## Gratitude

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Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

Melody Beattie

While not exactly sailing off into the sunset, I am stepping down as Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences (CJNS) after five all-too-short years. It has been an honor and a privilege and I wish to offer my thanks and to project some hopes for the future of the Journal.

The CJNS was literally founded by Dr. Bob Ross from Winnipeg in 1978, who served as the first Editor-in-Chief. He was followed by Bob Lee, Jim Sharpe and Doug Zochodne in that order. I wish to thank each of these my predecessors for their dedication, vision and contributions as well as their help and advice to me in the early years of my editorship.

Associate Editors, carefully selected for expertise in their disciplines (Child Neurology, Clinical Neurophysiology, Neurology and Neurosurgery, reflecting the four Societies of the Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation (CNSF)) provide invaluable service in screening and assigning manuscripts, exercising their judgment as to the fate of articles and for suggestions that we have implemented. They have greatly enhanced the Journal. Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Review Board, in addition to performing reviews, have also been active in contributing articles to the Journal. These are experienced neuroscientists and clinicians and their input has greatly enhanced the Journal.

I am especially grateful to the reviewers who have faithfully served the Journal with their time and effort in critiquing manuscripts. It is great to be able to call upon such capable and reliable experts; many have performed numerous reviews. I wish we could do more, beyond selecting a Distinguished Reviewer of the Year, to acknowledge your tremendous help.

The authors of articles deserve our praise and thanks, as they provide the raison d'Ître for the Journal. Our Journal is as good as the articles it publishes and features. We thank you for your interest and support and for your faith in selecting Canada's only Neurological-Neurosurgical Journal for your work.

Those who put the final product together, the staff at the CNSF office, deserve my most profound and sincere thanks. Two individuals, Cindy Leschyshyn, our Editorial Coordinator, and Maggie McCallion, our Designer/Production Coordinator, do all the work of processing the final manuscripts, getting consents, corresponding with authors, handling the design, layout and print/on-line set-up of the Journal. In addition, they correct my blunders and oversights and discretely make excellent suggestions and appropriately question my decisions. Each issue never fails to impress me. It is remarkable that two individuals can do what would ordinarily take a much larger team of dedicated, skilled producers.

Also, in the Calgary office, Dan Morin, our CEO, has kept a watchful eye on our finances. Fortunately, in hard economic

times the Societies of the CNSF have kept the Journal afloat, even though we were in the red almost every year of my tenure. Dan has been able to secure funding from numerous companies, but in the last fiscal year many companies have totally withdrawn or cut back significantly on their advertising support. In previous years we have strongly considered changing to a purely electronic format. However, many companies favored the print-based Journal for their advertising. Since the drying up of their revenues, this has spurred the move to go electronic (two print issues cancelled in 2013) as a cost-saving measure. This is both a challenge and an opportunity!

This is a segue to a projection for the future. The move to electronic publishing will be beneficial to the Journal. In addition to reducing costs, it will not limit the color photos; length of indepth reviews can be increased, there will be accessible links to videos that were always a step away with the print Journal. Our readership should increase and hopefully have more of an international presence. With that there should be more, high quality submissions from various countries. Speed of production should be enhanced.

Although I wish I could have done more, I am proud of the Journal, its look and the quality of its content. I think, however, the best is yet to come. I wish our new Editor-in-Chief every success. I am sure she/he will have their own vision and will further enhance the Journal with the help of the excellent staff, Associate Editors, Editors of the Review Board and most of all, potential authors and reviewers. Stay tuned!

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