

**CIPHI Alberta Branch  
Fall General Meeting Minutes - Approved**

September 26, 2012  
Edmonton, Alberta  
Fantasyland Hotel

*In attendance:* Greg Ward, Pam Stewart, Deb Mooney, Ryan Lau, Elmer Spildon, Murina Peermohamed, Christina Ngo, Amanda Robitaille, Nana Antwi-Jaskwa, Precilla Sterling, Yun Lu, Karen Clarke, Ken Longmore, Colin Charest, Angella Kim, Glenn Jenkins, Sharon Reginbald, Jessica Lam, Adrea Simmons, Dave Fong, Tricia Herridge, Shauna Dimock, Karen Emde, Karen Hislop, Rikkie Ma, Kevin Jeroncic, Jessica Ponto, Sandra Hamilton, Debra Langier-Blythe, Nicole Obert, Jen Fearnough, Wan Li, Wayne Quan, Ihsan Sassi, Nyall Hislop, Daria Romanish, Jon Elliott, Jason MacDonald, Rob O'Neill, Marilyn Dalgren, Pam Hodgkinson, Koreen Anderson, Andrea Germann, Dompheh Daniel

ITEM	DETAILS	
	Call to Order Meeting called to order by Jason MacDonald at 16:21	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>In Memoriam</b>	None
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> <b>Proposed change: Add item 8.6 Sponsorship draw changes</b> <i>Motion: Approval of agenda as amended. Shauna Dimock. Seconded Karen Emde.</i> <i>Motion carried.</i>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Adoption of AGM Minutes on June 9, 2012 (Red Deer, Alberta)</b> <i>Motion: Adoption of unapproved meeting minutes. Jessica Ponto.</i> <i>Seconded by Pricilla Sterling.</i> <i>Motion carried.</i>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Association Executive Reports</b>	
4.1 4.2 4.3	President's & Vice President's Report – J. MacDonald / J. Elliott <i>Acceptance of report motioned by Jason MacDonald. Seconded by Kevin Jeroncic. No discussion. Accepted</i> Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Dalgren <i>Discussion: Minor amendment given verbally to attendees and written version to be submitted</i> <i>Acceptance of report motioned by Marilyn Dalgren. Seconded by Kevin Jeroncic. Accepted.</i> Secretary's Report – Ihsan Sassi <i>Acceptance of report motioned by Ihsan Sassi. Seconded by Kevin Jeroncic. Accepted.</i>	<b>Marilyn to send specific amendment to working draft before adoption of FGM minutes</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Executive Board Reports</b>	
5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4	<b>Arctic – Jeremy Roberts</b> (absent) <b>Calgary – Daria Romanish</b> (no additional comment) <b>Central – Tricia Herridge</b> (no additional comment) <b>Edmonton – Jessica Ponto</b> (Added reminder to participate in Mock	

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5.5 5.6 5.7	BOC) <b>Federal –Andrea Germann</b> (no additional comment) <b>North – Adrea Simmons</b> (Gave additional staffing and family updates) <b>South – Wayne Quan</b> (no additional comment)	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>	
6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6 6.7	<p><b>Advocacy – Vacant</b> <i>Pamela Stewart (Central Zone) expressed interest in this position</i></p> <p><b>Board of Certification – Garth Gosselin (not present)</b> <i>Jon Elliott gave a description of Turnitin program being used by BOC nationally to identify plagiarism</i></p> <p><b>Education – Vacant</b> <i>Angella Kim expressed interest in this position and has acted as Co-chair for 2012 Fall Educational Workshop</i></p> <p><b>Newsletter - Lance Honish (not present)</b> <i>Pamela Stewart shared details on upcoming Alberta Branch News photo contest</i></p> <p><b>Social – Lena Jobb (not present)</b></p> <p><b>Website – Jeremy Vaughan (not present)</b></p> <p><b>Membership - Greg Ward</b> <i>Greg Ward shared statistics on membership, including the fact that Alberta Branch has record high membership</i></p>	Adrea Simmons to forward Terms of Reference and position descriptions to Stewart and Kim
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Business Arising</b>	
7.1 7.2	<p><b>Golf Tournament 2012 &amp; Future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <i>Pamela Stewart summarized tournament.</i></li> <li>o <i>Marilyn Dalhgren indicated that tournament costs branch about \$800 annually.</i></li> <li>o <i>Executive asked participants if this is a necessary expense to the Branch?</i></li> <li>o <i>Kevin Jeronic: possibly move to September as part of EPHW or Fall Workshop. Also feels Branch does not need to offset registration costs.</i></li> <li>o <i>Karen Hislop: A less formal tournament may increase participation (e.g texas scramble)</i></li> <li>o <i>Munira Peermohamed: employers used to give afternoon off, this is not likely today.</i></li> <li>o <i>Marilyn Dalhgren: we need membership feedback on tournament</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Centenary Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <i>Koreen Anderson: raised \$178 from mosaic project photos taken at our fall workshop.</i></li> <li>o <i>To fill out remaining space on mosaic banner, members may be able to send own photo and \$2 per person. Guidelines will be sent to zone councilors</i></li> <li>o <i>A cookbook is being planned, details to be circulated.</i></li> <li>o <i>Koreen is leading a project to gather and recognize members of</i></li> </ul>	

