

Fall General Meeting October 6, 2005

Members Present:

Edwina Kordyback
Carol Sobkow Alloway
Nicole Obert
Jenny Brown
Simon Sihota
Fiona Goorman
Koson Ng
Robb Bradley
Adam Stokowski
Tanya Mac Neil
Nerissa Harvey
Tony Mak
Gordon Corcoran
Jason Feltham
Jennifer Jacobsen*
Shauna Dimock
Keith Lee*
Doug Johnston*

Cheryl Galbraith
Fred Cundict
Cheryl Unger
Adrea Simmons
Matthew Shumaker
Marlene Welch
Kristen Krywiak
Diane Luka
Marc Vanhoutteghem
Debra Langier-Blythe
Grace Mar
Doug Drysdale
Sujata Patel
Rob O'Neil (guest)
Peer Mikkelsen
Tricia Herridge
Andrea Angus*
Phi Phan*

Ludmilla Rodriguez
Stephen Jacobsen
Rebecca Johnson
Elmer Spilchen
Koreen Westly*
Jacquie Schnider
Elizabeth Yip
Quan Nguyen
Garth Gosselin
Nyall Hislop
Lynne Bollinger
Munira Peermohamed
Susana Hurtado
Darcey Savage
Terry Scott
Rick Dimock
Sarah Nunn*
Merry Turtiak*

* denotes Executive Member

Note: Not all members may have signed in at the meeting

	Agenda Item	Discussion & Decision	Action by
1.0	Call to Order	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
2.0	In memoriam	No names submitted	
3.0	Agenda	3.1 Additions to the agenda 9.1 Award Presentation 9.2 Executive & Committee Positions	
		3.2 Adoption of the Agenda <i>Motion to adopt agenda. Seconded. Carried.</i>	
4.0	Adoption of Minutes	Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 4, 2005 <i>Motion to accept minutes. Seconded. Carried</i>	
5.0	Executive Reports	5.1 President Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		5.2 Vice President Moved. Seconded. Carried	
		5.3 Treasurer	

		Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		5.4 Secretary Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
6.0	Zone Reports	6.1 Arctic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Carried	
		6.6 Southern Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
7.0	Committee Reports	7.1 Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter – Moved. Seconded. Carried. Website – no report submitted 	
		7.2 Board of Certification Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		7.3 Membership Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		7.4 Advocacy Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		7.5 Concordia Advisory Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		7.6 Environmental Public Health Week Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
		7.7 AB Environmental Health Directors Council Moved. Seconded. Carried.	
8.0	Business Arising	8.1 Fall 2005 Workshop Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been a great success both in attendance and sponsorship 	Continues
		8.2 Millennium Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabled 	Continues
9.0	New Business	9.1 Award Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Robert Bradbury was presented with the President's Award, a National CIPHI Award. This award is issued to a former member of the National Executive Council who has demonstrated outstanding service and 	Closed

		commitment to the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors while in office.	
		<p>9.2 Executive & Committee Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Zone – Rebecca Johnson has stepped forward to become the Capital Zone Councillor • Vice President – the current vice-president will be stepping down in November, anyone wishing to step forward please contact the Branch President • EPHW Committee – needs a committee chair to help coordinate the January event 	Closed
10.0	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting. Carried.	4:33 PM



President's Report

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I am pleased to report to the membership of CIPHI (Alberta Branch) that at the recent Annual General Meeting of CIPHI National that a resolution supporting the development and implementation of a continuing professional competency program passed unanimously! We are now on a road that we cannot turn back from and for the survival and evolution of this field and the professionals within it, continuing professional competency is essential and integral. I will be happy to entertain any concerns or suggestions with regards to developing this system from any and all Alberta Branch Members at president@ciphi.ab.ca.

Along those same lines, I am also pleased to announce that two regional health authorities within Alberta will officially make membership within CIPHI a requirement of employment by January 2006, thereby allowing the membership fee to be claimed against the newly formulated professional development allocation, as provided in the latest contract. Only as a unified voice will CIPHI be able to effect change at the provincial and federal levels and we can only do that when all practicing EPHPs are on-side. The time is right in Canada for a revitalization of the public health system and we absolutely control our own destiny and only those who are members will have a voice in this process.

