

## CIPHI Alberta Branch Annual General Meeting – June 27, 2009

Present:

*\* denotes Executive Member at the start of the meeting*

Bonnie Segal	Maz Rahman	Bill Chrapko
Mike Walsh	Sandra Hamilton	Norm Carlson
Gregory Ward	Keith Lee*	Jon Elliot*
Karen Clarke*	Dan Richen	Shauna Dimock
Cheryl Galbraith	Dave Fong	Frances Fong
Lena Jobb	Jeremy Spencer	Debra Langier-Blythe
Marilyn Dahlgren	Koreen Anderson*	Ken Dong
Victor Mah	Jason MacDonald*	Tricia Herridge*
Merry Turtiak*		

- 1.0 Call to Order – 10:10 AM (22 members present quorum reached)
- 2.0 In Memoriam
  - Gary Butler, please send a card to Gary due to his illness
  - Note: Committee of Senators is also contacting families and offering condolences. For Alberta this is being done by Bill Chrapko.
- 3.0 Agenda
  - 3.1 Additions or Deletions to Agenda
    - Added CIPHI Education Events (this was inserted as 9.3, and agenda adjusted)
    - Amended 9.4 Membership Raffle to Membership Issues
  - 3.2 Adoption of Agenda
    - Shauna Dimock moved adoption of the agenda. Debra Langier-Blythe seconded. Carried.
- 4.0 Adoption of Meeting Minutes
  - 4.1 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting October 2, 2008
    - Jon Elliot moved adoption of the previous meeting minutes. Sandra Hamilton seconded. Carried.
- 5.0 Executive Reports
  - 5.1 President's Report
    - Karen Clarke moved acceptance of the report. Marilyn Dahlgren seconded. Carried.
  - 5.2 Vice President's Report
    - No Report
  - 5.3 Treasurer's Report
    - Keith Lee moved acceptance of the report. Ken Dong seconded. Carried.
  - 5.4 Secretary's Report
    - Merry Turtiak moved acceptance of the report. Ken Dong seconded. Carried.

## 6.0 Zone Reports

*Note: For items 6.0 and 7.0 these reports will be now be considered as information items, and can be reviewed at the pleasure of the membership. Any action items arising from a zone or committee have to be placed on the agenda under new business to be discussed by the membership. These reports will not longer be a part of the formal agenda.*

### 6.1 Arctic Zone Report

- No report submitted

### 6.2 Northern Zone Report

- Correction: Spelling of Christine Boutilier (Corrected)

### 6.3 Capital Zone Report

### 6.4 Central Zone Report

### 6.5 Calgary Zone Report

### 6.6 Federal Zone Report

### 6.7 Southern Zone Report

## 7.0 Committee Reports

### 7.1 BOC Report

- No report submitted

### 7.2 Membership Report

### 7.3 Advocacy Report

- At the time of the meeting there had been no response from Dr. S. Duckett of AHS.

### 7.4 2009 Annual Education Conference

- See report
- Comment: Bidding on a conference should closely consider the costs associated with the location and that they may be higher if they are remote. They are more costs associated with trying to host a conference especially entertainment.

## 8.0 Business Arising

### 8.1 2008 Fall Workshop (see report)

- Item is closed

### 8.2 Investment Strategy

- Executive will continue to examine the proposals.
- Still looking for members who have an interest in financial strategies to participate in discussions.

## 9.0 New Business

### 9.1 CPC Update

- Major updates in the President's Report
- Victor Mah and Dan Richen have been appointed to the Council of Professional Experience as representatives of the Alberta Branch. The first teleconference is scheduled to occur shortly.

### 9.2 Fall Workshop 2009 & 2010

- 2009: No workshop
- 2010: Consider Lloydminster/Medicine Hat for co-workshop with Saskatchewan Branch

### 9.3 CIPHI Education Events Sponsorship Policy

- Discussed by members present at the meeting
- General agreement that the policy was for actively employed EPHPs, not retired or students; i.e. regular memberships

- Membership in good standing for 2 years was important
  - Add a review date on all policies
  - Clarify and highlight timeline
- 9.4 Membership Issues
- 9.4.1 Members gift: Portfolios are being sent out via zone councillors
- 9.4.2 Membership Dues: The national portion of the dues is being increased to \$125. When combined with the Branch portion of \$50, the dues for 2010 will be \$175 for Alberta members
- 9.4.3 Raffle
- Central: Scott Budgell
  - Southern/Northern: Marilyn Dahlgren
  - Calgary: Jeremy Donaldson
  - Capital: Ingrid Zakulak
- 9.5 Award Presentation/Announcements
- President's Award: Jody Kary
  - Community Service: Norm Carlson
  - Court Case: Karen Clarke
  - Promising New Professional: Jeremy Vaughan
- 9.6 Committee Chairs
- Membership: Greg Ward
  - Advocacy: Nadine Newman
  - Social: Sarah Nunn
  - BOC: Garth Gosselin
  - Newsletter: Lance Honish
  - Website: Jeremy Vaughan
  - EPHW: Open
- 9.7 Confirmation of Zone Councillors
- Arctic: Robert Savoury
  - North: Adrea Simmons
  - Central: Tricia Herridge
  - Capital: Jason MacDonald
  - South: Wayne Quan
  - Calgary: Daria Romanish
  - Federal: Jon Elliot
- 9.7 Elections for Association Executive
- President: Koreen Anderson
  - Vice President: Debra Langier-Blythe
  - Treasurer: Marilyn Dahlgren
  - Secretary: Karen Clarke
- 10.0 Adjournment: 1:03 PM

## President Report Annual General Meeting - June 27, 2009

There have been some changes to the Alberta Branch Executive since our last meeting. Phi Phan has accepted the position of National President-Elect. As such Phi has moved from Alberta Branch President into the Past President role. We know Phi will do outstanding with his new responsibilities, both nationally and provincially. I would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Victor Mah who has generously donated many years of service to the Alberta Branch, most recently as the Past-President.