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7.3	<p><i>distinction: living, deceased, and various from provinces</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <i>www.Ciphi100.ca website is running</i></li> <li>o <i>Pins and Calendars have been distributed at workshop and across Canada to all members to commemorate Centenary.</i></li> <li>o <i>Branch has donated \$5000 to centenary committee</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Fall Educational Workshop 2012</b> <i>Ihsan Sassi: workshop and training is going very well</i> <i>Angella Kim: no complaints so far</i></p>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
8.1	<p><b>ONE HEALTH update</b> <i>Jason MacDonald: CIPHI was invited to sit on newly formed committee dealing with ONEHEALTH. CIPHI needs to determine our role with One Health. Interested members should contact Jason</i></p>	MacDonald
8.2	<p><b>Alberta Environmental Public Health Operational Strategy</b> <i>Jason MacDonald: members should know that an environmental public health operations strategy is being developed and CIPHI has worked its way onto this project as a stakeholder</i></p>	MacDonald
8.3	<p><b>Special Amendments to Bylaws Update</b> <i>Jason MacDonald: there are a few items to address to meet provincial requirements. MacDonald and Elliott will look at these requirements</i></p>	MacDonald
8.4	<p><b>Air Quality Health Index Consultant Opportunity</b> <i>Shawna Dimock: (Merry Turtiak requested) Alberta Health would like to know if there would be a CIPHI member interested in working with the hired consultant and willing to volunteer their time, to identify the best ways to engage with the CIPHI membership (with respect to Air Quality Health Index).</i> <i>Jessica Ponto- there is a free online course on the AQHI through UBC</i></p>	MacDonald
8.5	<b>Alberta Branch News Photo Contest – No update</b>	Honish
8.6	<p><b>Sponsorship draw changes</b> <i>Adrea Simmons: Sponsorship policy allows executive to provide scholarships to members to attend Annual Education Conference and Fall Educational Workshop. Normal allocation of funds is a total of \$3000. To get more members to Winnipeg for 2013 Annual Education Conference and partake in Centenary celebrations, Branch will allocate \$500 awards to 6 members rather than 3 at \$1000. Discussion among attendees indicated support</i></p>	Simmons
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> <i>Motion: Adjournment of meeting: Wayne Quan, seconded by Pricilla Sterling.</i> <i>Motion carried.</i>	

## President and Vice President Report

As fall sets in, we see change all around us. Not only are the seasons changing, but there are many changes occurring in our lives too. At work, some members have moved to new positions, some have retired, and some have been hired. We are pleased to see that CIPHI holders are expanding their roles and venturing into new positions. These changes can be very challenging, exciting, sometimes stressful, but hopefully very rewarding. Change seems to be inevitable and is up to us to decide how active we want to be in shaping that change.

At CIPHI, we have been very pleased with recent changes. We have finally passed our bylaws, which include a new clause linking membership to personal development hours (PDH). Many of our members are employed by Alberta Health Services and are required to be members. Alberta is the first branch to take this step towards mandatory PDH hours and we look forward to this being adopted nationally.

The Alberta Branch is very excited about our upcoming workshop. Teaming up with several provincial and international agencies will help make this one of the most interesting workshops we have had in a long time. During this workshop we will be able to network with, learn from, and teach experts in our field. These experts include members and non-members from Alberta Health Services, Alberta Health, Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development, Canadian Universities and many more. Our colleagues from Zhejiang province and other parts of China will bring a very interesting approach to environmental public health. We are very excited to host this event.

We are also pleased to have Jeremy Roberts take the role of Arctic Zone Councilor. More information about Jeremy can be found in the upcoming addition of the Branch newsletter. We welcome Jeremy to the role and look forward to hear from the record number of members in that zone. The Arctic zone was even able to participate independently in the sock challenge this year. Better watch out Southern zone...

At the national level, CIPHI is also undergoing significant changes. The 78<sup>th</sup> CIPHI annual education conference has just wrapped up and was a great success. There are many initiatives underway including mandatory membership, changes to Board of Certification submissions, and the preparation for our centenary year. There is also the uncertainty of who will undertake the role of national president. These are challenging times, but as mentioned earlier these changes create opportunities. It is up to us to decide how active we want to be in directing the change and responding to the opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason MacDonald, CPHI(C)  
President

Jon Elliott, CPHI(C)  
Vice - President

## Secretary Report

The Executive has been hard at work with the usual CIPHI Alberta Branch business, including highlighting the link between membership and professional development. The relationship between Concordia University College and CIPHI continues to be supported, including an orientation presentation for new environmental public health students and our continued support and organization for mock Board of Certification mock exams in the fall and spring. A great deal of time and energy has been dedicated to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CIPHI Alberta Branch Fall Educational Workshop. This year's workshop is especially exciting due to partnering with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta/Canada-China Life Sciences International Forum and the Zhejiang Provincial Centre for Disease Control and Prevention in China. This year's financial and sponsorship goals have been re-examined and have been taken to the next level. Furthermore, our collaboration with Alberta Health Services and the Pre-Workshop Indoor Air Quality Training Session is highly valued and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with our stakeholders in the future.