Since my last report, the Alberta Branch has held its annual golf tournament in July at the picturesque Drumheller Golf Course. A great many thanks goes to the many sponsors of the event, which allowed every golfer to walk away with at least one prize. As well, adulations are extended to Dan Richen for organizing an excellent event. He's been such an avid supporter of CIPHI, that there are few words that can describe that kind of dedication.

In August members will have noticed a new look and a new editor for the Alberta Branch News. It's with great relief (on my part) that Adam Stokowski has stepped into the shoes of communications boss for the Branch's official newsletter and I am hopeful that Adam will steer the ship and aplomb and skill.

Finally, on behalf of the members of CIPHI (Alberta Branch), I would like to extend my congratulations to the organizing committee of the 6th Annual Education Workshop for doing such an exemplary job in planning and executing this event. Your hard work and dedication to environmental public health is what will carry this field to its next evolution... cyborg environmental public health professionals. Just kidding on the cyborg part, but it's only through the dedication of volunteers and supporters that the objectives of CIPHI and the profession will be achieved.

Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phi Phan".

Phi Phan

Vice President's Report

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Golf tournament

Prizes for all at the 34th Annual Alberta Branch Golf Tournament! On July 23rd, 19 members hit balls at 18 challenging holes of the Drumheller Trail Golf Course.

Run for the Cure

This year's run for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation took place on October 2, 2005. Last year the Alberta Branch participated in the CIBC Run for the Cure and raised \$1500.00, we are hoping to have surpassed that this year. A big thank you to Tony Thepsouvanh for all his hard work on this event.

Workshop

By the time you read this we'll be half way through the first workshop organized in the Calgary Health Region. It's been a great deal of hard work, but very worth while. The focus of this year's committee was to identify training needs for the average PHI, "back to basics" as we referred to it. We look forward to the feedback and hope that Calgary Health Region can be more involved in the future.

Volunteer needed!

Unfortunately, I am stepping down as VP after probably the shortest term on record! I have enjoyed this role, all though it has been very brief and I hope to be involved again in the near future. I will be starting maternity leave in November sometime, which is much sooner than I anticipated. I am going to be slightly busier than expected too as I am due to give birth to triplets.

I always believe that you only get out what you are prepared to put in.
CIPHI is a good example of this.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah L Nunn
Vice-President, Alberta Branch





TREASURER'S REPORT
2005 January 01 – 2005 August 31

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

Membership Dues	\$ 6,759.62
Interest/Investments	\$ 1,194.24
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 2,128.00
Thermometer Sales	\$ 17,051.75
Branch Workshop Income	\$ 9,500.00
G.I.C.s Matured/Cashed	\$ 20,000.00
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 56,633.61</u>

Expenditures

Phones/Internet	\$ 152.81
Office Supplies	\$ 373.23
Postal/Courier	\$ 530.66
Branch Executive Meetings/Activities	\$ 1,106.97
Branch General Meetings/Activities	\$ 795.84
Branch Zone Meetings/Activities	\$ 19.99
Branch Workshop Activities	\$ 1,969.97
Thermometer Purchases	\$ 12,747.76
Membership Gifts	\$ 3,046.84
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 2,904.88
Donations	\$ 1,750.00
Honoraria	\$ 100.00
G.I.C.s Purchased	\$ 40,000.00
Reimbursement (thermometer overpayment)	\$ 54.25
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 65,553.20</u>

Branch General Account Balance 2005 August 31**\$ 54,243.16****Branch G.I.C.s****\$ 40,000.00****Branch Scholarship Account Balance 2005 August 31****\$ 8,514.33****Branch Workshop Account Balance 2005 August 31****\$ 15,856.77****Branch Workshop G.I.C.s****\$ 19,000.00****Inventory (Thermometers)****\$ 830.59****Accounts Receivable****\$ 465.00****Total Branch Assets****\$138,909.85**

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lee, Treasurer
 2005 September 12



Secretary's Report

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The Alberta Branch Website at www.ciphi.ab.ca will be utilized a little more often by the Branch Secretary to distribute news about upcoming events, meeting reports and other branch information. An email will still be sent to you, about an event but you will need to refer to the website for actual details. At times, the large emails that get sent out can overwhelm or be rejected by email systems. By posting the information on the website, everyone should have the same ease of access.

