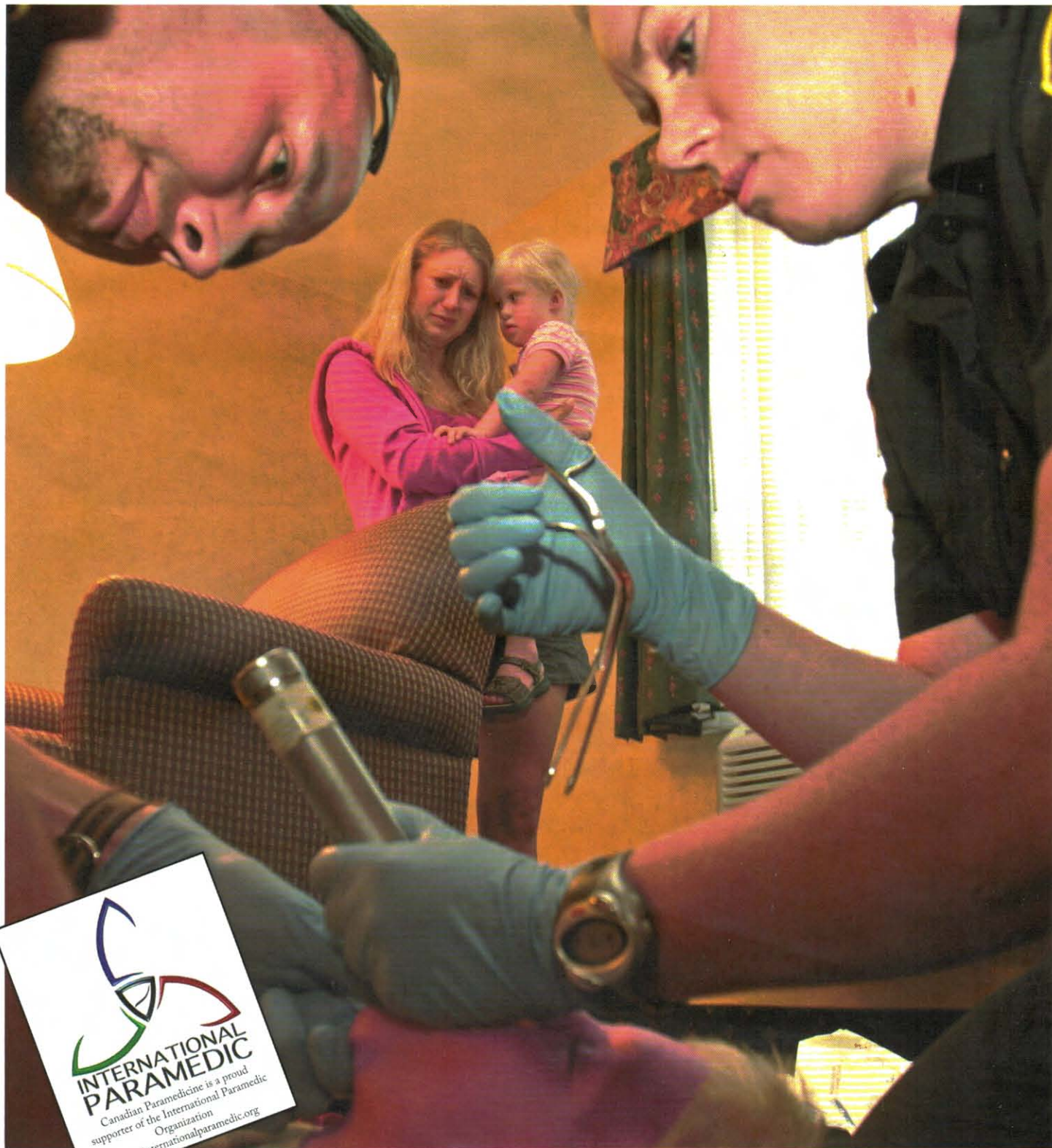


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It's hard to believe it's 2014 already. All of us on the board of the OPA hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season, and look forward to serving you all in the year ahead.

We had a few changes of note in our board make-up. We said goodbye to our old Registrar Shelley Boughton and welcomed aboard Janet Trombley to assume Shelley's old duties, in addition Director Steve Urszenyi stepped down due to personal reasons and his position was filled by newly appointed board member (and head beverage provider) Chris Millington from Northern Ontario.

We have a lot of exciting initiatives planned for 2014, first and foremost is our 2014 Paramedicine Educational Conference being held in London, Ontario at the London Hilton & Convention Centre; more details are coming soon – check the conference website and our social media platforms for more conference information.

Self-regulation progress is being made with decisions coming forward soon and planning underway for the eventual outcome of HPRAC's deliberations. Watch for details coming soon.

The OPA board is in the process of forming multiple committees to further our objectives; two of the committees are the Educational

committee and the Government Relations committee. Anyone who has interest in these two committees is asked to contact the OPA board with your ideas so we can move forward on your behalf.



TPA PATCH

Brian Annett

The TPA has been keeping busy with numerous organizations promoting the importance of paramedicine.

Together with the Heart and Stroke Foundation we helped to launch this year's CPR campaign. Since November was CPR Awareness Month, the Heart and Stroke foundation created a "CPR makes you Undead"

campaign that coincides with Halloween. Last year it took place at Canada's Wonderland.

This year they decided to join the Toronto Zombie walk and have zombified paramedics to join in the fun to help teach hands-only CPR. The Foundation has developed a three-step process to help those who are nervous about performing CPR and integrate it into a 9-1-1 system.

The TPA was present to help raise awareness of this process. We were also key players in riding the Big Bike that the Foundation had on hand and rode with the Zombie Walk. It was a very fun day and a great success for the promotion of CPR.

The TPA is also proud to partner with the Toronto Marlies Hockey organization. They have partnered with all the emergency services to create a Hero of the Game. They wanted to recognize paramedics, police officers and firefighters for the great work that is done every day.

We have also partnered with Toronto EMS and Sunnybrook hospital in support of CTV's Toy Mountain. In its 18th year, this annual event has helped thousands of children open a brand new toy on Christmas morning. The TPA, along with TEMS, were on hand to help deliver hundreds of toys that were dropped off in an ambulance.



The TPA participated in the CPR Makes you Undead campaign.