### National

The Annual Education Conference was hosted by the former Calgary Health Region in beautiful Kananaskis May 3-6, 2009. The Conference Committee faced many challenges as the AEC approached including the slower economy, reorganization of a major employer's structure and the emergence of the H1N1 influenza pandemic. In spite of all these challenges the AEC was an absolute success. The keynotes were inspirational and challenging, the educational speakers were informative and the social events were very fun. Congratulations to the entire Conference Committee on a job well done!

Two major documents to guide the future of the Institute were released at the Annual General Meeting. The Continuing Professional Competencies (CPC) Working Group published Version 1.0 of the Competencies for Ongoing Development and Professional Development Model. The documents are intended to develop a program in which we can ensure standards for the CPHI(C) designation are maintained. Changes were also made to the bylaws to reflect the development of the Council of Professional Experience (CoPE). This Council will administer the Institute's continuing professional competency program.

I hope you all get the chance to read through these documents. This is a step in the right direction for the Institute and its members. As Environmental Public Health Professionals we must have a culture of lifelong learning and strive to keep current with relevant science and practice. The CPC Working Group deserves kudos for these incredible strides.

A new Board of Certification Appeal Panel is being created. Appeals will be heard and decided on by a panel of three to four individuals. A national list will be maintained and participants will be called upon when needed. It is no surprise that there have already been several Alberta Branch members who have volunteered to be involved in this new process.

### Provincial

Several job postings have been circulated recently as Alberta Health Services finalizes their organizational chart. It was noted that the CPHI(C) designation was not included as a requirement for an Environmental Public Health position. A letter was sent to key individuals to point out the importance of the credential and how the certification process ensures certain standards are met. To date, no response has been received from the recipients, but several members have expressed their support of this correspondence.

The Arctic Zone now has a new Zone Councillor. We welcome Robert Savoury to this role and thank him for his involvement. Robert has returned from retirement and resides in Inuvik. Welcome Robert!

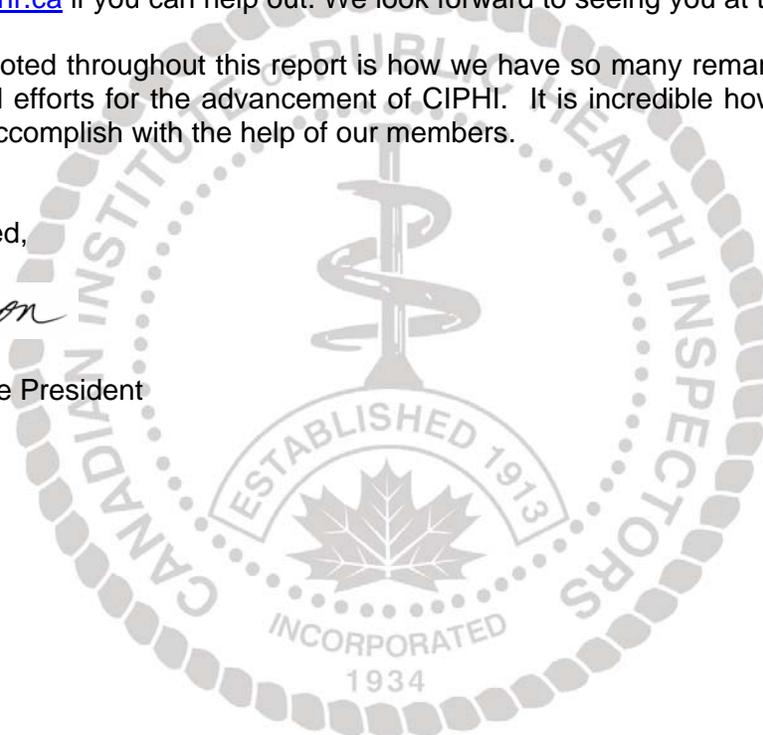
As the AEC was hosted by the Alberta Branch there is no Fall Workshop planned for 2009. We will be looking for a host for the 2010 workshop, so look around at your neighbor next to you and start soliciting.

The Alberta Branch Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 8, 2009 in Barrhead. The Barrhead Golf Club is one of the most talked about courses in Alberta. We have secured a great deal with a \$65 cost to CIPHI members and \$85 for non-members. For those who cannot make it to the golf during the day they can stop by for a steak supper for \$25. There is still more to be done and the organizer, Nadine Newman, can use your help in securing prizes among other things. Please contact Nadine at [Nadine.Newman@pchr.ca](mailto:Nadine.Newman@pchr.ca) if you can help out. We look forward to seeing you at the golf tournament.

A recurring theme I noted throughout this report is how we have so many remarkable people willing to donate their time and efforts for the advancement of CIPHI. It is incredible how much CIPHI and the Alberta Branch can accomplish with the help of our members.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Koreen Anderson*  
Koreen Anderson  
CIPHI AB Branch Vice President



## Secretary's Report Annual General Meeting – June 27, 2009

Well... what to say? It's been ten years as Branch Secretary, and while I have certainly enjoyed interacting with all the CIPHI members provincially and nationally, its time to let someone else to step into these shoes.....

