

## Annual General Meeting

April 22, 2006

### Members Present:

Ludmilla Rodriguez

Ken Fujioka

Rebecca Johnson\*

Victor Mah\*

Doug Johnston\*

Sandra Hamilton

Merry Turtiak\*

Stephanie Agyepong

\* = denotes Executive Member

Jason MacDonald

Tony Thepsouvanh

Dan Richen

Ken Dong

Wojciech Drobina

Kara Bascom\*

Nyall Hislop

Adrea Simmons\*

Megan Behnke

Tricia Herridge

Nelson Fok

Keith Lee\*

Koreen Westly\*

Glenn Jenkins

Debra Langier-Blythe

Phi Phan\*

Darcey Savage

Robin Harle

	Agenda Item	Discussion & Decision	Action by
1.0	Call to Order	10:08 AM	4:00 PM
2.0	In memoriam	Mr. William Kent	
3.0	Agenda	3.1 Additions to the agenda No additions to the agenda	
		3.2 Adoption of the Agenda <i>Dan Richen moves to accept the agenda. Sandra Hamilton seconds. Motion Carried.</i>	
4.0	Adoption of Minutes	Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 6, 2005 <i>Rebecca Johnson moved adoption of minutes of previous meeting. Ludmilla Schmidt seconded. Motion carried.</i>	
5.0	Executive Reports	5.1 President <i>Adrea Simmons moved acceptance of report. Ken Fujioka seconded.</i> Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bill Hohn and Tony Mak are involved in the Continuing Professional Competencies</li> <li>➤ Highlight: Response to “End of the Pie Police”</li> <li>➤ Branch involvement with AHW has not been very involved.</li> </ul> <i>Motion carried.</i>	

		<p>5.2 Vice President  <i>Darcey Savage moved acceptance of report. Sandra Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.</i></p>	
		<p>5.3 Treasurer  <i>Keith Lee moved acceptance of his report. Ludmilla Schmidt seconded.</i>            Discussion  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Q: Regarding outstanding \$2015 – invoices sent out for thermometers. Monies have been received.</li> </ul> <p>5.3.1 Auditor's Report  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Amend report: July 25, 2006 to July 25, 2006, on items #1 &amp; 2</li> </ul> <i>Motion carried.</i></p> </p>	
		<p>5.4 Secretary  <i>Merry Turtiak moved acceptance of her report. Ken Dong seconded.</i>            Discussion  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Q: Regarding collection of information for the national database. A: Collection of information needs to have consent</li> <li>➤ Aware that corporate member does have access to the information.</li> </ul> <i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
6.0	Zone Reports	<p>6.1 Arctic  <i>Keith Lee moved acceptance of the report. Wojciech Drobina seconded.</i>  <i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
		<p>6.2 Northern  <i>Adrea Simmons moved acceptance of her report. Rebecca Johnson seconded.</i>  <i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
		<p>6.3 Capital            Rebecca Johnson moved acceptance of her report.            Ludmilla Szmétan seconded.  <i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
		<p>6.4 Central  <i>Doug Johnston moved acceptance of his report. Tricia Herridge seconded.</i>            Discussion:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Clarify: Full-time or part-time position in</li> </ul> </p>	

		<p>Camrose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Amend: Dan is going to Vancouver, his wife is not and there will be no sky diving.</li> </ul> <p><i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
		<p>6.5 Calgary</p> <p><i>Kara Bascom moved acceptance of her report. Glenn Jenkins seconded.</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
		<p>6.6 Southern</p> <p><i>Merry Turtiak moved acceptance of the report. Nyall Hislop seconded.</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
7.0	Committee Reports	<p>7.1 Communication</p> <p><u>Website:</u> <i>Dan Richen moved acceptance of his report. Ken Dong seconded.</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New webmaster is needed to take over the site.</li> <li>➤ Wojciech Drobina stepped forward to take over the website.</li> <li>➤ Modernization of the website will be considered</li> </ul> <p><u>Newsletter:</u> No report submitted. No future reports will be submitted by this committee.</p>	
		<p>7.2 Board of Certification</p> <p><i>Adrea Simmons moved acceptance of the report. Rebecca Johnson seconded.</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Examination questions are coming from a newly created database of questions</li> <li>➤ Concerns about security of the questions but they are being as careful as possible.</li> </ul> <p><i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
		<p>7.3 Membership</p> <p><i>Tricia Herridge moved acceptance of her report. Koreen Westly seconded.</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Amend: Not just province but includes Arctic</li> </ul>	

		zone <i>Motion carried.</i>	
		7.4 Advocacy No reported submitted at this time	
		7.5 Environmental Public Health Week <i>Keith Lee moved acceptance of this report. Jason MacDonald seconded.</i> Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Posters are good but we need to do more</li> <li>➤ Suggestion: Zone Councilors/Executive – talk to the media</li> <li>➤ Post letters or other types of public acknowledgement; put them on the website.</li> <li>➤ City of Ft. Saskatchewan Environmental Awareness Committee – provided link to Branch website.</li> <li>➤ Each year is getting better</li> </ul> Carried.	
		7.6 Social Committee <i>Dan Richen moved acceptance of his report. Glenn Jenkins seconded.</i> Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Addition: Winners of Hockey Pool are Kosoo Ng (1<sup>st</sup>), Scott Budgell (2<sup>nd</sup>), Brian Craig (3<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>➤ Adam Stokowski took the Phi Phan Award (last place in the hockey pool)</li> <li>➤ Donation of prizes still need to be solicited for the golf tournament</li> </ul> Verbal update for CIBC Run for the Cure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Edmonton: 5 members</li> <li>➤ Calgary: 12</li> <li>➤ Red Deer: 3 members</li> </ul> <i>Action: Tony Thepsouvanh and Glenn Jenkins will help coordinate: The run will be Sunday October 1, 2006.</i> <i>Motion carried.</i>	Tony Thepsouvanh
8.0	Business Arising	8.1 Fall 2005 Workshop Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Financial summary of the 2005 workshop was included in the reports.</li> <li>➤ Profit: \$22, 968</li> </ul>	Closed