The Access Database created by the Ontario Branch will be used to re-enter all the membership data including years of service and awards received. This is a slow process but eventually all members from the beginning of this Branch will be entered.

Finally, thanks to those members who have kept me updated about their new home or email addresses. It saves a lot of time, and less returned mail of both types, if you can drop me a line.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Turtiak
Secretary, Alberta Branch



Northern Zone Report Fall General Meeting October 6, 2005

Northern Lights

Food Safe classes continue to run every 2 months with 7-20 students registered per class. A major challenge in the region is the rate of staff turnover and chronic staff shortages.

Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL), located north of Fort McKay, has opened the first of three 2200 men camp. The second is scheduled for January or February 2006 and the final of the three will open in the summer 2006. With one other camp already established there, the population for those camps will be around 7200.

In August, a mould complaint at a hotel led to a joint inspection with the Fire and Building Safety Codes Officers. The hotel was ordered Unfit for Human Habitation and 34 people, including long-term tenants, were required to find alternate accommodations. The premises, including adjoining bars, remain vacant at this time with the owner(s) to make their decision on repairs or demolition sometime in November.

Rory Peever left the region to work in Whitecourt (Aspen). Amanda Jessome has filled the position. Amanda comes to the region from Fort St. John, B.C. and will be taking her certification exam in October. Welcome and good luck, Amanda.

Barb Kelly, long term Environmental Health secretary of 15 years is resigning her position to move to Human Resources. Her expertise and experience will be greatly missed.

Aspen

Jay Jorgensen has had a busy end to his summer. In August he resigned from his position in Whitecourt to pursue a Masters degree in Library and Information Studies (MLIS) at the University of Alberta. Jay also got married to Rhiannon Jones on August 26, 2005. Best wishes to Jay and Rhiannon!

Not to be outdone, Christine Gilham had a baby boy in August. Congratulations Christine! Student Public Health Inspector, Jason MacDonald, is filling the maternity leave position in Edson for one year.

Peace Country

The summer proved to be a busy one with many special events in the area including an Air Show, Bike Build Off, Drag Races, Softball tournaments, outdoor concerts and of course, several rodeos.





Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

L'Institut canadien des inspecteurs en santé publique

The region is fully staffed at the time of this report. Robin Harle started her practicum in September and is stationed out of the Grande Prairie office.

Nadine Amlin is expecting her first baby February 2006. And for all those who have been waiting with baited breath for a vacancy in Valleyview, no such luck. Nadine plans on only taking 6 months maternity leave. I think I hear Jim breathing a sigh of relief.

Respectfully submitted,

Koreen Westly
Northern Zone Councillor



Capital Zone Report

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Capital Health

The summer activities of Capital Health could be summed up in two parts –special events and the CN Derailment at Wabamun. The special events included the Queen's visit in May, to the usual festivals and of course the World Master's Games which were all a great success!

Staff changes and reorganization has also occurred, although the details are a bit sketchy as to who is where. What is known is:

- Victor Mah – EHO II - Senior Assisted Living Facilities
- Phi Phan – EHO II - Information Systems
- Sharon Milroy – EHO II – Health Educator
- Dwayne Cherlenko – EHO III – Information Systems

Continuing Education has always been an important aspect of Capital Health and it's reported that both Lance Honish and Nyall Hislop have completed their Master's Degrees. Congrats to them both! Up to 5 other staff members are also currently pursuing those additional letters for their signature. Good luck to them!