Thank you to the executive for their continued support in my first year as Secretary for the Alberta Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Ihsan Sassi, CPHI(C)  
Secretary

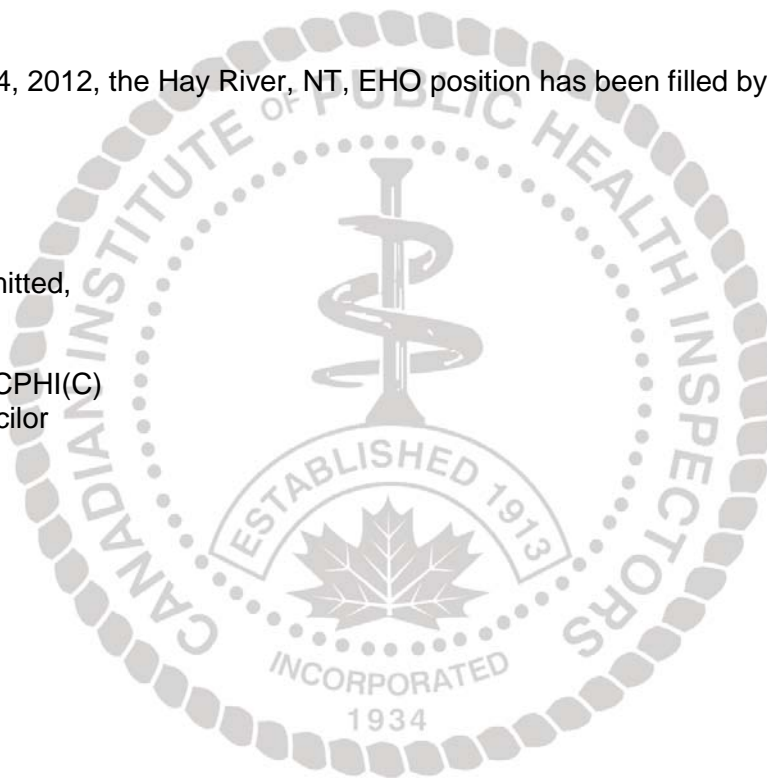
## Arctic Zone Report

Jeremy Roberts has accepted the role of Zone Councilor for the Arctic Zone. He has notified all Nunavut and Northwest Territories EHOs.

As of September 4, 2012, the Hay River, NT, EHO position has been filled by Tim Hibbs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Roberts, CPHI(C)  
Arctic Zone Councilor



## Calgary Zone Report

As per usual, the summer months in Calgary have been a bit slow on the news front as many people head out for their vacations, however, there a few newsworthy bits of information that I'd like to share.

First of all, I'd like to send out a big thanks to Edmonton Zone for hosting this year's Fall Workshop. What an amazing experience for us all to be able to share this workshop with the Alberta/China - China/Zhejiang Life Science International Forum.

Fall is coming...

...which means it's time to get cozy. What better way to get cozy than with a pair of socks! Unfortunately the underprivileged population in Calgary doesn't always have access to socks, which is why the Calgary zone has vowed to win this year's sock challenge and do our part to help everyone get ready for fall!

78<sup>th</sup> Annual CIPHI Education Conference – Collingwood, Ontario

Hats off to CIPHI for yet another successful AEC. This time, the conference was held in the picture-perfect Village of the Blue Mountains in Collingwood, Ontario. As usual, Alberta had a good showing of member representatives at the conference, including a couple of presenters!

### Staff Announcements

- Dennis Stefani has announced his impending retirement this coming October. After many, many years of service, Dennis has decided that it's time for him to move onto bigger and better adventures. We wish him all the best and trust that he'll have no problem filling his days.
- Lynn Que and her husband welcomed their baby girl DeAnne in the spring. Mom and baby are doing great!
- Congrats to Chantal Eusebio and Blair McFerran, on the successful completion of their BOC orals this past spring. Best of luck to Eric Gash, Cecil Lebby, Kira Nedd-Roderique and Alyson Campbell on their fall exams.
- Welcome to our three new practicum students Melody Wong, Kim Nguyen and Shannon MacLeod. Mel and Kim join us from Concordia, and Shannon from UCB.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daria Romanish, CPHI(C)  
Calgary Zone Councilor

## Central Zone Report

I hope everyone had a good summer and is enjoying the workshop.

We wish our past students Amber and Jagdeep, the best of luck as they prepare to sit their orals and welcome our current students: Evelien and Francisco. Evelien is based out of Red Deer and Francisco is based out of Wetaskiwin. We also send our best wishes to Rachel Schmidek who has decided to further her education by studying occupational therapy.

