
Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (Alberta Branch)

Fall General Meeting

Edmonton, Alberta

October 5, 2000

Members present: Simon Sihota, Doug Watters, Sharon McDaniel#, Pierre Denault #, Michael Walsh, Subhendra Dharampaul, Stephanie Hsu#, Carla Eskow#, Tony Thepsoavanh#, Dwayne Cherlenko, David Crowe, Marilyn Dahlgren, Elmer Spilchen, Charles Hallett, Edwina Kordyback, Bill Chrapko, Rick Leyland, Debra Langier-Blythe, Ludmilla Schmidt, Heather Wagner#, Jennifer Montgomery, Nelson Fok, Karen Hislop, Sandra Hamilton, Jeremy Spencer, Richard Reive, Glenn Jenkins#, Richard Dam, Geraldine Brown#, Rita Steinbru, Diane Luka, Pam Andruchow, Kenneth Dong, Stephen Parker, Bill Hohn, Nyall Hislop*, Victor Mah*, Jim McCaul*, Merry Turtiak*
(# denotes guest, *denotes Executive member)

1.0 Call to Order: 3:43 p. m.

2.0 In Memoriam

Mr. David Nelson: Passed away in December 1999

3.0 Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Additions to the Agenda

6.6 Clearinghouse – Charles Hallett

3.2 Adoption of Agenda

Stephen Parker moved adoption of agenda. Karen Hislop seconded. Motion carried.

4.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting, March 25, 2000:

Karen Hislop moved adoption. Debra Langier – Blythe seconded. Motion carried.

5.0 Business Arising:

5.1 Submission & Approval of Reports

President Victor Mah: Reviewed information report submitted by Past President Richen. Copies of the document have been provided.

5.2 Fall 1999 Workshop

President Mah: For membership information, the Fall Workshop committee books have been audited. Please see reports provided.

5.3 National Education Conference 2003

President Mah: Mr. Bill Hohn and Shauna Dimock will be acting as co-chairs for the 2003 Conference

5.4 Joint Conference with Saskatchewan

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President Mah: Contact with Saskatchewan President has not been successful. President Mah will continue to address this issue.

5.5 Alberta Branch Presidents' Outstanding Achievement Award

President Mah: Criteria are still under development and should be available for Spring Annual General Meeting.

5.6 Awards

National Awards:

President's Award: Past-President Dan Richen was recipient of the National Award.

Environmental Health Review Award: Calgary Regional Health Authority – Environment Health received this award for their identification of the relationship between Salmonella, family pets and pig ear dog treats.

6.0 Executive Reports

6.1 President's Report

President Mah moved acceptance of report. Lorne Legare seconded. Motion carried

6.2 Vice President's Report

Vice- President Jim McCaul moved acceptance of report. Ken Fujioka seconded. Motion carried.

6.3 Treasurer's Report

President Mah moved acceptance of report. Charles Hallett seconded. Motion carried.

6.4 Secretary's Report

Secretary Merry Turtiak moved acceptance of report. Nyall Hislop seconded. Motion carried.

7.0 Zone Reports

7.1 Arctic Zone

Vice-President McCaul moved acceptance of report. Bill Hohn seconded. Motion carried.

7.2 Northern Zone

Secretary Turtiak moved acceptance of report. Marilyn Dahlgren seconded.

Correction: Manager of Environmental Health position for Keeweenaw Lakes RHA will not be posted until October 17th. Report amended. Motion carried.

7.3 Capital Zone

Councillor Nyall Hislop moved acceptance of report. Bill Chrapko seconded.

Addition: Debra Langier –Blythe also worked on Fight Bac campaign. Report amended. Motion carried.

7.4 Central Zone

President Mah moved acceptance of report. Stephen Parker seconded. Motion carried.

7.5 Calgary Zone

President Mah moved acceptance of report. Bill Hohn seconded. Motion carried.

7.6 Southern Zone

President Mah moved acceptance of report. Sandra Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.

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8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Communication

President Mah moved acceptance of report. Stephen Parker seconded. Motion carried.

8.2 Board of Certification

President Mah moved acceptance of report. Ludmilla Schmidt seconded.

Addition: Vice-President McCaul: A Corresponding member to the BOC from the Province is needed.

Report amended. Motion carried.

8.3 Membership

Vice- President McCaul moved acceptance of report. Charles Hallett seconded. Motion carried.

8.4 Section 43

Secretary Turtiak moved acceptance of report. Stephen Parker seconded. Motion carried.

8.5 Social

President Mah moved acceptance of report. Marilyn Dahlgren seconded. Motion carried.

8.6 Continuing Education

Councillor Hislop submitted a verbal report and written report would follow for Spring Annual General Meeting. Lower attendance is due to upcoming Law Conference but increased numbers of corporate sponsors are being seen. Karen Hislop seconded. Motion carried

8.7 Issues

Councillor Hislop moved acceptance of report. Sandra Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.