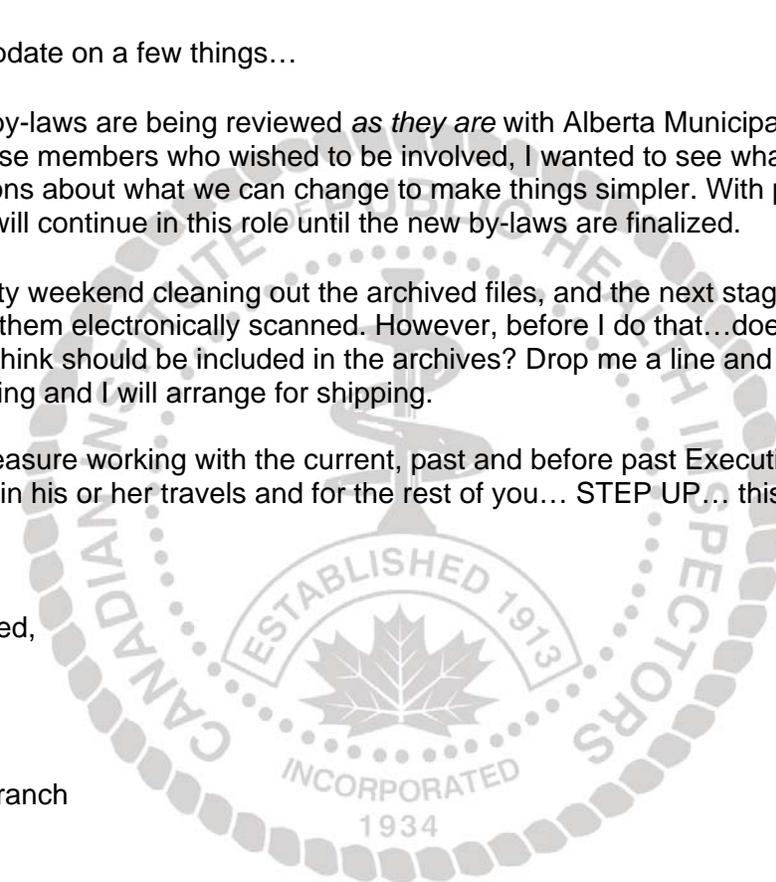
But before I go an update on a few things...

- The Branch by-laws are being reviewed *as they are* with Alberta Municipal Affairs. Before engaging those members who wished to be involved, I wanted to see what was missing and ask some questions about what we can change to make things simpler. With permission of the Executive, I will continue in this role until the new by-laws are finalized.
- I spent a dusty weekend cleaning out the archived files, and the next stage will be to box them up and have them electronically scanned. However, before I do that...does anyone have any old files you think should be included in the archives? Drop me a line and let me know if you have something and I will arrange for shipping.

Again, it's been a pleasure working with the current, past and before past Executive. I wish the new Secretary good luck in his or her travels and for the rest of you... STEP UP... this is your organization, get involved ☺

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Turtiak  
Secretary, Alberta Branch



## Northern Zone Report Annual General Meeting – June 27, 2009

### Aspen

- Aspen has had some staff changes, Emily Woodrow has taken on the Athabasca office, Michelle MacLeod is in the Bonnyville office, Nick Kucharski has taken on the Jasper office and Courtney Janes has joined the Edson office.
- Fred Cundict proposed to his fiancé Colleen and they are expecting their first child in the near future.

### Peace Country Health

- The Grande Prairie Office is almost fully staffed. Ashley Yu has been kept on as a student PHI (aka slave) until the October BOC. Ashley is enjoying learning all about dugout drinking water in the Spirit River area and really enjoys issuing temporary food permits and following up on animal bites.
- The Peace River Office is happy to have Christine Boutilier back from maternity leave; we made sure everything was just as she left it, so she has lots of work and inspections to catch up on. Ashwin Din successfully completed his BOC and is now a real inspector way to go Ash!

### Northern Lights

Northern Lights has also had some staffing changes, Jagtar Sandhu has joined the region as the regional environmental health manager. Also joining the staff in Ft. McMurray is Brad Aucion, Annerley Boyo and Ahmed Imtiaz. Lloyd Lane has joined Shane in High Level.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrea Simmons  
Northern Zone Councillor

## Capital Zone Report Annual General Meeting - June 27, 2009

Has it really been nine months since my last report in October? It seems like only weeks ago that Karen Clarke from Calgary was commenting on the excellent format of my reports and using it as her own. Oh well, time flies I guess. Speaking of Calgary, on behalf of the "Zone formerly known as Capital", I wanted to pass along my congratulations to the 2009 Kananaskis Conference organizers for putting on a great show in May. As a presenter and a participant, I can say first hand that the experience completely exceeded my expectations. The crew in Calgary represented themselves, and Alberta, in a first class manner. Well done.

I also must pass along our collective best wishes to our outgoing Alberta Branch President, Mr. Phi Phan. As he takes the next step in his journey to excellence, his dedication to the Branch does not go unnoticed. What he often called 'easy' was obviously a lot of hard work, as we all know. While we welcome the change in leadership, we do want Phi to know how grateful we are for where he has taken the Branch during his tenure. Thank you Phi.

Retirements and Un-retirements (Guess who!)

**Rick Leyland** and **Marilyn Johnson** from the Sherwood Park office officially retired this winter. Both were sent off with several well wishes and the sharing of many warm memories. Most local inspectors can easily recall a fond experience that they have had with both individuals. Their kind hearts and hard work will be missed.