		<i>Action: Keith Lee follow-up with Garth Gosselin regarding taxi service.</i>	Keith Lee
		<p>8.2 Legacy Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Proposal written by William Hohn and Phi Phan</li> <li>➤ Investing \$100,000 and using the interest to support Branch activities and continuing education opportunities</li> <li>➤ President's Award is part of the proposal but how it is funded may change</li> <li>➤ Creating a financial plan for the long term</li> <li>➤ Attempt to expand our influence on the field of Environmental Health</li> <li>➤ Suggestion: Possibility of low interest loans to students</li> <li>➤ This is still under consideration by the Executive and more information will be provided to the membership once it has been reviewed.</li> </ul>	Continues - Executive
9.0	New Business	<p>9.1 2006 Fall Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Red Deer: October 5 &amp; 6, 2006 at Holiday Inn on 67 Street</li> <li>➤ Theme: Emergency Response Planning &amp; Oil and Gas Issues</li> <li>➤ Pre conference: Basic Emergency Preparedness Course on the Wednesday prior to the conference.</li> <li>➤ Fee: \$150 members, non members rate will be higher</li> <li>➤ Planning a social event</li> <li>➤ Volunteers: Planning committee is underway</li> <li>➤ Actual workshop time may still some assistance</li> <li>➤ Concordia – Students may be asked to assist</li> <li>➤ Suggestion to contact the Saskatchewan school to attend.</li> </ul>	Continues
		<p>9.2 Conference Sponsorship Policy</p> <p><i>Motion: Merry Turtiak moves that the AB Branch review a process for providing financial support funding to members to attend workshops, conferences or other professional development activities. Nyall Hislop second.</i></p>	Continues – Merry Turtiak

	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Arose out of a policy that Manitoba branch is using to help members attend conferences.</li> <li>➤ May be part of the Legacy Initiative</li> <li>➤ Selection and criteria need to be clarified.</li> </ul> <p><i>Motion carried.</i></p>	
	<p>9.3 Honorariums for Executive Members 9.3.1 Membership fees paid for Executive Board</p> <p><i>Motion: Membership for the Executive Board will be covered by the Branch. Seconded.</i> <b>Friendly amendment: and reviewed by the membership – Original mover accepts amendment</b> <i>Motion carried.</i></p> <p>9.3.2 Committee compensation</p> <p><i>Motion: Starting in 2007 and honorariums for the Newsletter Editor and Manager of the branch website will be considered by the membership. Seconded.</i></p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Non-monetary award</li> </ul> <p><i>Two members abstained from vote (Darcey Savage and Wojciech Drobina) Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Motion: All committee members will be considered for honorariums. Seconded.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Only fair to consider all committee members for honorariums</li> <li>➤ Create a proposal for further discussion at next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Opposed: 1(Dan Richen). Motion carried.</p> <p>9.3.3 Other Executive benefits</p> <p><i>Motion: Executive Board consider a policy which will allow members of the Executive Board to attend the Annual Education Conference. Seconded.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Members would not be allowed to double up on benefits.</li> </ul>	<p>Continues</p>





## President's Report

### Annual General Meeting – April 22, 2006

It seems like only yesterday that we were meeting in Canmore for the 2005 Branch Fall Education Workshop, but here we are again, staring into the glare of another summer season. However, before we run into summer, I would like to recap some of the Branch's activities over the last few months.

During the first week of January, the Branch in conjunction with CIPHI National celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Environmental Public Health Week. Nationally, CIPHI was able to have EPH Week proclaimed in 6 of the 10 provinces, including BC, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia. As well, a joint press release was issued by the Public Health Agency of Canada with a very supportive message from Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. David Butler-Jones. In Alberta, the EPH Week effort was headed up by Kori Woodard (Calgary Health Region), who worked with Alberta Health and Wellness to issue our own joint press release. It was great work by Kori and the Branch is appreciative of her efforts and hope that she returns to coordinate EPH Week 2007. As well, I would like to acknowledge Paul von Schoenberg (Calgary Health Region) for volunteering to provide a French interview for Radio-Canada for EPH Week 2006. Thanks to all members who made an effort to celebrate our profession!

In conjunction with the increasing success of Environmental Public Health Week, the Branch is also seeing increasing successes in recruitment of new members and the positioning of CIPHI as a representative association of the environmental public health profession. To that end, I'm happy to confirm that Capital Health, Calgary Health Region and the Chinook Health Region have all moved to revise their employment policies to make membership within CIPHI and CIPHI Alberta a condition of employment. This is a huge step to solidifying CIPHI's partnership role with employers to develop a competent and professional corps of individuals. When combined, the number of staff in Capital, Calgary and Chinook is almost 50% of the working EPHPs within Alberta, including those in the federal ranks. When added to the historical membership rates in the remaining regions, the Alberta Branch will be running at approximately 90 to 95% membership of working EPHPs. Now that's impressive.