8.8 Concordia Advisory

President Mah submitted a verbal report. Concordia University College is pursuing a 4 year degree program in Environmental Health, auditing of the current After Degree program has begun by the BOC, and Bill Bell is no longer co-ordinator of the current program but is still teaching. Charles seconded. Motion carried.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Financial Committee

Vice-President McCaul: Any members wishing to belong to this committee are asked to step forward.

9.2 Alberta Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians (AAFMES)

Motion: President Mah moved for the approval of funds to the maximum of \$1600 to purchase 2001 AAMFES membership for all members. Elmer Spilchen seconded. Question called, one objection noted by Stephen Parker. Motion carried.

9.3 Display Booth

President Mah: Current booth is small and outdated and Branch Executive would like to purchase a new display booth. Veronica Nusdorfer from Display Co. Canada brought demonstrations of the display booths available for purchase. Cost of display booths run between \$4000 – 4600.

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Motion: Mr. Bill Hohn moved that the Executive be authorised to purchase a display booth up to the price of \$5000. Ken Dong seconded. Motion carried.

9.4 Web Clearinghouse

Mr. Hallett suggested that more information about Environmental Health issues could be shared between members, regions and different agencies via the Branch web-site.

Motion: Mr. Charles Hallett moved that Executive address this issue. Nyall Hislop seconded.

Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

10.0 Adjournment:

Bill Chrapko moved for adjournment of the meeting. Charles Hallett seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

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President's Report

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Welcome to the Fall AGM. It has been a very busy summer for both the local and national executive. I am pleased to inform you that at the CIPHI 2000 Awards Banquet in Vancouver the Calgary Regional Health Authority – Environmental Health Program received the Environmental Health Review Award for their work on establishing a link between Salmonella cases, family pets and the use of pigs' ears as pet treats. Also, Mr. Dan Richen, Past President of the Alberta Branch, received the President's Award for his contribution to the Institute and to the field of Environmental Health. Note that this was the first year the President's Award was ever given even though it had existed for quite some time and Dan was one of two recipients this year.

It was also announced in Vancouver that the Alberta Branch will be hosting the National CIPHI 2003 Conference in Edmonton. The Branch was accepting nominations for the 2003 Conference Chairperson position until September 2000.

As you all may know by now students who wish to pursue Environmental Health as a career now only have to write two written reports and sit the oral exams (the multiple choice exam is no longer part of the process). The entire examination process is being reviewed. As you read this, the Fall sitting for this year students will have just taken place and I would like to thank Mr. Peer Mikkelsen for coordinating this year's Fall sitting.

For those of you that have visited the national web page (www.ciphi.ca) you will notice that we are now a Chapter's Books store affiliate. Members can now link to the Chapters bookstore through the national web page. Slowly, the various Branches are setting up their web sites and the internet is starting to become one of the National Executive's means of communicating information quickly to its members.

The National Executive has implemented a spousal rebate program this year. For those spouses who are both members of the Institute the local Branch will notify the national office of this fact and then the Executive Secretary will reimburse \$30 back to the couple. The couple will only receive one copy of the Environmental Health Review magazine.

One other important point to note is that the National Executive is in the final stages of purchasing liability insurance for all members of the Institute and those organizations associated with the Institute, such as the Environmental Health Foundation, and the Environmental Health Review staff. This insurance will only cover liability and not property.

Respectfully submitted,
Victor Mah
President, Alberta Branch



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Vice President's Report

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I have tried to carry on the tradition so capably established by Victor during his term of office.

The golf tournament was successfully organized by Greg Thibault.

Nominations have closed for the position of Chair for the National Conference of 2003, and we are awaiting acceptance from the Edmonton nominee.

I represented the President at the September meeting of the Council of Managers. We discussed the possibility of the Council nominating Provincial Member of the Board Certification. In the interim, Peer Mikkelsen has consented to represent us in that capacity.

I would like to acknowledge the work so capably done by Shauna Dimock and her committee in organizing and running the Fall Education Workshop

Respectfully submitted,
Jim McCaul



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Secretary's Report

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This is my first report to you as Alberta Branch Secretary and it has been a very busy six months!

The revised Constitution and Bylaws will be provided to all members with the next edition of the Alberta Branch News. In addition, they will also be posted on the Branch website. When you receive your new bylaws, please review them and if there are any questions or concerns please contact me.

Volunteers are also needed for the Bylaw Committee who will review our Bylaws on a biannual basis. Please contact me if you are interested.

Finally, my thanks are extended to Jacquie Schnider for compiling and completing the Constitution and Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,
Merry Turtiak
Alberta Branch Secretary

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Treasurer's Report
Fall General Meeting
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My sincere apologies to the membership, as I will not be in attendance at the Fall General Meeting. I am, however, pleased to provide you with the following information:

1. 1998-1999 Audited Financial Statement.
2. Auditors' Report: 1998-1999 Financial Records
3. 1999-2000 Unaudited Financial Statement.

As you will note from the Auditors' Report of the 1998-1999 financial records, there are some issues that require correction/attention. As the Treasurer, I will ensure that all of the recommendations are implemented.

