

Annual General Meeting June 4, 2005

Members Present:

Elson Zazulak
Ken Fujioka
Adam Stokowski
Victor Mah*
Sarah Nunn*
Steve Probert
Merry Turtiak*

Marilyn Dahlgren
Simon Sihota*
Dan Richen
Karen Emde
David Crowe
Jeremy Spencer
Zaheen Nanji*

Tricia Herridge
Nelson Fok
Keith Lee*
Koreen Westly*
Jennifer Jacobsen
Ken Dong
Phi Phan*

* = denotes Executive Member

	Agenda Item	Discussion & Decision	Action by
1.0	Call to Order	10:09 AM	
2.0	In memoriam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Hughes • Alison Look (nee Poon) 	
3.0	Agenda	3.1 Additions or Deletions to Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additions to the agenda 	
		3.2 Adoption of Agenda Moved adoption of agenda. Seconded. Carried	
4.0	Adoption of Minutes	Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 7, 2004 Moved adoption of minutes from previous meeting. Seconded. (One Abstained). Carried.	
5.0	Executive Reports	5.1 President Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		5.2 Vice President Moved. Seconded. Carried	
		5.3 Treasurer Moved Seconded. Discussion: Q: What level of revenue can the Branch have before we are considered for profit? Under the societies act there appears to be no ceiling amount. Q: Due to the current balance can we invest another	



		<p>\$20, 000 into an investment fund? A: Yes, this was discussed at the Executive Meeting it was agreed to invest \$15000 in a rate riser plan and \$15000 in a dividend fund. Carried</p>	
		<p>5.4 Secretary Moved. Seconded Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction: familiar = similar <p>Q: What type of database will be used for the membership database? A: Unsure as have not seen actual database but believe it to be sometime of Microsoft Database Carried.</p>	
6.0	Zone Reports	6.1 Arctic – No report submitted	
		6.2 Northern Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		6.3 Capital Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		6.4 Central Moved. Seconded. Carried	
		6.5 Calgary Moved. Seconded: Correction: Fall Workshop is October 6 & 7 not October 5 & 6 as noted in Zone Report Carried.	
		6.6 Southern Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
7.0	Committee Reports	<p>7.1 Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website Moved. Seconded. Discussion <i>Suggested: Within 30 days ab-ciphi@telusplanet.net be removed.</i> Carried. • Newsletter Moved. Seconded. Carried Aside: National Newsletter – Victor Mah is doing the National Website and its focus is to relate the day to day activities of the National Executive. 	Dan Richen
		7.2 Board of Certification No report submitted.	

		<p>7.3 Membership Moved. Seconded Discussion: Q: Can number of PHIs in province be added to report to see how many are not members? A: Can be added. Q: Can we post the current membership lists in website/newsletter? A: Have to poll membership and check regarding FOIP issues. <i>Action: Secretary will poll membership and report to Executive and Membership Chair.</i> Carried.</p>	<p>Tricia</p> <p>Merry</p>
		<p>7.4 Advocacy Moved. Seconded. Carried.</p>	
		<p>7.5 Concordia Advisory Moved. Seconded. Discussion Q: Why has Concordia increased the number of placements in the program? A: Trying to meet expected job demands and expansion of jobs available to PHIs Carried.</p>	
		<p>7.6 Environmental Public Health Week Moved. Carried. Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction: Include Ft. McMurray Carried.</p>	
		<p>7.7 AB Environmental Health Directors Council Moved. Seconded. Carried.</p>	
8.0	Business Arising	<p>8.1 Golf Tournament 2005 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be on Sat. July 23 in Drumheller. • Price \$75 members, \$85 non-members includes a cart. See Alberta Branch Website for more information. • Need prize donations – any member is encouraged to solicit donations. Please contact Dan Richen for more information. </p>	Closed
		<p>8.2 Oath of PHIs – Code of Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion has been submitted to the NEC and will be discussed at the National Annual General Meeting in Toronto. </p>	Closed
		<p>8.3 Proposal for Continuing Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Core Competencies in President's </p>	Closed