Consequently to get us to the level of competent and professional, work continues on the National level to forward the agenda of Core Competencies and Continuing Professional Competencies. Meetings are ongoing to develop a "Scope of Practice" for Environmental Public Health, as well as determine a course for implementation and evaluation of a possible Continuing Education process. Most recently, a meeting was held in Toronto which had Environmental Health Managers, Environmental Health Post-Secondary Institutions and the Institute. Feedback from this meeting has been extremely positive and minutes can be expected shortly. For those interested in keeping up with the progress of this project, I would suggest that you visit the CIPHI National website (<http://www.ciphi.ca/corecomp.htm>) and read some of the numerous documents linked from the page. Some of the documents available are:

- A Review of Continuing Competence Assessment Programs, Related Research and Consultation to Identify Policy Options for Environmental Public Health Professionals, Public Health Agency of Canada, August 30, 2005



- CONTINUOUS EDUCATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Part I: A Literature Review of Continuous Education and Core Competencies in Environmental Health - By Shawna Bourne, *Environmental Health Review*, Summer 2005
- CONTINUOUS EDUCATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Part II: A Professional Learning Guide for the Continuing Education of Environmental and Public Health Professionals - By Shawna Bourne, *Environmental Health Review*, Fall 2005
- The Development of a Draft Set of Public Health Workforce Core Competencies Summary report, Federal/Provincial Territorial Joint Task Group on Public Health Human Resources, Prepared by Dr. Brian P. Emerson, January 26, 2005
- Environmental Health Competency Project: Recommendations for Core Competencies for Local Environmental Health Practitioners, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Public Health Association, May 2001
- The Need to Implement a Continuing Professional Competency Program for the Environmental Public Health Profession in Canada - September 1, 2005
- Building the Public Health Workforce for the 21 Century - A Pan-Canadian Framework for Public Health Human Resources Planning/Édifier une main-d'oeuvre en santé publique pour le 21eme siècle - Un cadre pancanadien pour la planification des ressource humaines en santé publique

Even with all the work that is ongoing to elevate this profession, we still are faced with the negative image often portrayed in the media. The headline, "The End of the Pie Police" was a rude wake-up call in February and still ticks me off when I read it. When the article was published, the Alberta Branch moved to advocate for our profession in response to members' previous criticisms that the Branch did not do enough in that regard. A news release was sent to all of the major newspapers in Alberta in an effort to send a positive message about what EPHPs do on a daily basis. Will this be the end of disparaging remarks about EPHPs in the media? Probably not, but the Branch will always ensure that those dispersions will not be left unanswered.

Back on to provincial matters, I am happy to report that the Alberta Branch is still an invited guest to the Environmental Health Directors' Council (DC9). Since the FGM in October 2005, there have been two DC9 meetings. I was privileged to update the Directors' on the positive impact the Branch has had on the field of Environmental Public Health and the professionals that the health regions employ. As for the Concordia Professional Advisory Committee, we have not met since our last meeting in April 2005, but I will report back at the Fall General Meeting on any developments.

Finally, I would like to refer all members to visit the National website and download the "CIPHI 2005-2010 Strategic Plan." Why is that important? Well, the document outlines the vision of the National Executive Council for the development and advancement of CIPHI over the next five years. How CIPHI evolves is directly related to membership input and I want Alberta Branch members to voice their opinions!

In conclusion, I would like to thank the membership for providing me the support and opportunity to continue in my role as President. It's a team effort and I think we're winning.

Respectfully submitted,



Phi Phan

President, Alberta Branch

**Vice President's Report  
Annual General Meeting  
April 22, 2006**

Spring is upon us and with that comes change. Sarah Nunn has served us well as Vice President but has since the last meeting stepped down to deal with more important issues such as changing three diapers at once. We wish Sarah all the best as she settles into life with her triplets.

The Alberta Branch Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 3, 2006 in Ponoka. Thank you to Dan Richen for organizing this event. Registration details will be sent out when they become available.

I look forward to serving the Alberta Branch members as Vice President and becoming even more involved in Branch activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Koreen Westly





TREASURER'S REPORT
2005 January 01 – 2005 December 31

General Account Balance 2005 January 01

\$ 63,162.75

Revenue

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Membership Dues, Interest/Investments, Awards/Tournaments/Social, Thermometer Sales, Re-imbursements, Branch Workshop Income, G.I.C.s Matured/Cashed, and Total Revenue.

Expenditures

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Phones/Internet, Office Supplies, Postal/Courier, Banking Services, Branch Executive Meetings/Activities, Branch General Meetings/Activities, Branch Zone Meetings/Activities, Provincial EPH Meetings/Activities (DC9), Concordia Advisory Board Meetings/Activities, Branch Workshop Activities, Thermometer Purchases, Membership Gifts, Awards/Tournaments/Social, Donations, Honoraria, G.I.C.s Purchased, Reimbursement (thermometer overpayment), and Total Expenditures.