Unfortunately the two separate Chinese delegations that were coming to visit Capital Health have been delayed. One delegation composed of 3 inspectors was to visit for 3 months, whereas a delegation of 8 supervisors was to visit for 3 days. Hopefully their visit will commence in the near future.

As to the non-professional activities of staff members:

- Kristen Kliciak tied the knot with Colin Krywick on June 25, 2005 and moved into her new home in St. Albert.
- Victor Mah and his lovely wife, were gifted with their second child earlier this week.
- Richard Reive – adds a baby girl Sarah to his life

Finally, Capital Health will be requiring all new employees to belong to CIPHI commencing January 2006.

Health Canada

New additions seem to be the order of the day for Health Canada with three staff members having small precious bundles added to their lives:

- Simon and Jen Sihota introduced Alexander on August 9
- Tony and Sarah Thepsouvanh introduced Brandon on August 30
- Chris and Tammy Kelly are still waiting for their stork to arrive which should be any day

Health Canada has also added to its professional ranks with certified inspectors Stephanie Agyepong and Jon Elliot. Plus two students Sarah Dreiger and Michael McKnight are completing their practicum hours at the Edmonton office. Joan Yee returns to work in November and Tony Thepsouvanh in March after his paternity leave ends.

The summer was busy with Hantavirus investigations in Hobbema; CN Derailment at Wabamun; reviewing the plans for the River Creek Casino at Enoch and Air Quality issues in Fort McMurray.

Concordia – Environmental Health Program

Submitted by Frederick Cundict

It is a great pleasure to be attending the Environmental Health program at Concordia for the 2005/06 year. The pleasure comes not only from having excellent instruction but also from classmates who help to create a fun and stimulating atmosphere. At times it even feels intoxicating. Our educational background is diverse covering a wide range of topics such as human nutrition, chemistry, biochemistry, immunology and infection, cellular and molecular biology, medicine, environmental sciences, geography, and more. Equally as varied are our backgrounds with some coming from as far as the Philippines and China but the majority ranging from across all the Western provinces. Currently there are 10 students hard at work on their practicums. Get ready though because as of May 2006 there will be 6 more students looking for practicum positions followed by another 13 in September of 2006. We're all eager to learn and work hard so please remember those dates. We look forward to meeting all of you and joining the ranks of the Environmental Health Field.

Alberta Health

The EHO/PHIs who work within Alberta Health & Wellness have been busy as can be seen in their list of activities below:

- Providing a grant for the Alberta Branch Fall Workshop
- Regulatory review of the Swimming Pool Regulation, the Institution Regulation and the Food and Food Establishments Regulation
- Template development for confined feeding operations with the NRCB.
- Work on the Environmental Public Health Outcome Reporting Measures Initiative.
- Participation in a Federal/Provincial/Territorial Sub-Committee with the mandate of developing a national standard for the accreditation of food safety education programs in Canada.
- Development of a technical advisory committee on public health and the oil and gas industry.
- Development of the 3rd Edition of the Environmental Public Health Field Manual for Private, Public and Communal Drinking Water Systems in Alberta.
- Review of the provincial Protocol for the Handling of Suspicious Packages in Alberta
- An Environmental Public Health Indoor Air Quality Reference Manual (pending)
- Work on a provincial Foreign Animal Disease Eradication Strategy
- Participation on the Steering Committee for the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Steering Committee for the development of an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the North Saskatchewan Watershed.
- If anyone is interested in using a unique handwashing presentation geared to younger age groups, you can contact any of us here to learn more about the infamous Evil Dr. Poop.