		Report	
		8.4 Fall 2005 Workshop Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good team of workers • Good speakers and excellent social even planned • Goal of this workshop is to education the membership. 	Continues
		8.5 Millennium Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update to this item. <i>Action: Treasurer and volunteers will continue to explore this funding activity.</i>	Keith
9.0	Information Items	No items submitted	
10.0	New Business	10.1 Investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed under Treasurer's Report 	Closed
		10.2 Award Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's Award - Jeff Kresowaty • LE Stewart Award - Greg Ritz – for 2004 	Closed
		10.3 Membership Raffle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern: Jay Jorgenson • Central: Rob Elliot • Capital & Southern: Merry Turtiak • Calgary: Sarah Nunn 	Closed
		10.4 Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Phi Phan – Acclaimed • Vice President: Sarah Nunn – Acclaimed • Treasurer: Keith Lee – Acclaimed • Secretary: Merry Turtiak – Acclaimed • Arctic: Rhian Harrison • Northern: Koreen Westly • Capital: Vacant • Central: Doug Johnston • Calgary: Jennifer Jacobsen • Southern: Vacant • Communication – Website: Dan Richen • Communication – Newsletter: Victor • Board of Certification: Number of individual interested • Membership: Tricia Herridge • Advocacy: Simon Sihota 	Closed



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Health Week: Vacant	
11.0	Adjournment		12:34 PM



President's Report

Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

“**Core competencies**” is a phrase that all environmental public health professionals should start getting acquainted with, as core competencies is both the goal and process that CIPHI has begun to undertake. The Continuing Profession Competency project recognizes the necessity to establish ongoing continuing education requirements and the development of standards of practice within the profession. This move to continuing professional competency is a realization that as a field, we must move at the pace of today's world, not the world of twenty years ago. This project is possibly the most important project CIPHI has undertaken in its' history.

The National Executive Council has indicated its' support and full attention to completing the core competencies project within the next five years. Two committees have been assembled with a Pan-Canadian representation including administrators, management, field staff and academics. Since November 2004, there have been numerous meetings and the process is now in full swing. To assist in completing this project, the Public Health Agency of Canada has provided the means for holding meetings as well as providing personnel to aide in coordination of the committees. Other professional organizations, such as the Community Health Nurses Association of Canada (CHNAC), are also on the path to Core Competencies. Consequently our Associations have been assisting each other in sharing resources and expertise to the benefit of both.

As this project moves forward, I will endeavor to forward as much information as I receive to the membership. As always, if any member has any question, comment or concerns in relation to this project, my telephone and email lines are always open. For more information and some background documents check out the National Website at <http://www.ciphi.ca/corecomp.html>

Continuing with the National Executive Council, a strategic planning session was held recently in Toronto. During that session, a facilitator walked the NEC through the difficulties facing CIPHI, suggested methods for dealing with those difficulties and assisted in determining the overarching goals of the Institute in the next three to five years. Not surprisingly, core competencies figured quite predominantly. A summary report has not been presented to the NEC as of yet, but it is expected within the next few months.

Overall, the past six months at the National level has been hectic and for the foreseeable future this pace will continue. These are hard working volunteers you have working on committees on the National stage and the support of the membership is crucial if we are to succeed.

Respectfully submitted,

Phi Phan, President
CIPHI (Alberta)

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Vice President's Report Annual General Meeting - June 4, 2005

At long last winter is over and we can look forward to a season of BBQs, mosquito bites and summer festivals!

The Alberta Branch is very excited that the Calgary Health Region has accepted the challenge to host the annual Fall Workshop. It's certainly nice to see Branch activities taking place throughout the province. The committee has chosen Canmore as the location this year. Delegates will be able to take in a wealth of information and network with colleagues surrounded by the picturesque backdrop of the Rocky Mountains. The conference committee promises a "Surf and Turf" of topics ranging from swimming pools to food safety. Hopefully you can make it to Canmore later this year.

On the social front, our annual golf tournament is a go again. Our thanks go out to Dan Richen of David Thompson Health Region who is graciously coordinating this year's event. The location of the tournament this year is the Dinosaur Trail Golf Course in Drumheller and is slated for July 23rd, 2005. For more information on these upcoming events and more, please visit the Branch web page at www.ciphi.ab.ca

And finally, this will be my last report to the membership as Vice President. I certainly encourage any members interested in contributing to the Alberta Branch to step forward and become involved by joining the executive this election year. In addition to Executive positions, you can take part in a number of Branch committees including the newsletter, website and Environmental Health Week to name a few!