On the enforcement side of things, our illegal tattooist out of Wetaskiwin, has been tattooing again and so further enforcement action is being taken against him. We are also preparing to prosecute a landlord in the Olds area. Charges are also pending against a temporary food establishment at Big Valley Jamboree. After 7, inspections with repeated violations noted on Thursday and Friday, the booth was ordered closed for the rest of the weekend. The operator got quite upset after his booth was ordered closed and tried to spit on one of the inspectors.

Central Zone's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual staff campout was held at the Red Lodge Guest Ranch on August 10-12. The Guest Ranch is located approximately 11 km west of Bowden Alberta. After work on Friday, staff shared a pot luck meal that was followed by an evening of star gazing as the Perseid meteor shower was passing through. The next day campers formed up and all went to the Bowden Corn Maze for an afternoon of education in pesticide free farming. Saturday evening was again witness to spectacular star gazing and an unexpected serenading by the Bowden's Cowboy Poet.

*Seen in this picture  
Natalie and Danielle Budgell*







*Seen in this picture*

*Julie Stanley with children Grayden and Sierra*

*Elise and Danielle Budgell*

*Georgia Lambert*

*Natalie Budgell*

*Michael Lambert*

*Erin Teare can be seen sitting with back facing the camera*

### **Hay ride while at the Bowden Sunmaze.**

Some of the inspectors and their families also got together on a Saturday in July for a raft ride down the Red Deer River.

We had 10 inspectors in the zone who participated in the sock challenge this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Herridge, CPHI(C)  
Central Zone Councilor

Scott Budgell, CPHI(C)  
Central Assistant Zone Councilor

## Edmonton Zone Report

### Zone Meeting

On September 5, a very intimate Edmonton Zone meeting was held for the special purpose of awarding **Ken Fujioka** with the CIPHI AB Branch Long Term Service Award. Ken was nominated by Ken Dong and Frances Fong for his 30+ years of experience as a health inspector, his willingness to train students and for all that he brings to the workplace. **Congratulations, Ken!**



Hellos

Summer brought some new hires to the Edmonton Zone Team: Former practicum students, **Corey Ma** and **Thomas Cheung**, joined the Edmonton Zone and will be helping out in various program areas. Welcome Back!

Our new practicum students are **Al Farhat, Sukhi Jagpal, Paula Johnston** and **Sandra McIntyre**. Welcome students and enjoy your time in Edmonton!

### Concordia Update

On September 4, 2012, **Jason MacDonald, Jon Elliott, Ihsan Sassi, Lena Jobb** and I visited the Concordia class to do an orientation to CIPHI. This was a great opportunity to introduce the students to both the AB branch and national websites, the MSC, volunteer opportunities and maintaining your CPHI(C) designation through the CPC program.

Thank you to **Dr. Karen McDonald** for allowing us to take up some class time.

BABIES!!

The past three months have brought some wonderful new additions to the Edmonton Zone Family.

***Congratulations to all the new Moms and Dads!***



Mr. **Spencer Phan** entered this world at 3:17am on September 9, 2012. Weighing in at Edo(r) sumo-sized 9lbs 9oz, he is super healthy, happy and comes with a side of soy sauce and wasabi.

- Mystique and Phi Phan

Philippa and Gavin Armstrong are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of **Mr. Freddie Armstrong** at 10.50pm on August 24, 2012, weighing 6lbs 12oz. Mum, Dad, Granny and baby are doing well!



Triathlon #1



Congratulations to **Sharon Regimbald** on the completion of her first triathlon! Sharon placed third overall and we couldn't be more proud. Looking forward to more updates on future races!

CIBC Run for the Cure

Good luck to all of the Edmonton Zone Members, including "Breast Buddies" Captain Lindsay Friestadt, running in this weekend's CIBC Run for the Cure.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jessica Ponto, CPHI(C)**  
Edmonton Zone Councilor



## Federal Zone Report

Another spring and summer passes us by, and the Federal Zone continues to bustle with activity. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the activities and accomplishments that have recently occurred within the Federal Zone:

- The Air Quality Health Index: The national Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) was launched in Alberta on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The AQHI is a public information tool to help the public protect their health from negative effects of air pollution. It was developed by Health Canada and Environment Canada in collaboration with the provinces and other stakeholders. It is now available to the public online in Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Spruce Grove, Drayton Valley, Calgary, Red Deer, Fort McKay, Fort McMurray, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie and Cold Lake. Since the launch in Alberta, Health Canada has in part supported the implementation and promotion of AQHI through financial contribution administered under a Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) signed with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. To access the AQHI values for the locations listed above, visit [www.airhealth.ca](http://www.airhealth.ca), or [www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca](http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca), or <http://environment.alberta.ca/>. Smart phone users can also access the AQHI by downloading a free application from the weather network. If you are interested in learning more on the AQHI and health effects of air pollution, take the free accredited online course through UBC at [www.spph.ubc.ca/CE-oaqhealth.htm](http://www.spph.ubc.ca/CE-oaqhealth.htm). Submitted by: Opel Vuzi, Regional Air Quality & Health Specialist, Health Canada.
- Yiwei Shan joined the First Nations & Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), Environmental Public Health Services, Health Canada in May 2012 for her BOC practicum placement. Yiwei plans to sit the BOC exam in October 2012. Welcome!
- Due to several maternity / parental leaves, and assignments this past year, there have been some changes in the FNIHB team. Joan Yee has been acting as Regional Environmental Health Manager until Simon Sihota returns from his parental leave at the end of September 2012. Since Chris Kelly's return from parental leave in the spring, he remains as Senior Environmental Health Officer, however is now supervising the South instead of the North. The current Acting Senior Environmental Health Officer for the North is Jon Elliott. Due to many of the changes, there have also been adjustments in area coverage for field EHOs.
- Candace Fraser, EHO (FNIHB) is currently on an infection control assignment with the Health Protection team. Her current role is Regional Infection Prevention and Control Project Manager. Congratulations on your assignment.