Marie Beliveau has been promoted to an Environmental Health Consultant and has been given a two year contract extension.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Turtiak
Secretary, Alberta Branch

Central Zone Report *

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East Central Health Region

- ❖ East Central has had a very hectic summer. They survived the "World's Longest BBQ" & the "Big Valley Jamboree" also went reasonably well. Despite no actual "flooding" issues, they were busier than usual with numerous housing issues, & many enterics to deal with.
- ❖ Gregory Ward continues his environmental dilemma, as to which is the better route to go, when it comes to diapering !!! Although fully aware of all the land use issues with disposables...every time he opens the diaper pail, these issues seem of lesser importance.
- ❖ Pam Williams was kind enough to inform me that Geritol has a new *mint* flavor out & that I should give it a try. (thanks for sharing, Pam !!!)
- ❖ Tricia "claims" she has not had a "real" vacation in three years !!! She has therefore arranged for a two week missions trip to Guadeloupe (in the Caribbean) & leaves on Oct. 14th. We all wish her an awesome & safe journey !!!!
(I think a BBQ & a power point presentation for us all, upon her return would be appropriate !!!)

David Thompson Health Region

- ❖ Mommy Zaheen & Baby Arissa are doing just fine. Daddy Badur is already spoiling his precious little daughter, so Zaheen will have her hands full. Arissa is now three months old & a real little cutie.
- ❖ Lorne Legare went Deer Hunting recently, with his Chrysler Neon. He *DID* manage to bag one, but as Keith points out, it is a rather *expensive* way to hunt !!! Total cost about \$4300 !!!! So if you see him flying around the countryside in a new Pontiac Pursuit,.....it's just a rental. (I think Keith has convinced Lorne to use his gun next time)
- ❖ Adam Stokowski is covering for Zaheen , as well as some *Editor* duties, but somehow still found enough time to plan a very romantic evening recently, which ended with him opening a little velvet box & shocking the pants off Tracy !!!
He "says" she accepted, but I have not confirmed this with Tracy yet.
- ❖ Dean Blue has accepted a temporary position as "Emergency Response Planner for Public Health" & will be working closely with our MOH, Dr. Martin Lavoie as well as with other DTHR departments on the pandemic plan initially & then on further planning for emerging Public Health threats.
- ❖ Bob More has had 5,786,934,674 calls about mold issues, but he's not counting.

❖ Diane Luka, Scott Budgell & Amanda Lyons all grabbed their walkers,.....(I mean running shoes).... & raised \$1,110 for the CIBC Run for the Cure on Oct 2nd.
Congratulations ladies & gentleman !!!!

❖ Greg Ritz has been asked to represent DTHR on the EMA/Telus/SPOG GIS/Telus geomatics pilot project. This is a very exciting project, which will allow us to have input into what we want to see designed into an emergency management system. There has been a "science & innovation" grant of \$8 million with matching funds from Telus. The present Telus geomatics mapping system has 375 layers to it, including Roads, rivers, hospitals, pipelines, wells, gasplants, ag facilities etc.

Well.....as your new Central Zone Councillor, & this being my "first" report.....I could go on for hours & hours,(just ask my office partner Garth Gosselin, if you don't believe me)..... But I will save some news about all my other hardworking co-workers for my "next" report. (and if you're wondering why you haven't heard from our manager "Dan the Man" in a while, it's because he is down in the USA inspecting golf courses with his lovely wife Cheryl !!! Tough job, but "somebody" has to do it !!!)

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Johnston
Central Zone Councillor

Calgary Health Region

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The Calgary Health Region would like to welcome all of you to our region and hope that everyone is enjoying the 6th Annual Education Workshop so far. A big thank you to all the Calgary staff that helped to organize the workshop and especially Sarah Nunn for the many hours she put in as Workshop Chair.

In June 2005 Calgary and Southern Alberta experienced extreme flooding. Okotoks and High River were hit hard with High River being under water three times in a 1 month period. The Calgary Health Region got involved on a number of fronts. Water sampling services were made more accessible to rural areas. A boil water advisory was issued for a portion of Mountain View County as we saw a tremendous increase in the proportion of poor bacterial results from wells in this area. Even now (in September) the region is receiving more samples than we have in previous years as wells continue to recover.