As always, the Branch is receptive to input and feedback from our members, so if you have any comments or wish to contribute on provincial matters, you can contact us at ab-ciphi@telusplanet.net

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Thepsouvanh
Vice-President, Alberta Branch





TREASURER'S REPORT
1st Quarter Report
2005 January 01 – 2005 March 31

General Account Balance 2005 January 01**\$ 63,162.75****Revenue**

Membership Dues	\$ 3,116.28
Interest/Investments	\$ 8.00
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 398.00
Thermometer Sales	\$ 12,169.25
Total Revenue	\$ 15,691.53

Expenditures

Phones/Internet	\$ 41.58
Office Supplies	\$ 142.40
Postal/Courier	\$ 132.72
Branch Zone Meetings/Activities	\$ 19.99
Thermometer Purchases	\$ 8,978.58
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 650.00
Reimbursement (thermometer overpayment)	\$ 54.25
Total Expenditures	\$ 10,019.52

General Account Balance 2005 March 31**\$ 68,834.76****Branch G.I.C.s****\$ 20,000.00****Branch Scholarship Account Balance 2005 March 31****\$ 9,012.85****Branch Workshop Account Balance 2004 December 31****\$ 13,250.07****Branch Workshop G.I.C.s****\$ 19,052.28****Accounts Receivable****\$ 930.00****Total Branch Financial Assets****\$131,079.96**

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lee, Treasurer
2005 May 20



**TREASURER'S REPORT**
2004 January 01 – 2004 December 31**General Account Balance 2004 January 01****\$ 25,924.18****Revenue**

Membership Dues	\$ 5,720.60
Interest/Investments	\$ 29.32
National Conference Income	\$ 43,725.25
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 3,295.00
Thermometer Sales	\$ 13,754.25
Total Revenue	\$ 66,524.42

Expenditures

Phones/Internet	\$ 487.32
Office Supplies	\$ 1,266.95
Postal/Courier	\$ 1,571.00
Banking Services	\$ 79.89
Equipment Purchases	\$ 2,509.10
Branch Executive Meetings/Activities	\$ 2,686.89
Branch General Meetings/Activities	\$ 652.40
Branch Zone Meetings/Activities	\$ 248.37
Board of Certification Meetings/Activities	\$ 1,981.98
Provincial EHS Meetings/Activities (DC9)	\$ 272.50
Thermometer Purchases	\$ 10,982.22
Membership Gifts	\$ 723.94
Donations	\$ 1,700.00
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 4,023.29
Honoraria	\$ 100.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 29,285.85

General Account Balance 2004 December 31**\$ 63,162.75****Branch G.I.C.s****\$ 20,000.00****Branch Scholarship Account 2004 December 31****\$ 9,011.74****Branch Workshop Account Balance 2004 December 31****\$ 13,250.07****Branch Workshop G.I.C.s****\$ 19,052.28****Total Branch Financial Assets****\$124,476.84**

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lee, Treasurer
2004 December 31



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May 3, 2005

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors – Alberta Branch
Attn.: Mr. Keith Lee, Treasurer
Box 1674
Drumheller, AB
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Dear Mr. Lee,

RE: Audit of Financial Records for Alberta Branch – CIPHI
January 01, 2004 to December 31, 2004

A verification of the financial records for the time period mentioned above found no missing receipts, errors in entry, or other irregularities that could not be satisfactorily documented and explained. All monies appear to be accounted for at this time.

We found the records well organized and comprehensive. Mr. Lee's dedication and quality performance in his position as Treasurer is commendable.

This letter is thus submitted for CIPHI – Alberta Branch membership and executive review.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwina Kordyback, CPHI(C)

Ludmilla Rodríguez, CPHI(C)

Members in Good Standing

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Secretary's Report Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

Getting the archives organized has been the theme of the past few months. The archives of the Alberta Branch consist of about 20 boxes full of interesting reports and correspondence which go back to 1939 and further in some cases. The archives are almost completely sorted with the next step to be microfilmed for preservation. In addition, a National committee has been created to create a membership database where all Branches will input their data in a similar manner. The Alberta Branch membership information already entered into a Microsoft Access Database has successfully been converted into this new software. A converted copy of our data and access to the database should be available soon.