In an unprecedented maneuver, **Bill Chrapko** un-retired and lent his experience and expertise to the inspectors in the St. Albert office. Glad to have you back Bill (again!).

Award Winners

**Rick Dimock** was awarded the 2009 *National Sanitation Foundation Award* by the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the promotion of food safety.

After years of important contributions to the Institute and to his community, **Bill Chrapko** was awarded the honour of Lifetime Membership in CIPHI. Bill continues to serve CIPHI as a Senator on the Retiree's Advisory Committee.

Locals **James Murphy** and **Rob O'Neill** of Ogilvie LLP were both recognized for their continued advocacy, promotion and defense of public health by being awarded honorary CIPHI memberships.

**Nelson Fok** was granted the Primary Care and Public Health *Award of Distinction* from Alberta Health Services for his tireless demonstration of expertise in so many areas of Environmental Health. Nelson also assisted in the development and delivery of seminars at the College of the North Atlantic in Doha, Qatar. But what has he done for us lately?

Manager's Awards were given out to **Ken Dong**, **Glenn Jenkins**, **Blair Bartley** and **Richard Reive**.

**Jason MacDonald** won the J.M. O'Laney Service Award. Of course, Bill demanded a recount on this one.

**Chris Rolfe** was awarded the L.C. Clark Professionalism Award.

**Cheryl Galbraith** won the Dr. K.S. Penniford Achievement Award for outstanding achievement in the field of public and environmental health.

### Volunteering

Although I just go for the free pizza at lunch, I wanted to recognize the team of inspectors who continually give up two mornings a year to participate in a mock oral exam at Concordia. **Dean Rombough, Sandra Hamilton, Nyall Hislop, Lindsay Friestadt, Stephen Jacobsen, Christina Schmitke, Nicole Obert** and **Mystique Wendel** comprise the current pool of mock oral examiners. Thank you.

**Nelson Fok, Phi Phan** and **Nicole Obert** all continue to participate in class orientation when new students enter the Concordia Environmental Health program. Again, I was there, but only for the free pizza at lunch. Yum.

I believe that children are the future. I always say to teach them well and let them lead the way. Several Concordia students and inspectors joined me in volunteering as science fair judges at the Aurora Charter School this winter. Thank you to **Sarah Yousef, Geoff Tomko** and **Sandra Hamilton** for making a contribution to the development of some aspiring health inspectors. A delicious continental lunch was also provided at this event.

**Tony Mak** continues to advocate for the profession since his retirement from "active duty". Tony donated several hours of his time to set up and look after the CIPHI trade-show display at various local hospitals in the Edmonton area. Thanks for going the extra mile to bring attention to the profession Tony!

**Lindsay Friestadt** coordinated a group of participants for the CIBC Run for the Cure last fall. The group's name was "*The Breast Team Ever*" and she was joined in the run by **Danny Thepsouvanh** and **Ludmilla Rodriguez**.

### 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference Presenters

The following health professionals were selected to speak at the 2009 National Conference in Kananaskis. Congratulations to the following individuals:

- **Nelson Fok** – "*Active Surveillance – PHI's role with Drinking Water*"
- **Lance Honish** – "*Norovirus Surveillance*"
- **Phi Phan** – "*Continuing Professional Competencies Workshop*"
- **Jason MacDonald** – "*Right Place, Wrong Autoclave*"
- **Sandra Hamilton** - "*Hoarding and Squalor*"
- **Richard Rieve** – "*What's up Doc?*"

#### Environmental Public Health Week 2009

We were able to twist Mayor Stephen Mandel's arm once again to officially proclaim Environmental Public Health Week in the City of Edmonton. Locally, we also had the message plastered on our Jasper Avenue electronic billboard, on the Capital Health website, on employee paystubs and in our Capital Health electronic newsletter. Thank you to **Lindsay Friestadt** and Public Affairs Officer **Noreen Remtulla** for all of their behind the scenes work in making our voices heard.

#### Sock it to 'em

The second annual "Golden Sock Challenge" took place in our region this winter. The aim is to raise awareness about homelessness and a lack of warm clothing for the less fortunate during the winter season. In doing so, four teams vie for the distinction of having collected the most new socks, which are then donated to charity. This year, the food group collected the most socks, and a total of 4441 pairs of socks were donated to charities across the city. Great work from **Nicole Obert** and **Sandra Hamilton** makes this venture a success every year.

#### New Arrivals & Wedding Bells

Please join me in congratulating Rob Mahabeer on the birth of his baby boy Tejas, along with Concordia student Wade Goïn, and his wife Melissa, as they welcomed baby boy Levi to the family this spring. We also want to congratulate Ihsan Sassi on her wedding which took place in May.

#### *Board of Certification Update*

Congratulations to those who became certified since the last report. Sylvia Hrushka, Ihsan Sassi, Michael Kahn, Chelsea Pomeroy all successfully completed the CIPHI Board of Certification requirements. Great job!

Thank you once again to the members of the Capital Zone for your support. I appreciate the opportunity to represent you and act as a liaison between the Branch Executive, Committees and the health professionals.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jason A. MacDonald**

Capital Zone Councilor – CIPHI, Alberta Branch

## Central Zone Report Annual General Meeting - June 27, 2009

It is a pleasure and honor to be giving my first central zone report.

In the former East Central Health, Thor Hameister was certified in April and has been working out of the Wainwright office since completing his practicum. Congratulations! Trevor Meiklejohn and his wife welcomed a baby girl into their family in April. Gord Corcoran became a grandpa again in May, this time to a granddaughter named Olivia.