In terms of our current financial position, we are in great shape. We have an operating account in excess of \$14,000.00 and we have \$20,000.00 in Term Deposits. Thermometer sales continue to be a good revenue generator, which has allowed the Executive to provide the members with more direct benefits.

The Branch Executive wishes to establish a Finance Committee, made up of a minimum of 2 members in good standing. This committee will be responsible for auditing the Association's financial records and to develop financial policies for the Branch. If you are interested in participating on this Committee, please contact Jim McCaul, Vice-president, at Northern Lights RHA (780-791-6068).

As you may or may not be aware, our current fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31. This has resulted in some monies (such as late membership dues) to be included in the next fiscal year financial statement. It is the intention of the Executive to change the fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year. As this will require an amendment to our by-laws, proper notice must be given to all members first and then it must be taken to a vote of the members at a general meeting. This will likely occur in the Spring.

Wishing you a successful Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Lee, Treasurer
CIPHI (Alberta Branch)
September 12, 2000



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Treasurer's Report for the Period
1999 September 01 – 2000 August 31(Unaudited)

ACCOUNT BALANCE 1999 SEPTEMBER 01

\$ 11,720.23

REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$ 3,433.52
Reimbursements	\$ 2,905.00
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 2,786.00
Promotion Items - Thermometers	\$ 14,114.00
- Mugs/Shirts	\$ 517.20
Branch Conference/Workshop	\$ 3,563.09
Total Revenue	\$ 27,318.81

EXPENDITURES

Administration Expenditures	
- Phones	\$ 368.25
- Office Supplies	\$ 123.99
- Postal/Courier	\$ 918.91
- Alberta Branch News	\$ 555.98
- Banking Services	\$ 139.15
National Executive Meetings	\$ 827.31
Branch Executive Meetings	\$ 1,804.43
Branch General Meetings	\$ 11.00
Branch Zone Meetings	\$ 419.96
Board of Certification Meetings	\$ 328.54
Provincial EHS Meetings	\$ 1,369.75
Other Meetings	\$ 26.30
Promotion Sales - Thermometers	\$ 12,100.10
- Mugs/Shirts/Tees	\$ 2,385.46
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 2,762.59
Donations	\$ 88.59
Reimbursements	\$ 675.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,905.31

ACCOUNT BALANCE 2000 AUGUST 31

\$ 14,133.73

TERM DEPOSITS

\$ 20,000.00

Respectfully Submitted,
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Treasurer, CIPHI (Alberta Branch)
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July 14, 2000

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Attention: Mr. Keith Lee – Treasurer

Dear Mr. Lee,

Re: Financial Audit of Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors-Alberta Branch September 1 1998 to August 31, 1999.

After a thorough review of the ledgers and all financial records of the Branch, we have found the financial statement of the Branch to be an accurate financial position of the Branch. All monies have been accounted for.

The following suggestions are forwarded based on observations made during the audit.

- Payment of expense claims should only be made upon submission of receipt and/or satisfactory explanation of non-receipted expenses.
- Check #629 has no receipt provided (only a fax copy of an expense explanation)
- Check #644 only states NEC meeting expense with no explanation of the expenses incurred.
- Check #505 No receipt for Canada Post expense.

- Payment of unauthorized expense claims should be accompanied with a motion of the executive.
 - Check #508 was paid to a member for attending a meeting. Expenses of the member were paid when the member thought the expenses were to be reimbursed by the branch. No authorization of the executive was noted.

- Advance payment of bills should not be continued.
- Advance payment of the Telus Internet account is being made. The account should only be paid on receipt of the bill.

- A number of expense claims for phone reimbursements were made without including the GST portion of the bill. The GST should be reimbursed to the member
 - See checks #498, 601, 608, 650

- It appears that a check was signed and left blank to be filled in at the time of parcel pick up. We suggest that the Branch be invoiced in situations where amounts are not known at the time of parcel pick up.
 - See check #633



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Lastly we suggest that a policy and procedures binder be formed for the treasurer which contains policy on expense reimbursements, investing Branch money, motions for payment of expenses, and correspondence regarding the finances of the Branch. The policy and procedures binder would then accompany all audits and provide information to the executive and specifically the incoming treasurer regarding the fiduciary responsibility of the treasurer.