On another note, members have been reporting some issues around timely processing of their membership dues. If you or another member has not been receiving regular updates from the Branch Secretary or not getting your copy of the Environmental Health Review, please contact our Membership Chair, Ms. Tricia Herridge, as soon as possible. She can be reached by email at Tricia.Herridge@ech.ab.ca.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Turtiak
Secretary, Alberta Branch





**Northern Zone Report
Spring Annual General Meeting
June 4, 2005**

A Northern Zone meeting/workshop was held in Fort McMurray on March 16 and 17, 2005. The Northern Lights Health Region staff did a wonderful job hosting. Guest speakers included representatives from the Residential Tenancies Act, the Wood Buffalo Environmental Association, Alberta Health and Wellness and the traveling road show team of CFIA, Alberta Agriculture and Alberta Health and Wellness. Also included was a tour of Suncor's Borealis Lodge and kitchen facility, which gave us all just a little perspective into the enormity of the oil sands projects and the number of people who work there.

Brenda Ziegler hopped the border from Saskatchewan to join Aspen Health Region in the Slave Lake office. Welcome Brenda!

Peace Country Health's student, Diane Hughes, passed away in the fall. One of the region's vacancies was filled by Kosoo Ng who joined the Grande Prairie office at the end of November 2004. And finally, Peace Country Health will be fully staffed when Adrea Simmons joins us in the middle of June. Just in time to offer coverage for summer vacations! Welcome Kos and Adrea!

Respectfully submitted,

Koreen Westly
Northern Zone Councillor



Capital Zone Report Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

Things here in the Capital Zone continue at the usual hectic pace. EPHO's in the Capital Region are gearing up for the usual summer festivals and well as the World Master's Games to be held from July 22 to 31st. It is anticipated that during this time there will be over 30,000 visitors to the Capital Region.

Mr. Glen Evoy, the Regional Environmental Health Manager for the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada retired a few weeks ago after 35 years of service with the Federal Public Service. Congratulations Glen on your distinguished career and well earned retirement. Glen was given quite the send off from his staffs, which included some ballads, a violinist and believe it or not, a rap tribute. Who knew that EPHO's had such talent? Skattar Sandhu is the new Regional Environmental Health Manager for the Department.

I would also like to congratulate all the students who sat and passed their BOC oral exams on behalf of the Branch and EHPO's in the field. We all look forward to working with you.

This is my last report as Capital Zone Councilor as I will be stepping down to focus on the new addition to the family expected in early August. It has been a pleasure serving as Capital Zone Councilor for the past couple of years, and representing all those in this area. I will be continuing as Advocacy Committee Chair and still have active involvement within the Branch. I encourage all those interested, to put their names forward as potential candidates for Capital Zone Councilor position. It is a very rewarding position and I feel that the Branch on both a National and Provincial level have made some very positive steps forward in the last couple of years.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully Submitted

Simon Sihota

Central Zone Report Annual General Meeting - June 4, 2005

East Central Health Region

- Gregory Ward and his wife welcomed a baby boy on May 5. Congratulations!
- It has been very quiet in East Central, but the PHI's are gearing up for a busy summer.

David Thompson Health Region

- DTHR has been inundated with phone calls on Hantavirus.
- Dean Blue has been busy issuing Boil Water Advisories and they only seem to be in his area. The Village of Acme came under his wrath in March, while the Hamlet of Mirror was in May.
- Amanda Lyons, a Concordia graduate, has joined the DTHR Environmental Public Health team. She enjoys conducting housing inspections and will receive a whole load of complaints when Bob More is away for a month on holidays. Good Luck!
- Greg Ritz is receiving the L.E. Stewart award on June 4. Greg has been an inspector with the David Thompson Health Region (DTHR) since 1976 and has served the community of Rocky Mountain House for the last 28 years. He is a member in good standing and received his 25-year pin from the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, Alberta Branch, on December 3, 2004.
- Scott and Denise Budgell welcomed their third daughter, Natalie Budgell, in December 2004. Congratulations!
- Keith Lee has been busy working on Norovirus outbreaks and the recent E.coli cases in Drumheller.