Branch General Account Balance 2005 December 31

\$ 65,860.70

Branch G.I.C.s

\$ 40,000.00

Branch Scholarship Account Balance 2005 December 31

\$ 8,516.11

Branch Workshop Account Balance 2005 December 31

\$ 21,666.54

Branch Workshop G.I.C.s

\$ 14,220.18

Inventory (Thermometers)

\$ 241.55

Accounts Receivable

\$ 2,015.00

Total Branch Assets

\$152,520.08

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Keith Lee

Keith Lee, Treasurer
2006 February 21





## **Secretary's Report Annual General Meeting - April 22, 2006**

As a reminder to all membership, please check the Alberta Branch website for the latest membership list to make sure your name is there if you have submitted your dues in a timely manner. This list will be updated as soon as regular membership list are received from the National office. Many thanks to Dan Richen for updating the website so quickly. In case you don't know the web address its: [www.ciphi.ab.ca](http://www.ciphi.ab.ca).

In addition to the usual correspondence, the Secretary has been involved in the development of a new database system to be used by all Branches. This Database Committee is sponsored by the National Executive Council and the Public Health Agency of Canada and will be attempting to either design or locate a suitable product that will allow all Branches, the BOC and the National Office to track a core set of information about all members. In addition, the program will be flexible enough to allow the Branches to track any information specific to their operations. Information that will be kept on all PHI/EHOs will include contact information, certification, school of training, years of membership, core competencies and participation within CIPHI at both national and provincial levels.

If you have any questions about this proposed database system, please contact either myself or our Branch President, Mr. Phi Phan.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Turtiak  
Secretary, Alberta Branch



**Arctic Zone Report  
Annual General Meeting - April 22, 2006**

The biggest news I have is that we have lost Craig Nowakowski. Craig accepted a position in Victoria BC in February, and is doing well. The position has been posted interviews completed and an offer has been made.

We are continuing our work on improving drinking water quality in cooperation with the Departments of Public Works and Municipal Affairs. The water quality database is now up and running.

We have also agreed to start to work on the FPTCFSP Risk Categorization Model questionnaire.

The Northwest Territories has passed a new Tobacco Control Act. The enforcement of this Act will be under the jurisdiction of Environmental Health.

The new Public Health Act will be published for public consultations on the new Public Health Act will be taking place this summer. The Northwest Territories CIPHI members will be requesting to make a presentation on the new Act this summer.

Respectfully submitted

Rhian Harrison  
Arctic Zone Councilor



## Northern Zone Report

### Northern Lights

Since April 1, 2005 there has been a significant increase in the number of people taking Food Safe, some operators have even sent all staff to the training, and other are taking the course for a second time. Significant progress has been made with mobile work camps in the west part of the region regarding sewage disposal. A new potable water-sampling program has been implemented.

The Fort McMurray city council passed a By-law allowing "Project Accommodation" in the downtown core of the City. These inner city work camps will be approved on a project-by-project basis. The camps will only run for the duration of the project and will be restricted to between 20-300 men. It was determined that this was the safest, most acceptable way of housing transient construction workers in the city.

We are sad to announce that Gary Tam is leaving High Level, and we wish him luck in the future. On a brighter note, there is now an opening in High Level!

### Aspen

The Alberta Winter Games were held in Hinton, Edson and Jasper this year, over 2,600 athletes from all over Alberta participated in the events. Elizabethan Catering out of Spruce Grove provided food service. Although there were some concerns about the transportation of hot foods to Hinton, Edson and Jasper, everything went very well and no problems were experienced.

There have been several resignations in Aspen. Susanna Tay has taken a position with CIFA out of Edmonton and Jason MacDonald has been hired by Occupational Health & Safety with the Province of Alberta. We wish them all the best!

### Peace Country

Koreen has been busy since accepting the position as the branch vice president. She has issued 4 unfit orders and has one case in court. Sentencing will be on May 10 fines are expected to total \$13000.00. It's amazing what a little power will do.

Peace Country hosted the Northern Zone meeting and workshop March 29. Topics included: Municipal Water Systems (AB Environment), Safety Code Inspections in Open Areas (Municipal Affairs), Landlord & Tenant Advisory Board (Consumer Affairs) and Drug Awareness and Safety (GP RCMP).

Nadine Amlin got hitched in November (it's about time) and is now Nadine Newman. In March Nadine added to her growing family a little girl Jonnie Rose.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrea Simmons  
Northern Zone Councilor



## **Capital Zone Report Annual General Meeting – April 22, 2006**

At the beginning of March, there was a change of location for many of us at Capital Health. The divisions of Safe Food, Safe Built Environment, Health Education, and Data Systems moved to the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre. It was a fairly large endeavor, but the transition has been relatively smooth.

Another significant change in Capital Health has been the requirement that all Environmental Health Officers maintain CIPHI membership. This requirement came in effect April 15, 2006.

Bill Chrapko came out of retirement for a three-month period spanning November 2005 to February 2006. For that time he assisted Capital Health's Safe Build Environment group.

This year, there was a lot of action on the baby front:

Within Capital Health:

- Richard Reive and his wife had a baby girl, Sarah, in July 2005.
- Sharon Milroy had a boy, Seth David, on February 24, 2006.
- Victor Mah and his wife had a boy, Cailen, on October 4, 2005.

Within Health Canada's First Nations and Inuit Branch:

- Tony and Sarah Thepsouvanh had a son, Brandan, on August 9, 2005.
- Chris and Tammy Kelly had a baby, Codi-Lynn, on October 19, 2005.
- Simon Sihota and his wife had a boy, Alexander, on August 9, 2005.
- Sunil Beeharry and his wife had a baby boy, Quinn, on April 12, 2006.