I would submit the above comments for the treasurer and executive consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Thibault
Kori Woodard
Members in Good Standing



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Treasurer's Report for the Period
1998 September 01 – 1999 August 31(Audited)

ACCOUNT BALANCE 1998 SEPTEMBER 01 **\$ 8,494.88**

REVENUE

Membership Dues - 1998	\$ 1,332.09
- 1999	\$ 4,904.24
Investment Interest	\$ 405.00
Investment Reimbursement (GIC)	\$ 10,000.00
Membership Raffle	\$ 653.00
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 1,205.00
Promotion Sales - Thermometers	\$ 22,311.00
Promotion Sales - Golf Shirts	\$ 315.00
Branch Conference Income	\$ 4,952.01
Total Revenue	\$ 46,077.34

EXPENDITURES

Administration Expenditures	
- Phones	\$ 320.81
- Office Supplies	\$ 890.89
- Postal/Courier	\$ 624.13
- Alberta Branch News	\$ 359.79
- Banking Services	\$ 147.27
National Executive Meeting	\$ 220.35
Branch Executive Meetings	\$ 1,712.44
Branch General Meetings	\$ 467.29
Zone Meetings	\$ 37.35
Provincial EHS Meetings	\$ 16.50
Branch Conference Expenditures	\$ 6,159.30
Promotion Expenditures - Thermometers	\$ 18,603.58
Promotion Expenditures - Golf Shirts	\$ 514.76
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 2,460.55
Donations	\$ 308.98
Investment (GIC)	\$ 10,000.00
Other	\$ 8.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 42,851.99

ACCOUNT BALANCE 1999 AUGUST 31 **\$ 11,720.23**

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE **\$ 2,716.50**

INVENTORY (Thermometers) **\$ 898.80**

TERM DEPOSITS **\$ 20,000.00**

Respectfully Submitted,
Keith Lee, Treasurer
CIPHI (Alberta Branch)
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Submission of Written Reports

Dan Richen

Zone Councilors are required to submit written reports for presentation at each of the General Meetings. The report should cover significant issues and activities within the Zone, including both Branch-related and employer-related items. Examples of such items include:

- Updates on Zone Meetings and Info-Shares,
- Significant events that would be of interest or value to other members (CD investigations, court cases, achievements, etc.), or
- Personal or social events (staff movement, marriages or births, etc.)

For the most part, Zone Reports are presented to the membership as information items. In such cases, the Zone Councilor or delegate submits the report and moves acceptance of the report as presented. Once a second has been obtained, the material of the report can be discussed on the floor. The motion is to accept the report as information for discussion – no specific action, commitment or agreement is attached to passing a motion to accept a report.

However, reports should also highlight issues that Zone members believe the Branch or Institute should address. These items might be brought forward in the form of a request or a motion within the report, requiring action by the Branch. Any such actionable within a report, must be raised and addressed separately from the actual report.

As an example: at a Central Zone meeting, the members pass a motion that the Branch should take a position in support of raising the legal drinking age to 21. This motion is outlined in the Zone Report presented at a General Meeting and the Councilor moves acceptance of the report. The motion to accept the report could pass unanimously, but acceptance of the report does not mean there is any agreement or support for the motion presented within the report – unless a subsequent motion, requesting the Branch support raising the drinking age, is brought forward and passed.

If a Zone report contains an item requiring a decision of the membership or an action by the Branch, the Zone Councilor must notify the Branch Secretary of the item in advance of the meeting. The item would then be added to the agenda, so as to be properly addressed by the membership.

I believe this explanation addresses concerns raised about the acceptance of reports. If acceptable to the Executive, this position should be outlined to the membership at all General Meetings so as to reduce the likelihood of objections the acceptance to Zone Reports, and addressing issues raised in Zone Reports.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Richen

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Arctic Zone Report

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The past summer had been relatively quiet in the North, until the dreaded E.coli O157:H7 made several appearances throughout the north, with most cases originating in Nunavut. Since the beginning of March this year, there have been 34 cases in 8 communities in Nunavut, with at least 4 more in the Northwest Territories. Considering there are less than 30,000 people in Nunavut, these numbers are overwhelming. Invariably, the index case had begun with the consumption of raw or undercooked ground beef. Many people traditionally eat raw caribou, and have seemed to carry over the practice to consuming raw ground beef.

Phage typing has suggested a relationship to cases in northern Quebec which have been traced to ground beef acquired from production plants in Alberta. There is no definite tie-in to the production of meat recalled during the summer. Aside from the index case being caused by hamburger consumption, in each of the communities, subsequent cases are caused by personal contact. It has been the practice of health officials to organize an outbreak team to descend on a community, do home visits with handouts which are carefully prepared and translated, visit schools and teach proper hand-washing techniques plus book time on the local radio station and conduct call-in style information sessions. Stores and other food outlets along with group homes and daycares are also visited to increase awareness and to further educate.

On a different note, a Territorial Environmental Health Officer meeting was recently held in Yellowknife, where the idea of adopting the new National Food Code was discussed. Since the NWT Food Regulations are badly outdated, adoption of this new code would help to make things more current. While making some minor changes to this code, it is hoped that it will be implemented in the very near future.

That's all for now, from above the 60th...

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Nowakowski
Arctic Zone Councillor

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NORTHERN ZONE REPORT

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No Northern Zone Meeting/workshop was held this fall, due to the number of other public health conferences/workshops occurring province wide.