In the former David Thompson, there have been several recent staffing changes. Mike McKnight gave up the commute to Camrose for a position in Ponoka. We wish all the best to Doug Johnston on his retirement. Jon Lambert came from the UK to fill Doug's position in Olds and will be sitting his orals in October. Welcome Jon to both the province and the zone and good luck in October. Kevin Mcleod is working part time in the Wetaskiwin office. Maz Rahman is a student inspector in Red Deer. Good luck on your orals in October as well. Bob More has branched out and is now working part time in Emergency Preparedness in addition to Health Inspection.

Congratulations also go out to Michael Lambert and Manny Ahmad. Michael and his wife Allison welcomed their first child, a girl named Georgia last week! It was a busy week for that area as Manny Ahmad also got married last week.

Garth Gosselin resigned his position as zone councilor to become the Alberta representative on the Board of Certification. We wish you all the best in this new position.

I believe that sums up what has been happening in the central zone lately.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Herridge  
Central Zone Councilor

## Calgary Zone Report Annual General Meeting - June 27, 2009

Since last report, events in the Calgary Zone have ranged from planning a major conference, settling in to a new main office, a few staff changes and lots of individual and group accomplishments. Some new faces you might see around the zone include district PHI **Melissa Chandler**, who recently joined us from northern Manitoba. Rumour has it she was on the CIPHI Manitoba executive, so we can't wait to volunteer her for many CIPHI activities in the near future! Two practicum students, **Sarah Yusuf** (Concordia), and **Jodie Dicks** (Cape Breton) are learning the ropes in Calgary this summer. We welcome back **Norm Kruesel**, after a stint in Saskatchewan. We also had a vaguely familiar guy wandering the office... I thought he might be new, but then he introduced himself as manager **Peer Mikkelsen**! A hearty welcome back to Peer. Some personal milestones include new babies to the families of **Salima Kassam** (boy) and **Katarina Arendas** (girl). And, **Kara MacKay** will be joining the parenthood club very soon! Congratulations to all of you.

Calgary Zone members have been generous in sharing their expertise with colleagues and members of the public. **Mark Fehr** was co-presenter to the Canadian Association of Food Service Professionals on the subject of trans-fats. At the 2009 CIPHI National Conference in Kananaskis there was a strong contingent of speakers from the Calgary Zone, including **Dennis Stefani, Kori Woodard, Karen Clarke and Vicki Wearmouth**. **Sarah Nunn** shared timely information on emergency egress requirements at an event for landlords hosted by the Calgary Apartment Association. As usual, members also strive to improve their own skills and knowledge; some educational accomplishments include **Pauline Jackson** completing a certificate program in infection control, and **Daria Romanish** taking the graduate-level management course from Concordia.

Environmental Public Health Week 2009 was a well-recognized event around the Calgary Zone thanks to the dedicated team of **Jenny Brown, Norm Carlson, Daria Romanish, Pamela Stewart, Brigitte Noren, Jeremy Vaughan, Dawn Greenwald and Ryan Pawsey**. An attractive and informative display (with lots of giveaways) drew hundreds of visitors to Southport (main city office) and Sheldon Chumir (downtown office). The display also made its way to Mount Royal College, emphasizing Environmental Health as a career choice. It generated lots of interest amongst students. A staff meeting during EPH Week included some 'old-timers' sharing fascinating anecdotes from their time in the field ... PG-rated, for the most part. Environmental health staff throughout the zone celebrated with coffee and cake. The

week was also celebrated by various public health staff in the Canmore office (thanks to **Diane Luka** and **Lindsay Sullivan** for arranging this!).

Thanks to all who nominated staff for the inaugural CIPHI Alberta Awards. Those from the Calgary Zone receiving awards include **Norm Carlson** (Community Service), **Jeremy Vaughan** (Promising New Professional), and **Karen Clarke** (Court Case). Congratulations! And, let's start thinking now about deserving nominees for next year!

Some other bits and pieces of news around the zone include the establishment of a committee looking at safety issues, and ways to improve safety practices in our workplaces. In the education department, a home study course in food safety is now available completely online, including the exam. Finally, while there will be a separate report on the 2009 CIPHI National Conference, the Calgary Zone report would not be complete without recognizing the tireless effort put forth by members in planning and hosting this fantastic event, including the conference committee, all volunteers, and all those who provided the necessary coverage in the field.

As this is my final Zone Report, I would like to thank the Calgary Zone for providing me the opportunity to represent you. It has been a great experience!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Clarke  
Calgary Zone Councilor

## Southern Zone Report Annual General Meeting – June 27, 2009

This is my first zone report submitted as the Southern Zone Councilor, so I am very excited to introduce myself and share some of the recent events that have taken place down in Southern Alberta.

Welcome to Southern Alberta!

We have two new inspectors in Southern Zone! Please join us in welcoming Ken Ast, Robert Rippin, and Allan Torng.