Also, Health Canada's summer trainee, Michael McKnight is now engaged with a wedding planned for November 9, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Johnson  
Capital Zone Councilor  
CIPHI, Alberta Branch

## **\*Central Zone Report\***

**Spring General Meeting - April 22, 2006**

### **East Central Health Region**

**East Central has been very busy, as usual. PHIs are all happy with their new 7.75 hour days which started April 1st, 2006.**

**Camrose currently has a full-time temporary vacant position, as a result of Pam Williams accepting an interim position as \*Site Manager\* for the Camrose Public Health/Rehab Office. This is a .5 position, so she is still performing some PHI "team lead" duties with her other .5 week. Congratulations & good luck Pam, in this new & exciting adventure !!!!**

**PHIs are busy preparing for this year's "Big Valley Jamboree" along with several other special events. Numerous housing & food issues, along with many enteric investigations continue to top their daily agends.**

**We are all still waiting patiently for Tricia's BBQ & power point presentation on Guadeloupe !!!**

**..... hummmmm,.....summer is just around the corner !!!!!!!**

### **David Thompson Health Region**

**Baby Arissa Nanji, e-mailed me to inform me that she has pretty much got her Mom & Dad trained & under control, & has therefore informed her mother that she can return to work as of June 1st. ( thanks, Arissa,.....we are certainly looking forward to your Mom's return!!!!)**

**Dean Blue continues to enjoy his temporary position as "Emergency Response Planner for Public Health", although he tells me: ..... "THERE \*HAVE\* BEEN DAYS !!!!!!!"**

**Amanda Lyons is now \*officially\* permanent with DTHR. ( as \*IF\* we'd ever part with all \*that\* talent !! )**

**Bob More ( our housing guru ) says he has finally had a slight decrease in \*mold\* issues, but now has other numerous housing issues to deal with.**

**Diane Luka has relocated to her awesome new office in our newly renovated Sylvan Lake Community Health Centre. She has even allowed \*me\*, a small portion of her office to use as well. Diane & hubby Bill continue to work on their summer dream home in Nordegg.**



**Greg Ritz has also relocated to \*his\* new office in the Rocky Mt. House Hospital Centre, & to his amazement his voice mail is now actually working !!!!!!!**

**Gord Watt & Judy Fitzpatrick will have their hands full this summer, as Wetaskiwin celebrates it's 100th birthday !! Gord says they will be hosting an Air Show featuring the Snowbirds from 4 Wing Moose Jaw.**

**Elaine Dribnenky, Amanda Lyons & Diane Luka are working closely with the planning committee for the 2006 Alberta Summer Games which will take place in Red Deer July 27th-30th. They are expecting around 3000 participants.**

**As many of you already know, DTHR will be hosting our fall conference in Red Deer. Details to follow in next few months.**

**It would \*APPEAR\* at this point, that our one & only, infamous Scott Budgell, just \*may\* have placed second in our hockey pool, with a score of 1093 points !!!!!! Honorable mentions also go to Dan R., Tricia H., Keith L., Dean B., & Amanda L., for they great efforts. Cudos to Mr. Adam Stokowski for \*HIS\* awesome performance, as well !!!!!!!**

**Keith Lee has been busy organizing our PFRA Water Workshop, along with Calgary, for April 26th in Red Deer, & it is now looking as if we will have about 50 participants.**

**Lorne Legare & his wife had an awesome vacation in Belize, so I think another BBQ & power point presentation might be in order !!!!**

**Office partner, Mr. Garth Gosselin survived his recent \*new house building\* ordeal, & I \*think\* Amanda & his three girls are speaking to him again, now that they are all settled in their awesome new home.**

**Speaking of new homes,..... Mr. & Mrs. Stokowski are now settled in \*their\* new home, several bottles of Valium later !!!!!!!!**

**And lastly,....."Dan the Man" is heading to the west coast for a week of well deserved R&R**

**I'm sure poor ole Gramps has forgotten \*something\*, but I think I will sign off now.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Doug Johnston**

**Central Zone Councillor**

## **Calgary Zone Report**

### **Alberta General Meeting, April 2006**

#### **Breaking News**

- As of this past March, our employer, Calgary Health Region, now requires mandatory membership in CIPHI. Needless to say, this was good news and full enrollment seemed to go off without a hitch.
- ARFEX was held at the round-up centre. Inspectors, led by health educator Jenny Brown staffed an educational booth for the entire show which featured the importance of hand washing. Attendance for the trade show was very low compared to prior years, but the booth was well attended and our free promotional materials and nail brushes were a big hit.
- On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 we are putting on a 2 hour food safety course in Japanese in Banff. The course is the only food safety course in Japanese offered in Alberta and, as far as we know, Canada.

#### **Awards and Recognition**

- In 2005, our Risk Assessment Management team leader, Dr. Tim Lambert, received the prestigious Centennial Award, honoring his achievement for Ethical Leadership and his roll in Public Health
- Due to their hard work and tireless effort during the June 2005 floods, several of our staff were recognized by the management of the Calgary Health and received nominations for the people first award.
- Three members of the Environmental Health Team are scheduled to speak at the upcoming CIPHI National Conference in Regina. Jason Feltham on Quality Improvement, Vicki Wearmouth on Marijuana Grow Ops and Dr. Tim Lambert on Sour Gas Development in Alberta.