- Garth Gosselin and Doug Johnston are accepting the fact that they have to share an office. Doug has finally cleared all his paperwork from the floor!
- Adam Stokowski will be adding more work on his plate as he is taking over my area when I begin Maternity Leave. I hope he can survive the year!
- DHTR has conducted two pandemic exercises with municipalities. Castor, Coronation and Consort (3 EOC's) were grouped together under one exercise. While the second exercise took place in March with municipalities of Kneehill, Trochu and Three Hills (3 EOC's).

As most of you are aware, this is my last zone report. I have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and would like to thank everyone for their support. I wish Doug Johnston, the new Central Zone councilor, all the best in his new position and thank him for coming forward and representing the members of Central Zone.

Respectfully,

Zaheen Nanji





Calgary Zone Report Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

It's been a busy few months in Calgary Health Region. Within the city our population now exceeds one million people. The Environmental Health Team has now increased to 53 PHI's, 4 Risk Assessment Consultants, 12 Administration Staff, 1 Outbreak Co-ordinator and a Deputy MoH!

Calgary Health Region staff are pleased to host the Fall Workshop on 6 & 7 October in Canmore, we look forward to seeing you all there and welcoming you to the beautiful Rocky Mountains for two days of interesting & enlightening information.

In January 2005, Grace Mar (aka. The velvet hammer), Lew Skjonsby & Dale Nelson worked alongside Alberta Agriculture to bring to justice an illegal slaughterhouse. Mr Huttman was found operating this business out of a garage, cutting and selling meats to the public and local businesses. The Environmental Health Department is charging Mr. & Mrs. Huttman with 14 counts; Alberta Agriculture has also filed charges. The hearing date is scheduled for December 2005.

Peters Drive-In was the location involved in the latest e-coli outbreak which has resulted in 19 confirmed cases, one of which is seriously ill with HUS. It was realized early on that marshmallow milk shake was the common denominator in this instance. The outbreak has been linked to an infected food handler working at the facility. The Drive-In was closed for a day until remedial measures were taken which included 17 staff excluded, stool samples from all staff and thorough disinfection of the premise. This outbreak has been a good example of good team working with the Enterics Team (Jennifer Jacobsen, Larry Crowe, Kenning Eng, Freya Volstad), the District Inspector (Sharon Mayhew) and the Provincial Laboratory.

The housing inspectors have been hectic this year. So far 75 grow ops and the largest Meth Lab in the Province have been keeping Vicki Wearmouth & Brent Kerstiens busy. A Safe Housing program is about to get off the ground as Paul VonSchoenberg is involved with a task force working in partnership with the Fire Department and the City Building Inspectors. Other stakeholders are also involved with this process including social workers and the Red Cross.

There has been a number staff changes in the last 6 months within Calgary Health Region. The director of Environmental Health; John Pelton retired on 31st March. A new director; Robert Bradbury commenced on May 25th 2005. We welcomed Kelly Kennedy (PHI) from the East coast, and were pleased to have Katerina Chuda as a permanent member of staff.

Those who jumped ship recently were: Sandra MacNeil decided to run her own Interior design company rather than work as a PHI; Kristen Klicack (Calgary Zone Councillor) made the move to Edmonton; Rebecca Johnson was a temporary member of staff who is now working in Edmonton and Anne Breckenridge (Risk Assessment Consultant) has been scooped up by The City of Calgary.





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Chad Beegan (co-ordinator) and his lovely wife Julie (secretary in Environmental Health) gave birth to Parker on January 14th. Asish Mohapatra (Risk Assessment Consultant) is getting hitched this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Nunn
New Calgary Zone Councillor.





Southern Zone Report Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

Report from the Deep South

It has been a wild ride down here in Chinook country with two new faces filling positions while Palliser Health Region has nothing new to report but rumor has it they might be getting a new position while we (Chinook) loose one!

Andrea Angus joined the team last summer as a student from BCIT, staying on to fill a vacancy. Maureen Elko also joined our staff last fall after doing her field training with Capital Health. Jennifer Todd moved from the hustle and bustle of Lethbridge to the hustle of Crowsnest Pass. She is enjoying a much more subdued pace of life. Jennifer is not allowed to mention the view of the mountains and ski hill out her office window to Brian or anyone else. This is especially important to note since the Lethbridge PHI's are moving to a new office building and will be occupying cubicles. Maureen has already bought a beach ball for entertainment...