REGIONAL UPDATES

Northern Lights

- *inspector(s) are busy addressing public complaints/concerns and conducting routine inspections.*
- *Adam Grant has left the health region and moved on to work in Ontario at the London-Middlesex health unit. Adam and his new Bride (nee Karen McCaul) were also recently married in Ontario. Congratulations!!*
- *All industry sectors are booming and with that comes additional work for the health inspectors.*

Keeweenok Lakes

- *Regional board has approved the funding for an Environmental Health Managers position.*
- *Blue-green algae has appeared at various locations within the region with inspectors notifying the public of the health concerns.*
- *Food safe course is being offered to students in the public schools.*
- *Inspectors busy with routine inspections and compliance issues.*

Peace Region

- *Chris Kelly has left the health region and moved on to work at the federal level in Sioux Lookout in Northern Ontario. Good Luck Chris!!*
- *Rob is holding down the fort and conducting routine inspections between putting out the fires.*

Northwestern

- *A new OSB plant is soon to open in High Level.*
- *Art is busy with routine inspections and putting out the fires that come with the large population increase due to all sectors of the industry being very busy.*
- *A large pig operation is soon to start operation near High Level.*

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Mistahia

- *Number of housing complaints and new food premises within the City of Grande Prairie and outlying districts is still on the increase due to all sectors of industry being very busy and affordable housing being hard to find.*
- *Inspectors are preparing for another busy winter season conducting camp inspections, as all sectors of industry are busy with the oil and gas booming due to high oil prices.*
- *Currently the Environmental Health Department is fully staffed, with the hopes of an additional staff member being added within the next budget.*
- *Environmental Health Department is planning on holding a second potable water seminar in October for potable water haulers, well drillers, and industrial work camp operators etc..*
- *Inspectors have developed and are in the process of holding a second consultation/stakeholder meeting with the forest industry and silviculture camp operators, in order to obtain consistency in the sanitation practices within these types of industrial work camps.*
- *Inspectors are continuing to conduct playground inspections as time permits.*
- *Foodsafe course is being taught in the high schools within the City of Grande Prairie.*

Respectively Submitted,
Raymond De Smit, CPHI(C)
Northern Zone Councillor

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Capital Zone Report

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Staff News

Capital Health took on 3 practicum students from the Concordia program this year: Kara Moritz, Richard Rieve, and Sami Tawfik. All survived their ordeal working with Environmental Health and we wish them the best of luck with their Certification Exam.

Capital has also welcomed 2 new staff to its ranks: Glenn Jenkins (from Vermilion) and Pamela Andruchow (from Calgary). Both have joined the Food Protection Program, and appear to be fitting in quite well. Congratulations also go out to Pamela and her husband who entered into wedded bliss earlier this month. Note the tan...she just returned from her honeymoon in Hawaii!

And last, but not least, best wishes go out to Lance Honish who has started working towards his Master's Degree in Epidemiology. Good luck!

HSAA Negotiations

Once again we are working without a contract, and negotiations have only begun. Please pray for us!

Workshops/Conferences

The Fall Workshop Committee has been working hard to make this year's Alberta Branch Workshop a success. The committee has successfully registered over 70 people wishing to attend, not only from RHA's, but also from Alberta Agriculture, CFIA, and industry as well. On behalf of the Executive, I would like to thank all committee members, particularly Shauna Dimock (the Committee Chair), for all of their hard work!

The Capital Zone will be sending a number of members to the upcoming law conference in Calgary. It is expected that this will be a great experience for all that attend.

Bill Hohn was nominated for the 2003 CIPHI Conference Chair position.

Noteworthy Experiences & Events

As always, things have been extremely busy in the Capital Zone over the past several months:

- Amidst staff vacations, inspections were conducted at approximately 25 special events between June and the end of August.
- 249 orders have been issued this year: 17 from Food Protection, and the remaining 232 from Built Environment.
- 4 PHAB Appeals have been heard for Built Environment (3 for inner-city housing and 1 for rural). All orders were successfully upheld.
- Three inspectors were asked to assist Infection Control at the Royal Alexandra Hospital to investigate and control VRE at that facility.
- A number of high-profile articles have appeared in the media as a result of EHO activities:

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- Debaji's, a popular high-end market received an Executive Officer's Order after failing to make repairs and deal with on-going insect problems. The facility appears to be complying with the Order and conditions in the establishment have improved.
- A restaurant plead guilty to 8 counts under the Public Health Act and received an \$8000.00 fine.
- An illegally operating food manufacturer was closed after it was discovered that products were being made in an abandoned building. Renovations to the building were later completed, the order was rescinded, and the facility was permitted to open.
- Built Environment issues have graced the pages of the Edmonton Journal and Sun, particularly as it relates to inner-city housing and slum landlords. The now infamous "Vickie Wong" and her numerous derelict properties have replaced the cathouses of year's past as the focus of the media's attention, thanks in part to the mayor. These articles have helped increase public awareness on Environmental Health issues (which is great for the profession as a whole).
- The Capital Health LINK opened its phone lines in September. This phone service employs nurses who will provide health advice to the public 24/7, including taking complaints for EH outside of normal working hours.

It is suspected that things will continue to be busy, particularly as the cold weather is now beginning to set in.

Respectfully submitted,
Nyall Hislop
Capital Zone Councillor.