#### **Education and Team Building**

- Thanks in part to the endless enthusiasm (and I do mean endless) of south Manager Peer Mikkelsen, our Environmental Health Winter Olympics were a huge success. The Olympics featured 6 weekends of activities, including curling, bowling, skiing, skating, and hiking. Points were given out based on weekly activity as well as participation in the weekend events. While we have no plans at the moment to enter anyone in the actual Olympics, we were surprised at the talent and “creativity” of some of our staff.

- SEA (Staff Enhancement and Advancement) meetings continue to be a great monthly team building and education tool. The meetings are organized by a general theme which have included disaster response, infection control just to name a few.
- This past winter, staff each attended one of four day retreats held by MyersBriggs. The retreats combined members from every area of our Environmental Health Team and focused on personality typing, teamwork, and facilitating ideas for change within our department.

### **Enforcement/Prosecutions**

- April 3, 2006. Scribner, Scribner, and Pinoy Sari Sari Store. Prosecution due to the deep frying of large amounts of pig's ears in their home for sale in a food establishment. Parties pled guilty to combination of 6 counts and were fined a total of \$11 500.
- April 4, 2006. SP Food Services Ltd. and Olivia Pasion (dba Aling Rosing's Kitchenette). Aling Rosing's Kitchenette is a Philipino-style food establishment with a very long history of food temperature and sanitation violations. Ms. Pasion pled guilty to 5 counts and was fined a total of &11 500.

### **Personal Events**

- Probably our most talked event of the entire year was courtesy of Health Inspector Sarah Nunn. On January 15, she gave birth to triplets, Mathew, Andrew and Heather. All three are now at home and, except for general chaos, are doing really well.
- PHI Jean Bailey had a baby boy, Spencer, in Nov. 2005 and Enterics specialist Jen Jacobsen gave birth this past April 1<sup>st</sup> to Ryan.
- Currently expecting are inspectors Sharon Mayhew in June and Katarina Chuda this summer.
- If the births weren't proof enough that love is in the air, then our list of engagements definitely are. Theresa Wawrykow, Kenning Eng, and Katarina Chuda all said yes to the big question and will be walking down the aisle this year.

### **Other Info**

- On the hiring front, back in June, we welcomed our new Director of the Environmental Health Department, Rob Bradbury, who is a motivated and enthusiastic supporter of CIPHI and actively promotes and encourages participation in CIPHI sponsored programs, conferences, and activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Bascom  
Calgary Zone Councillor

## Southern Zone Report April 22, 2006

It's been a busy couple of months here in the Southern Zone. Although there are no new faces to report here in the Chinook Health Region, we would like to congratulate our colleague, Mike Swystun on his recent certification. Mike is now a full-time inspector in the Taber office. Here's to an official welcome aboard. Wendy Batchelder has recently retired from The Palliser Health Region. We wish her all the best.

### *Food Related Items:*

- FoodSafe training has gone strong, with 20 courses offered in total this past year in the CHR. A couple of months break for the PHIs and then back to the grind come early fall.
- Special event packages are in the making. Information sheets and signage will be distributed to organizers throughout the region with updates regarding special events and community organization functions. There has been a lot of interest in and requests for short educational sessions for food handlers.
- Jake Wiebe, a previous local food establishment owner/operator was convicted after a 2-day trial with The Chinook Health Region. The owner was self-represented and the following penalties were imposed: Jake Wiebe \$10,120.00 while his numbered company was charged with a fine of \$1,150.00.
- Waterton National Park has been added to our inspection rotation, new this year.
- Met with colleagues from Palliser Health Region to discuss the new Food Regulations.

There have been a significant number of outbreak investigations throughout the Region. To date there have been three confirmed norovirus outbreaks and nine influenza outbreaks in DALs and Long Term Care Facilities in the CHR (Nov.05-April.06)

Pandemic related activities are on-going. A major area of focus has been to involve rural communities and disaster services directors in planning and information sessions.

Increased involvement in watershed related activities. Sean Robison has taken a seat on the Board of Directors for the Oldman Watershed Council. John Byrne and Andrea Angus have also taken a seat on the Milk River Watershed Council Board of Directors. The Milk River Watershed Council recently become recognized in the Region and held its first Annual General Meeting in March 2006.

Housing inspections continue to be a time-consuming task for inspectors throughout the Region. Flood related complaints have subsided however spring fever complaints are neatly underway. Spring weather tends to lead to spring-clean up OR lack there of for many rental property owners. Condemnable premises make a close second.

### *Staff related celebrations:*

Adam (PHI) & Radelle Jensen celebrated their marriage late this winter while Andrea Angus (PHI) & Craig Hohne's plans are for June of this year.

No information to report from the Palliser Health Region.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Angus  
Southern Zone Councillor

**Communications - Website Report  
Annual General Meeting  
April 22, 2006**

The Alberta Branch website is celebrating its fifth year in operation! It all started as a very basic site using my personal Internet account, eventually we acquired our own Internet address ([www.ciphi.ab.ca](http://www.ciphi.ab.ca)), and finally we became one of CIPHI's first branch sites. Now the National, and every branch of CIPHI, has its own website... but Alberta was officially first! That history lesson comes because we had to renew our domain registration for another five years in January.

One of the functions of the website is to provide the public with an opportunity to access information about Environmental Public Health, and to serve as a contact point for public enquiries. Since the beginning of 2006, the website has received 23 enquiries; 6 were from members seeking information on membership status, Branch activities, and other Branch-related functions. 6 other requests were for contact information for RHAs or specific PHIs; 5 were questions about our profession, including education and training, or opportunities for employment; 4 were requests for action in dealing with complaints (housing, food safety, etc.) and these were referred to the appropriate agency for follow up; and the remaining 2 were specific questions about the website.