Inspectors took evening and weekend shifts at Recovery Centers set up in Calgary and the rural areas to answer questions regarding mold in basements, flood clean up issues and disinfecting their wells. Also, inspectors went door to door in the worst hit areas to offer advice to home owners.

The Calgary Stampede was held from July 7th to 17th, and over 1 million people attended. There were 153 temporary food facilities on site, and 4 inspectors conducted 428 inspections over the 10 day event. The Education team trained 1027 vendors and park staff prior to the start of the Stampede. Congratulations on another successful year.

Inspections were done on approximately 150 other special events around the city in the past year.

The Calgary Health Region did an interview for HealthBeat (on Global (channel 7) and channel 2)) discussing Spray parks and fountains. The region is enforcing the Pool regulations in these facilities even though they are not included in the regulation. This report was aired on Global TV a couple of days prior to the large outbreak of Cryptosporidium in New York.

Calgary Health Region (Risk Assessment and Management) recently intervened at a hearing before the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board respecting an application by Compton Petroleum to drill 4 large sour gas wells close to dense urban populations in The City of Calgary. At the hearing, Calgary Health Region provided evidence that the proposed Compton Emergency Response Plan was not protective of public health. The AEUB decision, issued in July 2005, granted conditional approval for the wells. Compton has been given until later this year to decide on whether to accept the conditions. Calgary Health Region has filed legal notice of our intention to contest the decision of the AEUB as there was no risk assessment to support the

conditional approval. Further developments are dependent upon Compton's decision of whether to accept the AEUB approval conditions.

In rural Calgary Health Region; a summer camp in Canmore was hit with a Norovirus outbreak in July 2005 and the inspector did a wonderful job of getting the illness rate down to zero in a population of 650 campers and staff. The Chateau Lake Louise water system is being upgraded and is keeping our Banff inspectors busy

Calgary welcomes 2 new inspectors to our team Kelly Kennedy and Tanya MacNeil both hail from the East Coast. We would also like to welcome back Kara Bascom. There seems to be something in the air in the Calgary office; Jean Bailey is expecting her second child in November, Sarah Nunn is expecting her first, second and third child (all at once) early next year and I (Jennifer Jacobsen) am expecting my first child at the end of March. Needless to say Calgary will have some upcoming vacancies if anyone out there is looking for a change of scene.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jacobsen
Calgary Zone Councillor, Alberta Branch

Southern Zone Report Fall General Meeting – October 6, 2005

Wow, what an unexpected turn of events this summer! Regional inspectors have been busy battling floods and heavy snowfalls, alas no time for misbehaving. Heavy rains monopolized the summer months and early winter wishes left residents of The Crowsnest Pass without power for nearly 3 days in September. Do we dare ask what's next?

In contrast to fluctuating weather patterns, staff changes within the CHR have settled down. Those of us who maneuvered office changes earlier this year have nestled in for the long haul. Mike Swystun joined our team this summer, as a practicum student from Concordia and is currently our newest inspector at the Taber office. We wish him the best of luck on his upcoming Board of Certification.

Food Related Items:

- FoodSafe training is back in full-force this fall in the CHR, with seven classes remaining before year end. We anticipate excellent participation from our regional food handlers.
- Rod Mattice had his hands full with the collapse of the Coaldale Grocery Store. Heavy rainfalls and high winds contributed to its collapse. The majority of food products were destroyed. Salvaged items were transported to a local food storage facility. A new grocer will be constructed in the near future.
- The Chinook Health Region is charging a local food establishment operator with two counts of obstruction and eight other counts including but not limited to: failure to have a fully operational hand sink installed in the kitchen, failure to ensure food was protected from contamination. The court date is set for December, 2005. Brian Dalshaug (Director, Health Protection) and Maureen Elko (PHI) will be in attendance along with witnesses John Byrne (PHI) and Sean Robison (PHI).

Housing inspections sky-rocketed in the Region due to heavy flood waters, during peak summer holiday season no less. Re-occurring water damage and subsequent mould growth have been the primary complaints. Sewage and storm water systems were tested to the limits in Lethbridge and surrounding towns.