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Central Zone Report

Surprisingly things in the central zone have been relatively quiet since last November with only a few of the regions reporting items of interest (sorry, no human parts found inside of poultry this time).

Aspen

The region has recently begun permitting water hauling trucks however the problem with new initiatives is some trucks come from out of their area and are not being permitted by the originating region. This unfortunately makes for some inconsistencies in the process. Another item of note is that as with most regions indoor air quality continues to be an increasingly popular issue so funds are being dedicated to equipment. Phil Callbeck is preparing for the annual Lac St. Anne pilgrimage, which is expected to be larger than ever with crowds exceeding 100,000 and no doubt an increase in temporary food establishments to go along with it. Somehow in all of this the staff have found time to prepare for a spring pool course. Speaking of staff, the region is once again fully staffed with the addition Susanna Ma. Last but certainly not least, the department is preparing on hearing a waiver to prepare wild game in a newly built community centre. I'm sure every Environmental Health department will anxiously awaiting the results of this one.

Crossroads

Lucy Beck has become a member of a joint industry, government and public review committee regarding a proposed sour gas well west of Drayton Valley. It's the first time this region has become this involved mainly due to the public health concerns brought forward. On April 7 Stephen Parker finishes the Occupational Health and Safety program at the U of A and looks forward to applying these new skills in the workplace. Finally Norman Kruesel is still dealing with all the issues in Drayton Valley that usually go along with a boom in oil prices (housing, new establishments, etc.). He's only been there for 5 months so hopefully this won't scare him away too soon.

Westview

All communities in the WestView region are seeing expansion due to the positive economy, which is keeping the department equally busy. Some staff changes recently took place with the departure of Tammy Ramsey in December and the hiring of Jack Somers in February to work out of the Jasper office. Speaking of change, the new hospital being built in Stony Plain is on schedule and the Spruce Grove Environmental Health office will relocate to the new site as soon as it is complete. Until then its business as usual

David Thompson, East Central and Lakeland Regional Health Authorities had nothing to report.

It has been interesting to serve as zone representative for the last two years. It has given me an opportunity to speak with numerous inspectors I might otherwise never have met and to talk about issues that have the potential to impact our field. I would like to thank everyone who participated in Branch



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activities in one way or another as well as to those who kept the rest of the province up to date on the activities of the respective Environmental Health programs. I wish the new central zone rep the best and hope all members strive to advocate in the best interests of public health inspection.

Thanks again,
Stephen Parker
Central Zone Representative
Alberta Branch-CIPHI

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Calgary Zone Report

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The Calgary Regional Health Authority is actively recruiting to 6 new positions, which increases the professional complement of the Environmental Health Program to 42 FTEs. Constant change means that the program is now part of Health Protection (headed by a DMOH), under the Healthy Communities Portfolio (headed by a Medical Director [DMOH] and an Executive Director, also subject to direction from the MOH, who is part of a separate reporting relationship within the agency (confused?).

It is hoped that more than 1 of the new recruits will join the institute, as we presently have only 8 members in this zone. Both councillors will try to push the guilt button on those who plead poverty, *as we have a single mother who is able to find the resources to support the institute*. Non-members will be regularly reminded of the representation (national and provincial), support (i.e., transportation costs for Rob O'Neill to speak on legal enforcement), certification and educational services (conferences and workshops) that are provided by the institute. Furthermore, Jacquie Schnider presently chairs the regular inservices, to which we invite the southern part of province and extend a welcome to all members and non-members alike.

Norm Carlson (not to be confused with Norm Kruesel [2nd string]) has rewritten the Protocol for the Alberta Branch President's Outstanding Achievement Award to reflect input from the Fall General Meeting and from the Executive, which should be considered at the AGM.

Staff have developed a new Swimming Pool Operators Course based on the CIPHI course. Thirty six operators attended the first course in June. A second course will be offered in October.

With the assistance of the staff from Capital, several FoodSafe courses in Cantonese and Vietnamese have been or will be offered to food-handlers in CRHA.

Water quality in the Bragg Creek area continues to be of concern. A research project, in conjunction with the University of Calgary, was undertaken to sample the drinking water in this area. It appears that a number of private water wells are being contaminated by failing private sewage systems. A year-long water sampling study is now being conducted to review seasonal fluctuations and determine the total number of households with unsatisfactory water. In a similar matter, a boil water order has been issued to a water co-op near Bragg Creek, whose treatment system for their surface supply does not meet the standards for disinfectant contact time and chemically assisted filtration.