- Ken Ast ventured into Medicine Hat from Cranbrook, BC, where he previously worked for 11 years. Ken has a wife and 2 young boys ages 7 and 8 years old. He also shares his household with two dogs, one cat and may soon be getting a couple of bunnies. If you ever run into Ken you will understand why he lists weightlifting as one of his hobbies. Ken will be covering Redcliff, Oyen, and Acadia Valley.
- Robert Rippin grew up in Cold Lake, Alberta and finished High School on Vancouver Island. He has worked as a Health Inspector in British Columbia for the last 16 years, which has given him a wealth of experience in all areas of Environmental Public Health. Robert was fortunate to be involved in a number of special assignments, one as an advisor to the British Columbia Ministry of Health in Victoria, and another as an analyst for Health Canada in Ottawa. Robert is the new Public Health Inspector in the Fort Macleod Community Health Office.
- Allan Torng also worked in BC with Interior Health, Kamloops Office. Allan is originally from Taipei, Taiwan but grew up in Newfoundland. He's been an inspector for 8 years and has even taught at BCIT. He received his B.Sc. in Biochemistry & Food Science and also holds a M.P.M. (Project Mgmt, Civil Eng.). Allan is currently working on his Masters in Industrial Hygiene and is also enrolled in the Registered Home Inspection Program (dist. educ.). Allan also confesses to being a 'rock hound' and includes geology as one of his hobbies. Allan will be working out of the Cardston Community Health office and covering Cardston County and Waterton Park.

Welcome New Babies!

Congratulations to Todd Baxter and his wife Bonnie on their second addition to the family, Canyon Baxter. Older brother Ronan is very excited now that he has a tag-team partner against Papa-bear!

Harry Huddleston Award

Congratulations to Subhendra Dharampaul for receiving this year's Harry Huddleston Award. This award is presented annually in appreciation to a Public Health Inspector working in the former Palliser Health Region who demonstrates outstanding commitment to protecting the health of the people we serve with professionalism and compassion. The presentation of the Award was held in Medicine Hat during Environmental Public Health Week 2009.



### Dynamic Duo

Kristen Dykstra and Pam Hodgkinson took to the streets of Vancouver on May 3, 2009 to participate in a half marathon that included a 21.1 Km trek through downtown Vancouver into Stanley Park. Although the scenery was great, it was hampered by the thousands of Vancouver Canucks jerseys crowding the streets during the NHL Playoffs.

### Saskatchewan-Alberta CIPHI Hockey Challenge 2009

On March 20 & 21, 2009, PHIs from Alberta and Saskatchewan gathered in Medicine Hat, Alberta, to participate in the inaugural CIPHI Hockey Challenge. Despite being in our own barn with a couple of local CIPHI girls cheering from the stands the AB boys had no answer for Team SK (who coincidentally were also dressed in vintage Canucks jerseys). Outnumbered and outgunned - Team AB got handed a convincing loss. Any heartache was quickly washed away once everybody reconvened at our local western dance bar for some fine food, drinks and of course - DANCING. The next night was less serious and more for fun (due in part to the previous night) with the vintage Canucks again pulling out the win. In the end, players from both teams had a great time playing, joking around, and developing friendships that will carry over into the May AEC in Kananaskis.



Respectfully submitted,

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Wayne Quan, CPHI(C)  
Southern Zone Councilor

## Federal Zone Report Annual General Meeting- June 27, 2009

First Nations and Inuit Health, Environmental Public Health Services (EPS) has many projects on the go. We have recently started using the water database, named Wei, that Joan Yee has been working on for the past few years. We are all very excited about Wei and how we can use this tool in collaboration with our GIS database. I am patiently waiting for the day that the new system will write my reports for me...

Over in Healthy Environments Consumer Safety (HECS), Brenda Woo has advanced to acting Regional Manager for the Safe Environments Program. Congratulations to her. HECS has been busy initiating radon gas testing in federal buildings and working on the chemicals management plan which assesses substances that were in use prior to the implementation of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

### Other news from FNIH:

- Tony and Sarah Thepsouvanh are enjoying their second child Olive. Olive was born on February 20<sup>th</sup> and was 7 lbs 9 oz.
- Our office was incomplete without a Thepsouvanh, so we brought Danny Thepsouvanh to our team. Not sure how it will be when Tony returns from parental leave and there are two of them ...
- Other babies include:
  - Jeff Kresowaty and Marcy Iwanyk had their first child on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Zoey was 7 lbs 4 oz.
  - My wife, Lisa, I also had our first child; Benjamin was born on May 17<sup>th</sup> and was 8lbs 2 oz.
- We are happy for Kyle Wonsiak on his recent engagement; and for Stephanie Agyepong, who also became engaged recently.
- Another success is Andrea Germann passing her BOC's. We hope she can share some advice with Angie Kim who is currently training and studying for the BOC's.
- Lastly, Diane Teoh has taken a new position in Calgary. She is still with FNIH but now she is sharing her many talents with the Calgary office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Elliott  
Federal Zone Councillor

## **2008 Fall Educational Workshop**

### **Final Report for the Annual General Meeting – June 27, 2009**

The Alberta Branch hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Educational Workshop at the Holiday Inn in Grande Prairie October 2 & 3. The Workshop theme was “Law Matters” and covered many legal topics ranging from administrative law, to liability and discretion. The Workshop was well attended and an overall success.

#### Some Highlights:

- We had a total of 99 delegates that attended the workshop. Of those 99, 29 were student members.
- 11 speakers covering varying topics of law & law enforcement
- First day introduction by Mr. John Lehnert, newly appointed member of the Alberta Health Services Board.
- An entertaining and thought provoking keynote address by Mr. Chris Braiden
- Constable Tony Walker entertained with stories of how his team has creatively removed drug houses from Grande Prairie with the Report a Drug House Program.
- 19 exhibitors were set up in the adjoining exhibitor hall
- 1 Gold, 2 Silver, 8 Bronze Sponsors, 4 Workshop contributors
- Net Sponsorship/Exhibitor profit was \$19,152.25
- Overall workshop profit was \$5104.19
- New this year we offered our sponsors a block of time to present a talk on new technologies.
- The Thursday Night Curling social was well attended and quite entertaining with curlers of all skill levels attempting to sweep their way to victory. The social was followed by some afterhours networking at Madhatters Liquid Lounge.
- Friday brought most bleary eyed delegates back for entertaining greeting from Dr. Albert DeVilliers, MOH with Alberta Health Services - Peace Country Health. Dr. D brought greetings from around the globe and an entertaining look at the re-disorganization of organizations.

