

# COVID-19 FIRSTS FOR NBSRT

Thanks to technology, the NBSRT has been able to conduct regular business and social events since COVID-19 restrictions were introduced in March 2020. In many cases, it was “a first” for our members.

- NBSRT had its **FIRST** online provincial election of executive officers, and from feedback received from members, it was seen as a smooth and efficient process.
- For the **FIRST** time, the Annual General Meeting was held using *ZOOM*, a popular video conferencing platform.
- For the **FIRST** time, the Board of Directors met – twice – using *ZOOM*.
- Other **FIRSTS** included regular online committee meetings by the Group Insurance, Membership, Online Media, Scholarship and Wellness committees. Branch executive and committee meetings were conducted by Kings, Carleton-NY, Saint John, Central, Miramichi, and Moncton branches with others scheduled to meet online.
  - For the **FIRST** time, social events (Christmas sing-along and Storytelling) were held using video conferencing by Central Branch, and a wine and cheese social was held by Saint John Branch.
- For the **FIRST** time, an official NBSRT logo was introduced on Nov 23, 2020 after being researched and approved by members online.
- The NBSRT’s **FIRST** interactive website was launched on Dec 1, 2020.
- For the **FIRST** time, online in-service sessions for committees and individuals were held to pass along expertise.
- For the **FIRST** time, NBSRT established a profile on *Twitter*, supplementing NBSRT’s *Facebook* social media presence.