The Moosehead Café in Calgary was charged with 7 counts under the Food Regulation. After pleading guilty, the owner was fined \$300 per count for a total of \$2100.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Carlson & Debra Mooney
Calgary Zone Councillors

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Southern Zone Report

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Chinook Health Region: New news is as follows:

- We have filled out our staffing quota of one additional inspector.
- Our summer student, Brian Craig, is filling the position and we welcome him to the fold.
- Brian Dalshaug has authorised 4 people to attend the law conference this fall.
- Chinook has the highest E. coli rates of any region in Alberta. Our rates are 22.3 cases/100,000

To summarize the south, the data is as follows (per 100,000 persons):

Alberta:	7.3
Chinook:	22.3
Palliser:	14.2
RA5:	1.8

- These rates are creating a heightened level of interest in the water program and we are getting water submissions considerably higher than normal.
- The dry conditions in the southwest have created a high level of activity for Fire fighting crews and as such there are lots of work camps requiring our input.
- Six-mile coulee is an area in Lethbridge, which has some limitations as to private sewage disposal. Chinook Health Region has taken a stance that for this area; the city must have municipal sewer services if the developers want to develop the land. Medical Health Officer, Dr. Paul Hasselback required Environmental Health to draft policy and is approaching the Board for support. Another example of why a specific legislative base would be helpful and in the public's interests.
- Chinook has developed a refresher course for FoodSafe. It is 3 hrs long and is entirely on power point.

Palliser Health Region:

- One vacant position in Brooks. Tim Sakulak has left the field and is exploring options at the University of Calgary's Medical School. Congratulations Tim!
- Bruce van Mulligen is sending 5 people to the Law Conference.

Headwaters Health Region:

- Neil Williams is back with Peer in Okotoks full time. Welcome back!
- Peer has Kori Woodard and his new recruit, Theresa Wawrykow in Banff. Welcome Theresa! Theresa is starting with Headwaters in October
- Jennifer is back with the organization Nov. 1 from her maternity leave. The roster is now complete.

Health Authority 5:

- Dan has retained his crew and there are no vacancies at this time.
- Their Concordia student has already been hired by Calgary Health Services.
- An interesting incident of note was their first case of Salmonella paratyphi. The work restrictions and measures set out in the CDC regulations was, as is typical in our line of work, different and a learning experience for the staff. Possibly a good agenda item for a Southern Zone infoshare?



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- Raves are becoming an Environmental Health concern. RA5 has been working collectively with RCMP to shut down these unauthorized events and make conditions for authorized ones. In some instances buses of people have been turned back to Calgary.

Respectfully submitted,
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Southern Zone Councillor



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Communications Committee Report

Dan Richen

The most recent issue of the Alberta Branch News was printed and distributed this week. Keith Lee and I will continue to produce the newsletter on a (approximately) quarterly basis. However, we continue to request submissions from members.

An issue has developed with maintaining the Alberta Branch web site on the Internet. Due to governance changes through deregulation, an annual fee is now being charged for registration of our domain name (ciphi.ab.ca). We must register our domain name through a private agency with the Canadian Internet Registry Authority, with an annual fee of approximately \$50. This is in addition to the annual fee of \$120 we pay to Magtech Computers as our Internet Service Provider and \$100 to Telus for our email service (ab-ciphi@telusplanet.net).

We post employment opportunities on the Branch web-site, as a service to our membership. However, we have encountered minor problems with maintaining these ads in a timely manner. Although these problems have been addressed, we have determined it necessary to discontinue advertising out-of-province positions. Instead, we will provide links to the ads on the National page.

We have initiated our third annual Branch Hockey Pool. The pool is free to all members; you only need to visit the Branch web-site at www.ciphi.ab.ca, select players from various categories, and hope for the best. At the end of the season, the top three teams will win a prize for which the Branch spared no expense. Check it out.

If anyone has suggestions for improving the Alberta Branch website, please send an e-mail to us at ab-ciphi@telusplanet.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Richen
Communications Committee

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Board of Certification Corresponding Member Report

Fall General Meeting

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The following are the key points of interest occurring at the Board of Certification:

- The BOC met on April 7, 2000 during the CIPHI National Conference in Vancouver. The agenda was mostly filled with administrative type items such as BOC regulations, updating administrative policies, making changes to the candidate package, correspondence and appeals.
- Lidia Stefaniw (Past-Corresponding Member for the Province of Alberta) and I reviewed Administrative Policy #4 which covers the Examination for the Certificate in Public Health Inspection. Recommendations designed to elevate the standards of the oral examination process have been provided to the BOC and will be discussed at the BOC's Fall meeting on October 26-28, which I will attend.
- Lidia Stefaniw resigned from her duties as Corresponding Member for the Province of Alberta and Examination Coordinator for the Province of Alberta. Lidia made an outstanding contribution to the BOC and in particular to the reformation and coordination of the examination process. Her vision will be greatly missed. As a result of Lidia's resignation I have stepped into the role of Examination Coordinator for the Province of Alberta. I believe this is the first time in living memory that this function has been the sole responsibility of the Branch. I will ensure that the integrity of the examination process is maintained at the highest level possible. The Council of Environmental Health Managers may take on the role of Corresponding Member for the Province of Alberta (acting on behalf of Alberta RHA employers) since Alberta Health and Wellness is currently unable to fulfill this role.
- Twelve candidates were examined on October 3, 2000 in Edmonton. This was the first exam without the written multiple-choice component and a lengthened oral component. As mentioned in my Spring Meeting Report, the practicum reports have also been reduced from three reports to two as part of the reform to the examination of candidates. I would like to acknowledge Carol Sobkow-Alloway, Lucy Beck, David Brown, Brian Dalshaug, Jennifer May-Hadford, Charles Hallett, Keith Lee, Alex MacKenzie, Lidia Stefaniw and Greg Thibault for the valuable contribution they made to the recent examination.
- The Environmental Health Program at Concordia University College will be assessed by a Review Team this Fall.