#### What worked:

- Early bird registration was used this year and was a huge bonus. 79 of the 94 paying delegates took advantage of the early bird registration.
- All speakers with the exception of our keynote speaker, volunteered their time at no charge to the workshop.
- A local church donated the use of their bus and driver to get the delegates to the social event and back.

#### Bumps:

- In the original planning stages of the workshop, the hotel was offering free shuttle anywhere in Grande Prairie, which we were going to use as a means of transportation to the social event. By the time of the conference, the hotel policy changed and the shuttle was no longer a transportation option.

- The Public Health Appeal Board was approached in regards to having them attend along with the PHAB lawyer to present on the PHAB appeal process. The costs to have board members and/or the PHAB lawyer attend were beyond the budget of the workshop
- In early September, our speaker from the Public Health Agency of Canada had to cancel due to the Federal election being called. As such the Workshop took a loss on the non-refundable airfare for this speaker (\$1076.60).
- Delegate cancellations – we had about 5-7 delegates that contacted us within the 2 weeks leading up to the conference wanting to know what the cancellation policy was and if they would get their money back if the cancelled. No policy was in place, but it was decided that no refunds would be given at that time.
- Speaker costs (i.e. travel & hotel) were much higher than previous workshops due to the location (Grande Prairie) and the theme.

Recommendations:

- Continue with the early bird registrations.
- Develop a cancellation policy

I would like to extend a special thank-you on behalf of the Albert Branch to all those who made the trek up to Grande Prairie to make this Workshop a huge success. I would also like to thank all of the workshop committee members for their hard work: Nadine Newman (Speaker Chair), Koreen Anderson (Social Event Chair), Victor Mah (Exhibit & Sponsor Chair), Fred Cundict, Elmer Spilchen, Jim Meagher, Terry Scott, Ashley Yu, Jeff Lowry, Marilyn Dahlgren & Kosoo Ng.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrea Simmons", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Adrea Simmons  
2008 Fall Workshop Chair

**CIPHI (Alberta Branch) Fall Workshop  
Grande Prairie, October 2 & 3, 2008  
Final Financial Summary**

**Expenses:**

<b>Committee Meetings &amp; Expenses</b>	\$443.24
Committee Dinner (293.24)	
Gifts for Committee Chairs (\$150.00)	
<b>Stationery/Office Supplies/Equipment</b>	\$137.61
Ledger book (20.91)	
Thank-you cards (13.15)	
Mailbox Rental (72.00)	
Mailbox renewal & stamps (31.55)	
<b>Postage/Courier</b>	\$199.10
Stamps (76.76)	
Courier - Lanyards (32.48)	
Courier - Delegate Bags (84.40)	
Stamps (5.46)	
<b>Banking Services</b>	\$120.20
Cheques, stamp etc (120.20)	
<b>Hotel Expenses</b>	\$13,757.62
Deposit (500.00)	
Food (11707.62)	
Room Rental (950.00)	
A/V Equipment Rental (600.00)	
<b>Social/Entertainment</b>	\$3,952.50
Deposit (500.00)	
Ice Rental (380.96)	
Food (2903.21)	
Fuel for Bus (18.33)	
Donation for Use of Bus (150.00)	
<b>Speaker Expenses</b>	\$8,527.57
Hotel Rooms (471.38) *Holiday Inn*	
Airfare (3588.55)	
Speaker Fee - C. Braiden (2000.00)	
Speaker Expenses (467.64)	
Gifts for Speakers (2000.00)	

<b>Delegate Manual/Packages</b>	\$1,770.88
Delegate Bags (1266.30)	
Printing & Supplies (504.58)	
<b>Audio/Visual Equipment</b>	\$101.79
Signal Splitter & Cords (101.79)	
<b>Exhibitor Booth Display</b>	\$4,803.75
Exhibitor Booth Rental & Installation (4803.75)	
<b>Advertising/ Promotional Items</b>	\$1,313.61
Lanyards (1220.16)	
Signs (93.45)	
<b>Re-imbusement</b>	\$750.00
Overpayment - Rogers (550.00)	
Cancelled Registration (200.00)	
<b>Other</b>	\$205.00
NSF Registration (200.00)	
NSF Charge (5.00)	
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$36,082.87</b>

**Income:**

Delegate Registration	\$14,960.00
Social Tickets	\$2,220.00
Sponsors/Donations	\$18,476.00
Exhibitors	\$5,225.00
Advertisers	\$300.00
Interest on account	\$1.06
<b>Other</b>	\$2,505.00
Seed Money from Branch (2500.00)	
NSF re-payment (5.00)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$43,687.06</b>

<b>Workshop Total:</b>	<b>\$7,604.19</b>
Net profit (less seed money)	\$5,104.19

## Membership Committee Report Annual General Meeting - June 27, 2009

Membership numbers continue to steadily increase. The following was the membership numbers as of June 12, 2009.

Zone	Regular	Retired	Life	Student	Total
Arctic	5	0	0	0	5
Calgary	59	0	0	1	60
Capital	76	1	0	20	97
Central	18	1	2	2	23
Federal	13	0	0	0	13
Northern	28	1	0	3	32
Southern	20	1	1	1	23
<b>Total</b>	219	4	3	27	253

The Branch saw a dramatic increase in student members from this time last year.