Our federal family continues to expand:

- Congratulations to Stephanie Amoah, EHO (FNIHB) & Edward Amoah on the birth of a baby girl, Gabrielle Amoah. Stephanie is currently on maternity leave.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrea Germann, CPHI(C)  
Federal Zone Councilor

## North Zone Report

The revolving door in the north zone continues to spin:

Muhammad Oamar formerly of Toronto has taken on the challenge of filling the boots of Doug Drysdale (Hinton). Muhammad has extensive knowledge in entomology, and is always willing to identify unusual creepy crawlies.

Claudette Parker-Allotey has also joined Muhammad in Hinton, filling the position previously held by Fred Cundict.

Gregory Barrett (High Prairie) has left the booming metropolis of High Prairie to join the crew in Peace River. Joining Gregory to fill the other position in Peace River is Mathilda Yap Chan. Mathilda joined the migration west, leaving Toronto for the much more entertaining inspection life in the west.

Filling the vacancy in High Prairie, Cortney Best also packed her bags and left Toronto, headed west and landed in High Prairie. The adjustment is still ongoing.

Kosoo Ng (Grande Prairie) married his fiancé on September 2 in Richmond BC. Kos has now left his homeland of Alberta to peruse a new career in BC. Kos will be missed by all of us in the GP office. Filling his vacancy, out of just over 1 year of retirement is Terry Scott. Terry has fallen right back into step with the Grande Prairie crew, and we've only had to teach the old dog a few new tricks so far.

Danny Lo has joined the Athabasca office.

Karuna Kesavan formerly from Ontario has accepted a position in Lac La Biche.

Megan Bourassa (Lac La Biche) and her husband welcomed their first son Declan to the family in June.

Mallory Macdonald (Slave Lake) tied the knot August 4, in Nova Scotia.

Respectfully Submitted,



Adrea Simmons, CPHI(C)  
North Zone Councillor

## Southern Zone Report

Members and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to submit to the Executive my report on the recent activities within the Southern Zone.

### Welcome Students!

Please welcome students Erin McKenna and Linda Wu!

Erin graduated from the University of Alberta in 2010 and worked for Alberta Health Services for one year in the Staff Scheduling department at the Rockyview General Hospital. Erin then started Concordia in Fall of 2011 and now is in Medicine Hat! Erin has volunteered with a few rescue organizations, mainly the Prairie Pitbull Rescue and in her free time loves spending time in the mountains and Kananaskis Country.

Linda is originally from Taiwan and was brought up in Burnaby, BC. She graduated from Simon Fraser University with a degree in Biochemistry. She has experience working in a laboratory setting. She later entered Concordia in Fall of 2011 and is now in Lethbridge. In her spare time, Linda also enjoys spending time hiking!

Congratulations to former student Gisele Saulnier, who will now be working as a casual PHI in the Medicine Hat office.

### Ultraman

Our local marathon man, inspector Geoff Tomko, stepped his game up and ran an 'Ultra' = 50 km!

In his own words:



"My ultra was 50 km long in Canmore at Mount Rundle. This ultra has a 50% drop out rate. I ran the race on Sunday and went to work Monday morning. It had rained and was really muddy. This race was a week after my exams so I didn't really train hard in the coming months. I was feeling really really good until 43 kms in. The last 7 kms were completely miserable. It was probably because I didn't eat any food and was eating just race gels. I burned about 3600 calories due to the elevation gain (running up a mountain). After the race, I had a latte, pilsner and a burger. I had lost 5.5 lbs that day (mostly water). I'm just glad I finished."

### **FIRE-Man!**

Mike Swystun volunteers with the Pincher Creek Fire Department and was involved with the fire fighting efforts of the large grass fire in early September in southern Alberta. As well, our very own Rod Mattice serves as the Deputy Director of Coaldale Disaster Services.



### **Relay For Life**

Pam Hodgkinson, Kristen Dykstra, Stephen Kirkpatrick, and Kelli Sparks helped organize the Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life in the South. Relay participants also included our Commander-in-Chief Brian Dalshaug and inspector Jenny Andrews! Relay For Life gives you and your community the opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember and honour loved ones lost to cancer and fight back against all cancers.