Sean Robison has moved from the Lethbridge office to the Coaldale office and Andrea did the Coaldale to Lethbridge move. They did this for commuting purposes as Andrea is living in Lethbridge and Sean is building a house in Coaldale for his new bride and him to move in to. That's right ladies; Mr. Robison is getting hitched in July - sorry to have to tell you.

Talking about getting hitched, Andrea got engaged to her long time boyfriend this last winter. It's amazing how a not so little diamond ring can put a smile on a girls face that even a slum landlord can't wipe off.

While we are talking about nuptials, it is time to lay to rest a rumor that has been going around. Blake G. did not win a local foot race lately. It has been said that his girl friend was chasing him with an engagement ring at the time! I repeat this did not happen.

Congrats to Adam Jensen for winning the CIPHI draw for Registration to this year's National Conference in Toronto. He and Sean will be attending from Southern Alberta.

As for myself, my wife and children, we are all enjoying our new house (November 2004), though I thought that being in a new house would mean less work. Not so. We just welcomed the third addition to our family in May (Mom and baby are doing fine). With that, I am announcing my resignation as your Southern Zone Counselor as I just don't have the time to appropriately denote to this worthy cause.

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to serve you.





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With that said I would strongly urge you to go up to any and all of the hard working CIPHI Volunteers (like Phi, Victor, Keith, Merry, etc.) and pat them on the back or shake their hand and say Thank you. Until you are behind the scenes you just don't realize how much work they actually do.

Thanks, you are appreciated!

Also volunteer for a CIPHI committee to help out. I know they could use your help.

Respectfully submitted

Rod Mattice

Southern Zone Councillor





**Communications Committee Report
Alberta Branch Website
Annual General Meeting
June 4, 2005**

Over the past year the Branch website has experienced a number of challenges – from hackers and hijackers to hardware crashes and lost files.

On two separate occasions, our Internet Service Provider (Magtech Computers) was hacked. Although the hackers were not after our site, their activities required Magtech's entire system to be rebuilt... and our site to be lost for a period of time. Another problem occurred when malicious software "hijacked" our web address and redirected visitors to another site. As a result of these attacks Magtech increased security with the installation of new software and hardware. Unfortunately these changes caused conflicts with external firewalls and often resulted in access being denied when trying the website from RHAs or Alberta Health. And finally, a winter storm knocked out the system early this year and the loss of some files on our site – none critical to the operation of the website, but somewhat laborious to re-write.

Despite these issues, Magtech Computers has served the Branch well over the past six years (yes, the site has been up that long). However an opportunity has come along that could not be ignored, and the Alberta Branch has changed Internet Service Providers!

Users will not notice any significant change but we are now part of the National CIPHI system – essentially we rent space on the same Internet Service Provider used by CIPHI. The site is completely separate from the National site and we have complete control over its format, content and material. However, as we share the same network and administrative structure, we can access and utilize the expertise of the National website administrator. We will also be able to more easily offer a number of features in the Members Only section that were not available under Magtech – this includes a private Discussion Forum, searchable information databases, and the possibility of @ciphi.ab.ca email addresses for members.

The next few months will see a flurry of activity on the website, as it will be updated and features added as I become more familiar with the system. I am sure that the membership will see improvements to the site, and this will serve as another benefit to the members of the Branch.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Richen
Website Administrator



Communications – Newsletter Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

The membership should have received the most recent edition of the Alberta Branch News in their collective inboxes last month. That ABN marked the final edition for Rabindra Mahabeer (Capital Zone) as Editor. Although eager to take on the task, Rob found that professional and personal commitments drastically cut into the time he could commit to the editing, publication and distribution of the Alberta Branch News, which is understandable given today's hectic pacing. The Alberta Branch is appreciative of the efforts Rob put forward in putting together and distributing the past two editions of the newsletter.

Consequently, with the departure of Rob, the search for a new editor is now in full swing. Any member-in-good-standing willing to take on this challenging position should speak with the chair of the Newsletter Committee, which conveniently is the same person writing this report. If you were looking for a venue to get involved with the Institute, this could be it! Experience is not required and assistance will not be far away.

Respectfully submitted,

Phi Phan, President
CIPHI (Alberta)

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Membership Committee Report Annual General Meeting - June 4, 2005

Membership for 2005 seems off to a good start. The membership numbers for this year are similar to what they were this time last year. The numbers current to April 14, 2005 are listed below.

