National Lifeguard Instructor.
- 5. It comes with Find a Member:** "Find a Member" provides an easy way to check and verify candidate prerequisites and staff qualifications online.
- 6. Switching is easy:** We're ready when you are. Just give us a call and we'll do the rest. Contact Member Services Manager Raegan Wiseman at the Society's office to discuss how Swim for Life can work for you.

Save the dates

July 15 to 21 - National Drowning Prevention Week

August 24-26 – Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championship, Lac Simon, QC



The Lifesaving Society is a national, volunteer organization and registered charity working to prevent drowning and water-related injury. Annually, over 1,000,000 Canadians participate in the Society's swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership training programs. The Society sets the standard for aquatic safety in Canada and certifies Canada's National Lifeguards.