Keeps on Going and Going and Going  
Congratulations Pam on completing your Marathon!

### **Time to Get Dirty!**



Congratulations Kristen on completing your MudRun!

### **I need a Vacation!**

Kristen will be busy exploring the Mediterranean Sea and the glorious sights of Istanbul in October.

Todd Baxter will be taking his family to the magical world of Disney Land.

Senior Inspector, Larry Butts, returned from a fantastic cruise to Alaska from Vancouver and recommends that everyone go. Apparently there is great shopping in Anchorage – no sales tax!

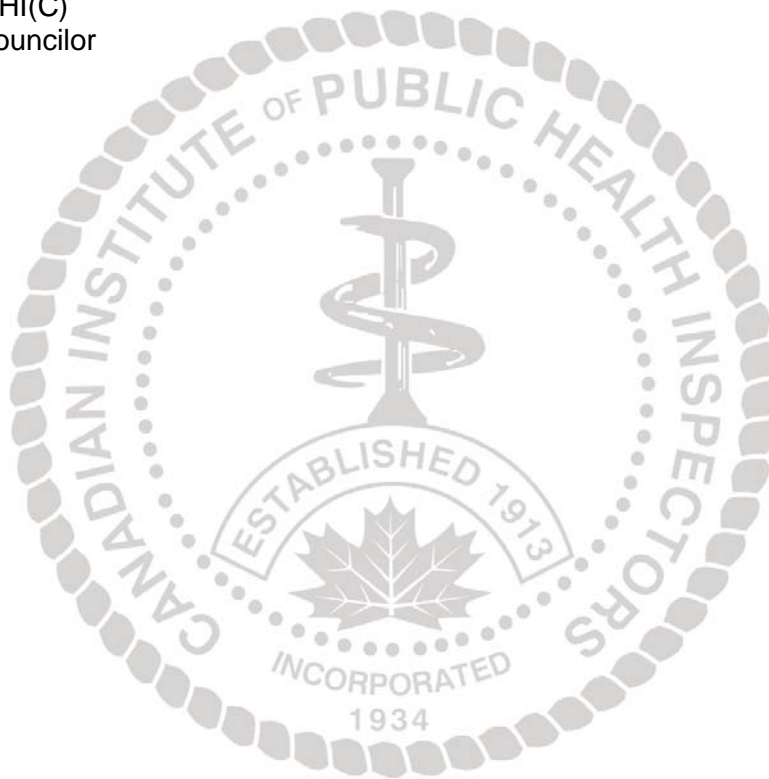


**Going for the 3-Peat!**

The September sock challenge is underway! The South has been crowned Sock Champions for the past two years and we have our sights on a Sock Dynasty. Thank you again TrainCan for your generous donation of \$200 that goes towards a head start for last year's winners.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Quan, CPHI(C)  
Southern Zone Councilor



## Board of Certification Report

I would like to thank the branch for appointing me for my second (and final) term as the BOC representative for the province of Alberta. I do consider the appointment to be a blessing as the work of the BOC, while always tasking is also very rewarding on both a personal and professional level.

There are a number of things going on at the moment that I would like to share with you. The BOC is working on the next strategic plan and is actively soliciting feedback from the membership on what is going right as well as information on where we can improve. I hope that you took an opportunity to complete the online survey that was emailed to all members and that you were able to have your say in the future of the process. In addition to the survey we held an in person session at this year's AEC in Ontario, early feedback is that the process was well received and much information was gathered. This will be part of a larger planning session in conjunction with the NEC and COPE (council of professional experience)

I was pleased to participate in the five year review of the Environmental Public Health program at Concordia. This was a wonderful opportunity to further understand the program and offer suggestions for improvements in the future. That report is complete and will be presented to Concordia shortly. I continue working on the review of Lake Superior State University program as well and I have been pleased to work with them on their journey towards approval.

This year we have 18 students sitting the exam on October 16<sup>th</sup>. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to welcoming them into our proud profession. I would like to thank Dale Nelson for his continued work as exam coordinator and to all the examiners and paper markers for their substantial contribution to the process. I will be working with Dale in the future on a more formal process to welcome potential examiners into the group. We will be shadowing a process used in Ontario to put out a call for new examiners to more easily allow interested persons to become involved, so stay tuned.

I was pleased to present the examiner training session to the membership at this year's AEC. I would love to offer the same presentation at the branch level at next year's conference and will work with our executive to set aside some time for the session. We have also been working on a presentation focusing on the training of student mentors. We will be unveiling it at next year's AEC in Winnipeg and hope to offer that session at the branch level as well.

The *TURNITIN* plagiarism system that I have discussed with you before is now fully up and running with all written field reports submitted to the BOC in electronic format and entered into the system. For the second time we were able to identify multiple students with very high matches to other reports. It is unfortunate that the problem continues but hopefully with the system in place and some encouragement from you as mentors we will have a time when all students submit original work. That was a local initiative first raised by Jon Elliot and now in use nationally, good job Jon.