Zone	Life	Regular	Retired	Student	Total
Arctic	0	8	0	0	8 (6.2%)
Calgary	0	20	1	1	22 (16.9%)
Capital	0	35	2	8	45 (34.6%)
Central	1	16	0	1	18 (13.8%)
Northern	0	26	0	0	26 (20%)
Southern	1	8	1	1	11 (8.5%)
Total	2 (1.5%)	113 (86.9%)	4 (3.1%)	11 (8.5%)	130

Thank you to all members who renewed their membership before December 31, 2004. Congratulations once again to Adam Jensen from the Southern Zone who won the free registration for the National Educational Conference in Toronto this fall.

Some members have experienced difficulties having their membership applications processed this year. If you renewed your membership late last fall or early this year and have not received your receipt yet, please contact myself or your zone councilor.

The annual raffle has come to a close. Thank you to all members who purchased tickets. Four draws for free memberships will be made at the spring meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting, watch for the winners in the next edition of the Alberta Branch News.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Herridge
Membership Committee Chairperson

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Advocacy Committee Report Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

The Advocacy Committee is continuing to gather information in efforts to have CIPH(C)/ EPHO recognized as professionals under the Health Professions Act. While there have been no significant developments as of yet, it is anticipated that there will be further information to report at the next AGM

No issues have been raised by the membership.

Respectfully Submitted

Simon Sihota
Advocacy Committee Chair



Alberta Environmental Health Directors Council (DC9) Report Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

Since the Fall General Meeting in October, the Alberta Branch has been invited to attend two DC9 meetings. Both meetings were held in Edmonton, one in December and the other in April.

At both, I reported to the Directors outlining the activities of the Alberta Branch as well as the National Executive Council of CIPHI. The reports were well received by those in attendance.

All the Environmental Health Directors continue to support the activities of the Alberta Branch and the involvement of their staff in Branch activities. As well, the Directors have reaffirmed their support in establishing a standard for continuing professional competency through continuing education.

Respectfully submitted,

Phi Phan, President
CIPHI (Alberta)

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Environmental Public Health Week Committee Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

This year's national Environmental Public Health Week celebrations were somewhat subdued within the boundaries of the Alberta Branch. Without a set direction or agenda from the former Chair of the committee for advocating EPH Week, little was done in the way of organized effort. However, this is not to say that no efforts were made on behalf of the Alberta Branch.

A letter of recognition was received from the City of Calgary, signed by Mayor Dave Bronconnier and was forwarded to all members at that time. It was an acknowledgment of the professionals that comprise the field of environmental public health, both public health inspectors and environmental health officers by the City of Calgary. Requests were also made to the mayors of Edmonton, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat by the Executive for a similar letter. The only other response was from the Mayor's Office of Lethbridge, which indicated they no longer provided such letters of recognition. Oh well, at least they responded.

Further, smaller scale displays and information sessions were set-up within several regional health authorities and other environmental public health associated organizations. It is hoped that next year's activities have a more concerted effort to continue to dust off the cast of obscurity our field invariably collects.

It should be noted that both the Saskatchewan Branch and Manitoba Branch were able to get their respective provincial Health Departments to declare Environmental Public Health Week in each province. The Alberta Branch hopes to duplicate this feat for 2006.

Finally, the previous Chair of this committee has resigned and we require a replacement. If you're interested, please contact any Executive member and we'll provide you with all the information you need.

Respectfully submitted,

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Concordia Advisory Committee Report Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2005

The professional advisory committee for the Environmental Health program most recently met in April at the Goldbar Campus. The forum was an open and frank discussion of the direction of the program and its' future goals. Some concerns were brought forward with regards to the level of preparedness of the students currently completing the course work, specifically inadequate training in a variety of areas including onsite septic systems. The program director will review the suggested improvements and will apply them as needed.

Overall, the program director has worked diligently to recruit a wide variety of backgrounds to the program and work continues to increase enrollment numbers in the upcoming sessions. With regards to the program's current physical location, the plan is to move the Continuing Education Division, which includes Environmental Health, from the Goldbar Campus to a building on Concordia's main campus. The move is expected to happen sooner rather than later.

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