The Alberta Branch website has been relatively static over the past few months. A number of suggestions have been made for improvements in design, and particularly the content, of the site, but implementing these ideas is not a simple process. Changing the design of the site will not be difficult, but it will be time consuming – as it will require making changes to almost fifty pages to ensure consistency of format and connectivity. Enhancing the content of the website is somewhat more readily achieved but it will require input and support from the membership.

The Alberta Branch website shares the same Internet Service Provider as the National and most of the Branches. The site is more stable and is capable of significantly more than is presently available. This could include such things as a Members Only message board, streaming video, educational materials, etc. However we will only be able to achieve these improvements if the site is maintained by someone with the necessary expertise and capacity.

I have maintained the website since its inception, and have not been able to keep up with the technology. I have enjoyed being involved with the website but also recognize that it is time for a change, and time for improvement. I will continue to maintain the website until the Executive finds a volunteer to assume the duties of the Website Manager for the Alberta Branch, and will then step aside for the new blood.

Respectfully submitted  
Dan Richen

## Alberta Branch Corresponding Member to the BOC Report April 22, 2006

The Board has had a busy winter planning and implementing a strategic direction for the BOC. Initiatives include the following:

### Planning

- A strategic planning session was held in November resulting in portfolio assignments, deliverables and an implementation timeline. Portfolios include Examination, Appeals, International Candidates, School Accreditation, Practicum, BOC Membership, Policies, Finance Planning, Admin Support, Information Management and Core Competency/Continuing Education.

### Examination

- Oral exam consistency has been addressed by developing a national bank of questions. An expert panel has reviewed the exam content and chosen sets of 15 questions that will be used for each candidate across the nation starting at the April exam. Sample questions, assigning marks and other proposed changes to the examination process were reviewed with all the exam coordinators at a meeting in February. The examination process was reviewed with the examiners via teleconference in April prior to the exam.
- The passing score for the exam has increased from 60% to 70% starting with the April exam. The passing score for the written reports will also be 70% starting at the October exam.
- The written report component of the exam will be reviewed this year and an options report will be provided to the Board for consideration. The earliest any changes will occur to the written component will be at the April 2007 exam.
- Annual training of examiners is taking place at the National Conference (June 29 in Regina – please sign up if you are interested). Other training initiatives are also being looked at.

### Appeal Process

- The appeal protocol has been updated to make it more clear and concise as to what can and cannot be appealed.

### Practicum

- To improve practicum consistency, draft practicum guidelines have been developed and will be sent out to practicum agencies for review and feedback.
- International/Non-Canadian candidate practicum training has been reduced from 24 weeks to 12 weeks.

### Core competency/Continuing Education

- Discussions and planning continue with the BOC, NEC and Public Health Agency of Canada Committee in regards to the core competency requirements of a Public Health Inspector and continuing education requirements to maintaining a Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada). Many details will be coming our way soon.

### Web Development

- BOC policies, minutes, information packages and strategic plan should be on the web. Designing an interactive web site is in the works.

Respectfully submitted,

Peer Mikkelsen

## Membership Committee Report (April 22, 2006)

Membership numbers continue to increase. We have over 200 members already for this year! Membership numbers as of April 19 were as follows:

Zone	Life	Regular	Retired	Student	Total
Arctic	0	7	0	0	7
Calgary	0	55	2	2	59
Capital	0	66	2	6	74
Central	1	16	0	1	18
Northern	0	29	0	0	29
Southern	1	13	1	0	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>202</b>

There are approximately 232 PHI/EHOs (not including those working in private industry), so with 186 regular members, we have 80% of currently working PHI/EHOs in the Province of Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut!

Congratulations to Terry Scott from Peace Country Health (Grande Prairie office). Terry was the winner of the early renewal draw. He will be attending the NEC in Regina this June for free!

Although you have to renew your membership before March 31 in order to be a member in good standing, you can apply for membership at anytime of the year. An application form can be downloaded at: [www.ciphi.ca/pdf/apply-en.pdf](http://www.ciphi.ca/pdf/apply-en.pdf).

Thank you to all members who purchased raffle tickets for a free membership. Good luck to all of you as the draws are made during the general meeting. For those of you who cannot attend the meeting, the winners will be announced in the next edition of the Alberta Branch News. Congratulations to the Calgary zone who required extra tickets to meet the demand!

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Herridge  
Alberta Branch Membership Committee Chairperson

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## **Environmental Public Health Week Committee Report April 22, 2006**

Thank you to all of the environmental health professionals who contributed to EPH Week. Activities in Alberta included a provincial press release and letters sent to all the provincial MLAs. The week was also recognized by the City of Calgary and numerous health regions. The quality of the EPH week posters was excellent (both hard copy and electronic) and these were distributed through-out the province. There were some great ideas from this year that we can work on for next year (the week falls right after the holidays so early planning is a must). Look for a call for committee members by late.

Respectfully submitted,

Kori Woodard  
EPH Week Chair





**Social Report  
Annual General Meeting  
April 22, 2006**

### **Alberta Branch Golf Tournament**

The thirty-fifth annual Alberta Branch Golf Tournament is scheduled for the Ponoka Golf Course on **Saturday June 3**. The tournament will kick off with a brunch around 10:00 AM, and the first golfers will be teeing off at 11:00 AM. The cost for golf and cart is **\$75 for members**, and \$95 for non-members. This not only includes golf and practice range – but the morning brunch and steak supper as well!