Once again thank you for allowing me to serve in this role it has been truly rewarding. If you have any questions or are looking for info please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Garth Gosselin, CPHI(C)  
Board of Certification Representative – Alberta Branch

April 2012 Exam Stats

Province	Total # Sat	# Pass	% pass	# Sat Oral s	# Pass ed Oral	Oral Pass Rate	# Submitt ed Reports	# Pass ed Repo rts	Rep ort Pass Rate	# Repeat Candida tes	# Repea t Pass	Repea t Pass Rate
Alberta	14	8	57%	12	11	92%	12	6	50%	4	2	50%
British Columbia	9	5	56%	6	4	67%	8	5	63%	5	3	60%
	2	1	50%	2	1	50%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
	2	1	50%	1	0	0	1	1	100%	2	1	50%
	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
	3	2	67%	3	2	67%	2	2	100%	1	1	100%
Ontario	20	13	65%	18	14	78%	17	15	88%	7	7	100%
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	4	2	50%	3	3	100%	3	1	33%	2	2	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>77%</b>

### Newsletter Committee Report

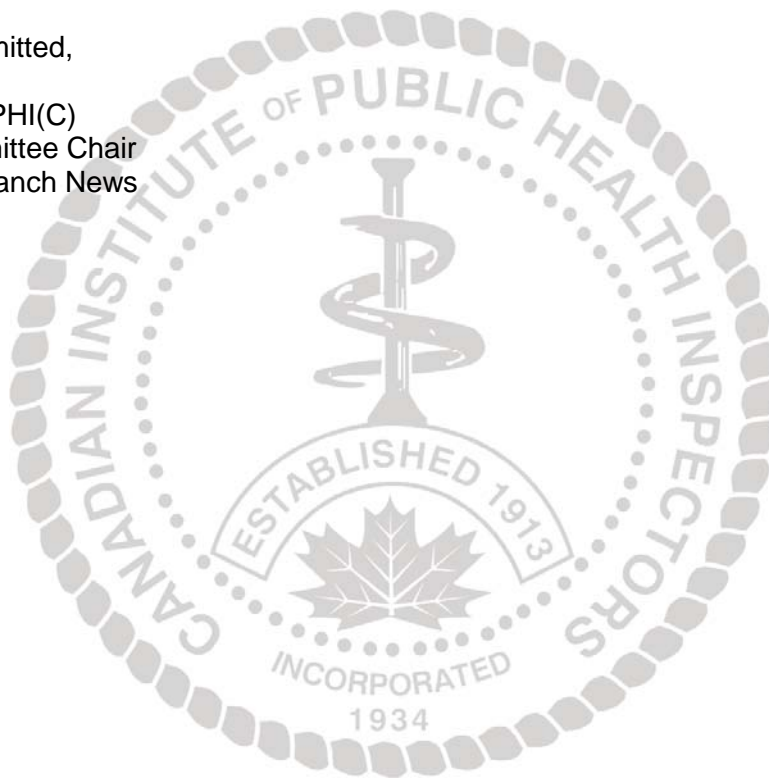
I was pleased that there was a great discussion about Alberta Branch News at the June 9 AGM. The interest from the membership will help to create an improved and more engaging ABN.

My thanks to the newest member of the Newsletter Committee, Pamela Stewart (Central Zone), for coming on board. She's already brought some new ideas and fresh enthusiasm to the Committee.

My thanks also to Phi Phan, Wojciech Drobina, Karen Emde and Tony Thepsouvanh for their continued participation on the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Honish, CPHI(C)  
Newsletter Committee Chair  
Editor, Alberta Branch News



## **Social Committee Report**

### **2012 Alberta Branch Golf Tournament**

The CIPHI Golf Tournament was held on June 10, 2012 at Lakewood Golf Course in Sylvan Lake. This years winners include:

**DR. C.G. More Trophy (lowest gross score) – Mike Walsh**  
**Dave Davis Award (lowest net score) Thor Hameister**  
**Longest Putt (women) – Debra Lagier-Blythe**  
**Longest Putt (men) – Jim Murphey**  
**Closest to Pin – Thor Hameister**  
**Most Times in Water – Dave Brown**

Thank-you to Ogilvie LLP who generously donated the highly sought after liquor basket which was taken home by Mel Cherlenko of Stettler.

### **2012 Sock Challenge**

In 2011 CIPHI members collected an impressive 16,747 pairs of socks across the province and donated them to agencies in need. CIPHI received many letters of thanks from various agencies across the province regarding the donation of socks.

This coming September marks the third annual provincial wide sock challenge to be held from August 20, 2012 to September 21, 2012. We are very thankful for the continued support CIPHI has offered throughout this endeavor as well as the continued sponsorship from TrainCan Inc. This summer HSAA also publish an article regarding the sock challenge in hopes of raising much more awareness and media attention.

The winner of the sock challenge will be announced at the 2012 CIPHI Alberta Workshop. Two awards will be given out:

- 1) Most number of socks collected per EHO per Zone**
- 2) Most number of socks collected per zone.**

Each of the winners will be awarded \$200.00 by TrainCan Inc. to be used towards the purchase of socks for next years challenge.