Please contact me via Branch mail or by phone, fax or email at Headwaters RHA if you have any questions regarding this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Peer Mikkelsen

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Membership Report

Fall General Meeting
October 5th, 2000

The following table shows the 2000 Membership information as provided by the National Executive Director Records dated Oct 2nd, 2000.

Zone	Regular	Retired	Student	Affiliate	Life	Total
Arctic	12	0	0	1	0	13
North	13	0	0	0	0	13
Capital/	29	2	12	10	0	53
Central	24	2	1	0	0	27
Calgary	11	1	2	2	0	16
South	19	2	0	0	1	22
Others			1 (Ottawa)			1
	108	7	16	13	1	145

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Zone	Regular	Retired	Student	Affiliate	Life	Total
Arctic	12	0	0	0	0	12
North	13	0	1	1	0	15
Capital	25	2	10	7	0	44
Central	31	1	2	1	0	35
Calgary	10	2	2	1	0	15
South	15	0	0	0	1	16
	106	5	15	10	1	137

Overall membership has increased once again from last year by eight members. Way to go!

Thanks for your commitment and support of the Alberta Branch C.I.P.H.I.

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Membership Coordinator



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Advisory Committee on Certification in Food Sanitation and Hygiene

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The terms of reference for this committee expired at the end of 1999. A technical committee will take over the duties of this committee on an as needed basis. The composition of the technical committee has not yet been determined but public health inspection will be represented.

The initial bank of exam questions was completed at the last meeting of the committee. The use of the new exam, the learning outcomes, course guidelines, and instructor's criteria will gain its final approval and adoption along with the new food regulations. Distribution and coordination of the exam will be determined at that time.

I want to thank CIPHI, Alberta Branch for giving me the opportunity to sit on this committee. I have found the work to be both challenging and rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Beck



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Social Report

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The weather was great as always and, as always, the golf course treated us well. This year was a first for the Branch in that the course actually invited us back. I know that we have golfed at Ponoka a number of times, but we have never actually been invited.

A number of thanks need to be made. First, to all those that attended and made the day a success. Next I would like to thank all the sponsors who donated the fantastic prizes: Banff Springs Hotel, Stewart Creek Golf Course, Canmore Marriott Residence Inn, Cilantros' Restaurant at Buffalo Mountain Lodge, Silver Tip Golf Course, Wintergreen Golf Course, Ogilvie and Company, Chateau Lake Louise, Boston Pizza Canmore, Delta Lodge at Kananaskis, Hedgehog Information Systems, Petro Canada Canmore, Subway, Fortress Mountain, Capital Health Authority and of course the Alberta Branch for their prizes and sponsorship of the golf carts. My regrets to all who did not attend. You missed out on great prizes, ask Ken Longmore who walked with the Stewart Creek Golf Passes.

The Two-night stay at the Banff Springs Hotel was raffled and the proceeds were donated to the Environmental Health Foundation. Thanks for the support.

Last, I would like to thank Mr. Rob O'Neill for winning most of the prizes. He managed to walk away with the Banff Springs weekend and the dinner for two at Cilantro's. Sorry you did not win any of the golf passes but you will have to find your own entertainment. Next year we will be expecting Rob to personally donate something huge!

Congratulations to Rick Dimock for wining the Low Gross (it was too gross to remember the score) and Bill Chrapko for winning the Low Net. Looks like the retirement is paying off for Bills golf game. It could also have been the chance of winning the driver that Capital donated.

The winning team for the combined low score went to Rick Dimock, Keith Lee, Peer Mikkelsen, and Tom Matyr. It was interesting that Peer set the teams and won the low team prize. The really interesting point was that Best prizes were all handed out on a draw basis so they only get the bragging rights.

Well, the golf course is booked for next year, same time same place for all interested. If you wish to change the location and host the tournament let the Branch know. For next year's organisers the Bar has been raised on the prizes. The challenge is set.

Is anyone interested in a Curling Funspiel? It has been many years since the last one in Drumheller. We just need a volunteer!

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Thibault



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Issues Committee Report

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This will be my final Issues Committee Report, as I have offered my resignation from the position of Chair effective October 5, 2000. Personal commitments (graduate studies) preclude me from devoting the time to the position that it deserves.

During my tenure as Chair, the output of the committee was far less than I had hoped, and as such, I offer my apologies to Alberta Branch members. I would be happy to provide any assistance that I can in orientating the new Chair of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance Honish
Outgoing Issues Committee Chair