The Ridge Reservoir Sampling Study (field work) is almost complete. The study was put forth three years ago in response to local complaints regarding water quality. Blue-green algae and tri-halo-methane were the components of primary concern. Organizations involved include the Chinook Health Region, PFRA, Town of Raymond and County of Warner. Results will be available in the near future.

Front line workers within the City of Lethbridge participated in a mock disaster exercise during the month of September. *The scenario: A CP train derailment within City limits. Anhydrous*

ammonia and butane were the two chemicals of concern. The primary objective of the mock disaster was to test the Mass Casualty and Evacuation Plans for the Lethbridge Regional Hospital and the City of Lethbridge.

Staff related celebrations: Wendy (program secretary) & Rudy Granson celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary this April 2005. Here's to 25 more wonderful years together. Rod Mattice and wife Louise welcomed a new addition to their family in May, 2005. Kieran Mattice, a bouncing baby boy.

No information to report from the Palliser Health Region.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Angus
Southern Zone Councillor, Alberta Branch



Communications - Newsletter Committee

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The Alberta Branch newsletter committee consists of Adam Stokowski, Phi Phan, Nadine Amelin, Karen Emde, and Drobina Wojcieh. The committee is responsible for the editing and development of articles in the newsletter. Since this group is quite small, we continually need the support of the entire branch for article contributions. Articles can be research based, a topic of interest, or a personal opinion related to the field of Environmental Health.

If anyone has any contributions to the newsletter or would like to be a part of the newsletter committee, please email me at astokowski@dthr.ab.ca

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Stokowski
Editor



**Alberta Branch Board of Certification Corresponding Member Report
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The Board recently met on September 23rd in Toronto during the National Conference in Toronto. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. Board activities have focused on quality improvement initiatives. This includes the following:

1. Construct a content valid examination to tighten the consistency and quality of the examination process. The Board has hired a contractor to develop a set of national examination questions and answers that incorporate recognized principles of standardization and scoring.
2. A policy on marking criteria, which includes the candidate response being recorded by each examiner and final mark approved by the exam panel, will address the consistency of exam scoring.
3. Examiner Guidelines have been developed and provided to the Provincial Exam Coordinators.
4. An audit process will be developed to ensure the exam guidelines are being applied consistently across the country.
5. Amending the policy setting out the criteria for appeals.
6. Developing a concise reference document for the Board, Registrar and Exam Coordinator that clearly lays out the application, examination, pass-fail, and appeal process to ensure the various processes are applied in a consistent manner.
7. Initiate a plan to communicate Board activities by enhancing navigability of BOC web site, posting BOC meeting minutes, work plan and status reports on the web site.

Additions to Administrative Policy #4 (the policy governing the examination for CPHI(C)) being proposed includes:

- a section addressing the process of dealing with suspected fraud. This is primarily addressing fraudulent field inspection reports,
- limiting the number of times an applicant can sit the exam process to three times (this includes if a candidate has to redo one segment of the exam). The three attempts have to take place within a 5-year period,
- requiring an applicant to take a practicum if they apply to sit the exam but have not taken a practicum in the past 5-years.

Respectfully,

Peer Mikkelsen

Membership Committee Report

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Membership numbers continue to increase and it looks like we are going to end the year with the most members that we have had in quite awhile. The membership numbers as of Sept. 27 were as follows:

	Life	Regular	Corp./Affiliate	Retired	Student	Total
Arctic	0	10	0	0	0	10
Calgary	0	41	1	1	1	44
Capital	0	60	3	2	16	81
Central	1	18	0	0	1	20
Northern	0	27	0	0	0	27
Southern	1	12	0	1	1	15
Total	2	168	4	4	19	197

The annual membership raffle will once again be launched at the fall general meeting. Please see your zone councilor to purchase your tickets by Feb. 24, 2006. You could win your membership for 2006. The draw will be made at the Spring General Meeting. Congratulations once again to the 2005 winners who were Jay Jorgenson (Northern Zone), Merry Turtiak (Capital and Southern Zones), Rob Elliot (Central Zone), and Sarah Nunn (Calgary Zone).