The Ponoka course has hosted our tourney a number of times. The meals are excellent, and the staff at the course has always treated us well. It is a very playable course and will be fun for golfers of any skill level - our tournament has always been about having a good time!

We only have thirty-six spots, so you are asked to register in advance. Contact me (Dan Richen) at [drichen@dthr.ab.ca](mailto:drichen@dthr.ab.ca) or Keith Lee ([klee@dthr.ab.ca](mailto:klee@dthr.ab.ca)) to confirm your attendance. I have included an information sheet on the Tournament with this report, or you can check out the Branch website at [www.ciphi.ab.ca/golf06.htm](http://www.ciphi.ab.ca/golf06.htm).

We are looking for donations for the Tournament, so if you have a friend or colleague who would be willing to donate a golf shirt, some mugs or other items please follow up with Keith or myself. Your assistance will be appreciated, and any donations will be recognized at the Tournament!

### **Alberta Branch Hockey Pool**

Each year the Branch sponsors a hockey pool, offering prizes to the top three finishers (\$50 - \$30 - \$20). The season will end on April 18, and I will be able to announce the winners at our AGM. But it is a very tight race, and as of writing this report, the winner could not be identified (except that it won't be me). So we will just have to wait!

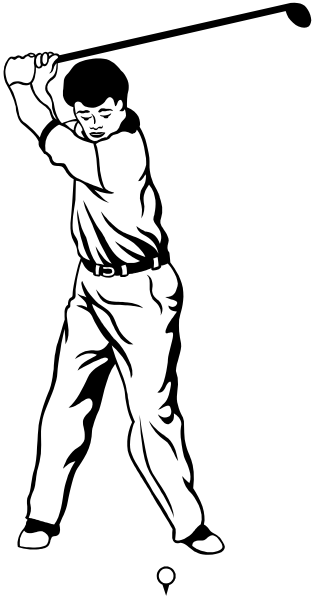
The intent of the pool is to allow participation by any member – no matter what their hockey knowledge. That is why it is a simple pool and **free** to members. Some suggestions have been made to improve the hockey pool – which will likely make it more challenging and competitive. I will be discussing proposed changes with the Executive and some of the pool participants to determine if changes are necessary or appropriate.

But in any event, it was another fun year, and keep your eye out for an announcement about the Branch Hockey Pool this fall!

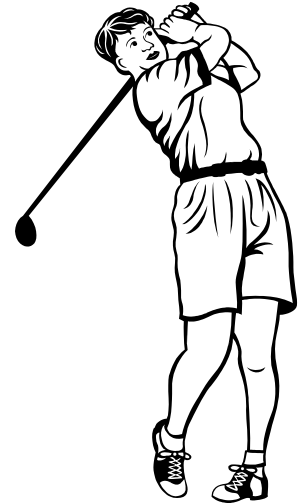
Respectfully submitted  
Dan Richen



# Alberta Branch 35th Annual Golf Tournament



Date	<b>Saturday, June 3</b>
Brunch	<b>10:00 AM (included in registration)</b>
Tee Off	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Location	<b>Ponoka Community Golf Course</b> (Near Alberta Hospital Ponoka)
Cost	<b>18 Holes with Cart and Supper</b> \$75 for members \$95 for non-members <i>Tournament fee includes brunch before the first tee time and practice range – as well as the steak supper!</i>
	<b>Supper Only</b> \$20



**Space is limited to the first 36 Golfers  
Please register early!**

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**CIPHI (ALBERTA BRANCH) WORKSHOP  
CANMORE, ALBERTA - OCTOBER 2005  
FINAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**INCOME**

Item	Received
<b>Delegate Registration (+Social Tickets)</b>	<b>20,900.00</b>
<b>Sponsors/Donations (+ Registration/Social Tickets)</b>	<b>18,500.00</b>
<b>Exhibitors (+ Registration/Social Tickets)</b>	<b>2,025.00</b>
<b>Re-imburement (Hotel)</b>	<b>372.96</b>
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>41,797.96</b>

**EXPENSES**

Item	Spent
<b>Conference Administration Costs</b>	<b>729.88</b>
Meetings (88.80) Appreciation Gifts (104.27) Committee Appreciation Social (339.23) Committee Rooms (197.58)	
<b>Workshop Supplies/Stationery</b>	<b>1,022.02</b>
Office Supplies (80.09) Poster Boards (684.80) Manuals (257.13)	
<b>Hotel Expenses</b>	<b>7,207.56</b>
Meeting Room (321.00) Audio-Visual Equipment (464.92) Nutrition Break – Snacks (2,850.49) Nutrition Break – Coffee (738.32) Lunch (2,832.83)	
<b>Social/Entertainment</b>	<b>6,235.02</b>
Cross Zee Ranch Facility (5,209.88) Name That Tune Entertainment (615.25) Accommodations – Entertainer (109.89) VIP Taxi Service (300.00)	
<b>Speakers</b>	<b>3,635.20</b>
Gift Items (730.16) Engraving (161.32) Accommodations (1,098.90) Travel Expenses (1,644.82)	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>18,829.68</b>
<b>Net Profit - Final</b>	<b>22,968.28</b>