Just a reminder that although you have to renew your membership before March 31 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).

Congratulations to Maureen Elko who won the membership renewal draw for a free registration to the National Education Conference in Kananaskis.

The raffle draw for a free membership will be held once again at the AGM. Thank you to all those who purchased tickets and congratulations in advance to the winners.

This is my last report as membership committee chair. I encourage anyone who is considering getting involved with the Branch to find a way to get involved. Not only will you be helping to advance the profession, but it is also a great way to get to know your provincial and northern colleagues.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Herridge

Alberta Branch Membership Committee Chairperson

## **Alberta Branch Advocacy Report**

### **Annual General Meeting - June 27, 2009**

Being the chair of the Advocacy Committee can be a strange thing at times. Often you can go weeks without thinking about committee work, and other times topics and issues are flying at you left and right. The period since the last report can be described in this way, as the committee was called on to speak up and be heard for two important events.

#### **Environmental Public Health Week**

This year, the Advocacy and EPHW Committees worked together and achieved great results. Wayne Quan served as Chair of the EPHW committee and utilized the committee membership to present a united message across Alberta.

This year we saw EPHW as an important way to make our importance known in times of Provincial health restructuring. To do this, we drafted and distributed a standardized letter to specific target audiences around Alberta. The letter spoke of how we saw the role of the EHO within various provincial initiatives such as *Vision 20/20* and the DC9 Blue Book. Here are some of the results we achieved:

- Official EPHW Proclamations were received from major centers throughout the Province.
- Acknowledgement, and a promise of future assistance in the promotion of EPHW, was sent from Ken Hughes, AHS Board Chair.
- Congratulations and recognition were forwarded from Health and Wellness Minister Ron Leipert.
- Provincial recognition in the form of a media release was issued from Elisabeth Ballermann, President of HSAA.

We feel that we made significant positive inroads toward bringing EPHW to a more Provincial level, in addition to the great work that volunteers performed at the local level.

#### **Qualifications of Environmental Public Health Leadership**

It was brought to the attention of the President that in recent job postings for Environmental Public Health Director positions did not require the applicant to have a Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada). The CPHI(C) designation is the recognized credential for one to be able to make meaningful and informed decisions on environmental public health matters. Obviously, there is an issue when a Director of Environmental Health may be chosen who does not have the CPHI(C) designation.

Phi Phan and Koreen Anderson quickly drafted a letter to Dr. Steven Duckett of Alberta Health Services in response to this matter, as it was merely a three-day window for the job postings. While no official response was received from Dr. Duckett, it was noted that further EPH job postings issued by Alberta Health Services all listed CPHI(C) designation as a criteria for eligibility.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jason A. MacDonald**

Advocacy Committee Chair – CIPHI, Alberta Branch

## 75<sup>th</sup> National Education Conference Kananaskis Country – May 3-6, 2009

This year's edition of the CIPHI National Conference was a roaring success. Despite a global economic recession, the restructuring of Health delivery in Alberta and a substantial change in the HSAA contracts regarding education money allocation, the Conference was attended by over 320 people, including delegates, speakers and exhibitors, from all parts of Canada. The theme for the conference was 75 years and new frontiers – very appropriate under the circumstances.

The education sessions featured first rate plenary speakers covering the vast and changing issues within the spectrum of Environmental Health. The keynote speakers (Warren MacDonald, Andrew Nikiforuk, and Bill Marler) covered varied and entertaining perspectives on taking action and stepping outside the box, the impact of global trade on disease exchange and food borne illness litigation and the impact on food safety in the U.S.A. The education session schedule was unique this year as it featured a stream on all three days dedicated to Federal Environmental Health issues. Interactive media training was also introduced and a full day course on drinking water safety was a value added learning opportunity.

The social events were also great opportunities to network and kick off the ol' boots. Each night featured a different theme and included the celebration of the local "wild west" heritage – featuring the lynching of Phi Phan, allegedly for selecting a veggie meal at an Alberta Beef event, which was followed by a gunfight at the OK Coral. Another unique event featured the British Military setting up their Field Kitchen and feeding the delegates gourmet burgers in the wilderness of Kananaskis Country. Fortunately for the delegates, the temperature did not quite reach the 65C that field soldiers routinely experience in Afghanistan and Iraq.

We were very fortunate to have a number of large sponsors, exhibitors and donators of silent auction items that greatly contributed to the financial success of the conference. Key sponsors included: The National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health, Health Canada First Nations Inuit Health Branch and Healthy Environments Consumer Safety Branch, Public Health Agency of Canada, Chinook Health Region and Calgary Health Region. We were also successful in filling 34 exhibitor booths (many of them new to CIPHI). We are still in the process of completing the final accounting but we are projecting a profit of approximately \$90,000.

Finally, the conference would not be a success without the dedicated work of the members that made the conference happen. Thanks and gratitude goes out to the Conference Organizing Committee (Sarah Nunn, Jenny Brown, Valerey Davidson, Jason Feltham, Mark Fehr, Kieth Lee and Chad Beegan) and the many many volunteers who toiled away before and during the conference with special recognition going out to Jeremy "the stress monkey" Vaughan for taking care of all the IT gremlins that inevitably would appear at the worst of times.

Also, a very large thank you to all the delegates who attended the Conference and made it such a great success!!!

Respectfully submitted by

Robert Bradbury & Peer Mikkelsen (Conference Co-Chairs)