Newfoundland Labrador

September 2021

Be our next VP Member Services

The Lifesaving Society Newfoundland and Labrador seeks an enthusiastic and hard-working individual to join its volunteer Board of Directors as Vice President Member Services.

Purpose:

To govern the Lifesaving Society Newfoundland and Labrador in accordance with the Society's bylaws and mission and provide leadership to the Board of Directors on Member Services.

Term of Office:

Elected to the Board of Directors at the Lifesaving Society's Annual General Meeting for a term of two years.

Reporting Relationship:

To the Board of Directors.

Responsibilities:

- 1. Participate as an active member of the Board of Directors in an ethical and lawful manner, respecting the confidentiality of Board discussions.
- 2. Attend Board of Director meetings, the Annual General Meeting.
- 3. Manage the Member Services strategic plan and biannual operational plan.
 - Develop the Member Services strategic plan in conjunction with the Board of Directors.
 - Develop the biannual operational plan with the Member Services Council.
 - Mentor Chairs in developing biannual objectives.
 - Monitor progress of the operational plan and report to each Board of Directors meeting.
- 4. Monitor, review and revise the *Program Guide* every two years in conjunction with the VP Training Program.
- 5. Chair the Member Services Council.
 - Recruit, mentor and supervise the following Chairs:
 - » Annual Conference: to manage the schedule, host agreement and site selection.
 - » Volunteer Personnel: to manage orientation and recognition of Society volunteers, including Commonwealth Honour Award and rescue award nomination process.

- Establish meeting schedule.
- Report on volunteer activity and appointments to the Member Services Manager.
- Represent Chairs' interests at Board of Directors meetings.

LIFESAVING SOCIETY The Lifeguarding Experts

Interested persons should send their resume to info@lifesavingnl.ca. Additional information can be found on the Society's website through Find a Job.

New Program Guide now available

The 2021 edition of the Lifesaving Society *Program Guide* provides the most up-to-date information on the Society's programs and services.

The newest edition identifies certifications that can be delivered virtually and includes updated policies and definitions; Bronze medal award descriptions; updated prerequisites (including the ever-popular *Prerequisites-at-a-glance* located on the inside back cover), and more.

Download your free copy of the *Program Guide* from our <u>website</u> or purchase a hard copy from our office.



Ace your back-to-pool test sheets

As you prepare for fall courses, take a moment to make sure you've crossed your t's and dotted your i's. Even little mistakes can slow the processing of test sheets. Follow our checklist below to ace your next test sheet submission.

Before the course:

- Check instructor currency Double check the award currency of your Instructors, Examiners and Trainers. If someone needs to recertify, here's the process.
- Get updated Attend an Explore Bronze Update Clinic before teaching the Society's revised Bronze medal awards. Read what's new for affiliates.
- Check prerequisites Use Find a Member to check candidate prerequisites on the first day of the course. Awards can't be processed without the required prerequisites.

After the course:

- Use the correct form Visit Find a Form to make sure you have the correct test sheet for the course you're teaching! Our revised Bronze medal awards come with new sheets.
- Complete all information Fill out every page of every test sheet completely – even when information is duplicated, like signatures. Missing or incomplete information slows processing. Pay particular attention to:
 - » Date of birth Allows us to check age prerequisites and is a secondary search mechanism in our database.
 - » Candidate contact information Ensures candidates receive their certification card in the mail. Phone and email contacts let us follow up if their mail is returned.
 - » Lifesaving Society ID# Allows us to find the right "John Smith" on your course, instead of the other 25 "John Smiths" in our system.

- Submit your test sheet Send us your test sheet after the course. We process test sheets based on received date. The sooner you send them in, the sooner we send out the awards to candidates. Don't let them pile up.
- Use fillable forms Head to Find a Form on our website to download fillable test sheets. Handwritten, scanned or faxed test sheet are hard to read.

Missing an ID number? Can't find the form you need? Call or email Raegan Wiseman and she'll solve your problem.

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New Sports Deluxe First Aid Kit

Attention coaches, trainers and team managers! The Society's new Sports Deluxe First Aid Kit contains a comprehensive assortment of first aid supplies for the treatment of sport-related injuries or illnesses. Hard case to protect first aid contents. Includes personal protection supplies, a variety of bandages, dressings and splint materials.



Order online from LifeguardDepot.com Free standard shipping within Canada. or call 1-844-647-7033.

Some exclusions apply.

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What to do with your 15-year-olds?

Effective July 1, 2020, the Lifesaving Society adopted 15 years as the minimum age prerequisite for certification as a National Lifeguard. The Society's minimum age of certification has no impact on the minimum 16 years of age for employment as a lifeguard, which is established by the Newfoundland and Labrador government <u>Public Pool Regulations</u> (Section 16(6)).

Although a certified 15-year-old can't be employed as a lifeguard, there is plenty of work they can do around an aquatic facility. Get them involved at your pool (as a paid staff or volunteer) so they can hit the ground running as a lifeguard or instructor when they turn 16. Certified 15-year-olds can:

- Be hired as an assistant lifeguard
- Take class attendance, retrieve equipment, and tidy up toys during lessons
- Deliver Water Smart[®] messages or presentations during lessons or swims as a Water Safety ambassador
- Screen patrons for admission to the facility
- Administer deep end or facility swim tests
- Perform safety attendant duties at the top of a slide or in a wading pool
- Perform facility cleaning duties or pool tests
- Provide customer service at the front desk, on-deck or elsewhere in the facility

Keeping certified 15-year-olds engaged at your facility will produce a more confident lifeguard when they turn 16, while helping to convert more National Lifeguard course candidates into staff.

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