At the spring general meeting, a member expressed interest in knowing who the members of the Branch are. An e-mail was sent out to members asking if they objected to the release of their name. As no objections were received, a list of Branch members (name only) was forwarded to the Branch webmaster to be added to the Alberta Branch website. This list will continue to be updated as new membership lists become available.

Finally, a CIPHI e-mail address has been established for the membership committee. The address is membership@ciphi.ab.ca.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Herridge
Membership Committee Chair

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Advocacy Committee Report

Fall General Meeting

October 6, 2005

The committee has been looking into the Alberta Health Professions Act and the possibility of having the EHO's designated as Health Professionals. To become recognized as health professionals under the act there are several criteria that need to be met. CIPHI currently does meet many of these criteria and therefore at the present time, and therefore EHO's cannot be considered health as a health profession under the Act.

Some items of issue that remain are:

- Establishment of mandatory registration or membership for all practicing EHO's
- Disciplinary process with respect to members and professional conduct
- Code of ethics
- By-Laws
- Core competencies
- Continuing education

There are currently a number of initiatives on the national and branch levels that are specifically dealing with a number of these issues. I would recommend that we re-visit the issue in approximately one year's time when we have progressed on these issues.

Overall I think that being designated as Health Professionals is a definite possibility for the Branch in the near future, and further emphasizes the need for us to continue to move forward as professionals.

Other than a number of members complaining about changing dirty diapers, no new issues have been brought forward by the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon Sihota
Chair, Advocacy Committee



**Concordia University College of Alberta Advisory
Committee Report
Fall General Meeting
October 6, 2005**

The professional advisory committee has not convened since the last Annual General Meeting; consequently there is no news to report.

However, the intake stream for the new cohort recently began in September and the Alberta Branch was happy to provide a welcoming breakfast as well as a presentation to the students extolling the virtues of CIPHI. Overall, the reception was warm and the students seem eager.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phi Phan
President, Alberta Branch

Environmental Public Health Week Committee Report

Fall General Meeting

October 6, 2005

As 2006 draws near, the Alberta Branch and CIPHI National are gearing up for Environmental Public Health Week. This edition will be celebrated from January 2 to January 8, 2006. Work has begun to distribute CIPHI paraphernalia and posters to the various health regions and organizations represented within the Alberta Branch. A letter has been sent to the new National Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. David Butler-Jones, to see if the Public Health Agency of Canada will support our initiative to advocate for environmental public health.

Specifically in Alberta, letters have been drafted to be sent to Iris Evan, Honourable Minister of Health, as well as all mayors of the major municipalities of Alberta including Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, etc. Further, information will be sent to CoMOsH to garner support from the Medical Officers of Health in reaching our objective of a higher profile for EPHPs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Environmental Health Directors' Council (DC9) Report

Fall General Meeting

October 6, 2005

The Director's Council recently met in Calgary in early September to discuss revisions to the existing Food and Food Establishment Regulation. Although the task proved to be a large time consumer, the Alberta Branch was allowed to some time towards the end of the meeting to update the Directors on the activities of the Branch. As always, the opportunity to keep our members and their employers apprised of CIPHI's activities is appreciated. The time was taken to update the progress of the continuing professional competency program and to advocate for staff attendance at the Branch's upcoming educational opportunity.

As well, Mr. Bruce van Mulligen was presented with his 25-year membership pin, allowing Bruce to join a group that includes a great number of individuals that currently sit on DC9. CIPHI appreciates Bruce's continued support of CIPHI's objectives, as well as continuously supporting the professional development of his own staff, as do the other Directors. When compared with other areas of Canada, we in Alberta are truly lucky to have the supportive management that we currently do.

No issues were raised by DC9 to CIPHI National or the Alberta Branch to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phi Phan
President, Alberta Branch