### **2012 CIPHI Alberta Conference / Workshop**

There will be two social events for this year's workshop. An amazing race event is planned for Tuesday, September 25, 2012 following the workshop. On Wednesday, September 26, 2012 all conference attendees are invited to attend the Comic Strip to watch Tammy Pescatelli. Thank-you to Chai Tang, Lindsay Freistadt, and Marcy Iwanyk for helping organize these events.

Social activity suggestions are always welcome.

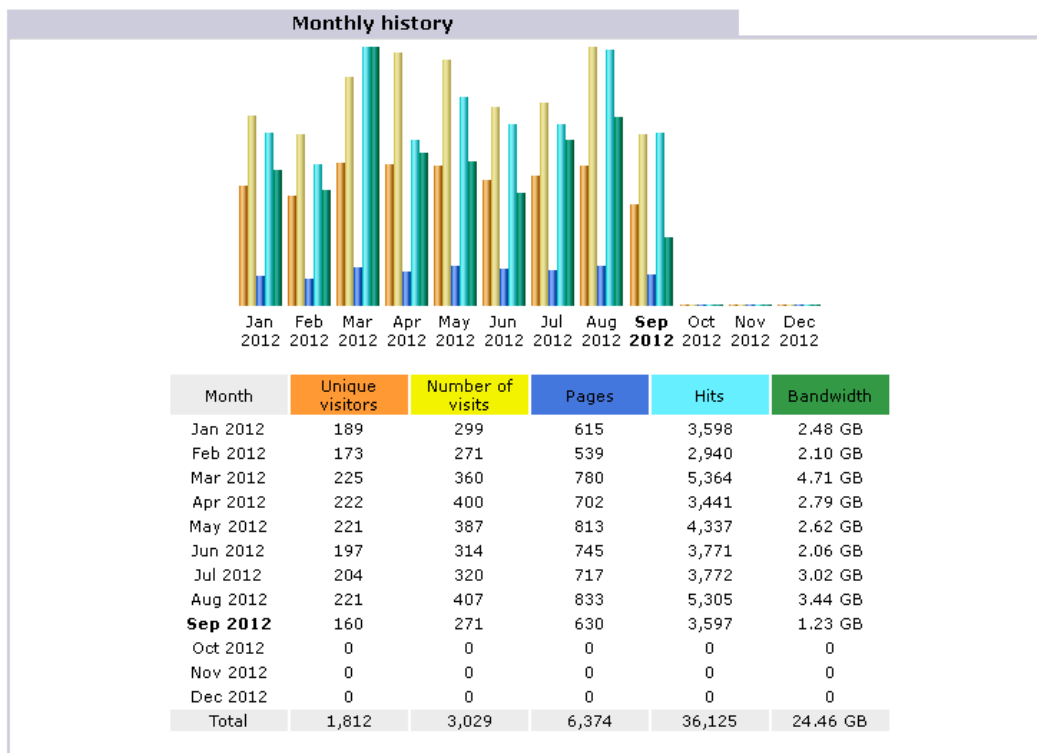
Respectfully Submitted,

Lena Jobb, CPHI(C)  
Social Committee Chair

### Website Committee Report

There are no major updates regarding the website since the last General Meeting. I have again included some basic statistics about the website. Other than that, only infrequent maintenance and minor updates take place. Members are encouraged to submit any suggestions they may have to improve the website.

Year to date website traffic:



\* Note: only the columns for “Unique visitors” and “Number of visits” contain useful information. Also, September data is only included up to September 18, 2012.

The top countries that visited the website include (in order):

- Canada
- United States
- Great Britain
- Netherlands

The average duration of a visit to the website:

- 0 seconds to 30 seconds – about 78.5% of the time
- 30 seconds to 2 minutes – about 8% of the time
- 2 minutes – 5 minutes – about 5% of the time
- Greater than 5 minutes – 8.5% of the time

Most downloaded document from the website:

- June – Alberta Branch News, 2012 Spring Edition
- July – The Blue Book
- August – The Tentative Agenda for the 2012 Fall Workshop
- September – The 2012 Fall Workshop Registration Form (as of Sept. 18)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Vaughan, CPHI(C)  
Website Committee Chair

## Membership Chair Report

It is my pleasure as the Membership Committee Chair to provide you with an updated report on the current Alberta Branch Membership Lists.

First I would like to update you all on the latest membership list we were able to acquire from national. This list was sent to us on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the break down of members is as follows,

Regular Members	281
Life Members	3
Retired	7
Honorary Members	4
Student Members	30
Total Members to date	325

Compared to numbers from last report (spring AGM);

Regular Members	249
Life Members	3
Retired	6
Honorary Members	4
Student Members	28
Total Members to date	290

As you can see membership has steadily increased and is on par with memberships reported around the same time as last year (October 2011 AGM in Calgary total of 320).

We did receive a membership list on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as well. I have not sent out a revised list yet to the councilors for the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 list, as I have not completed breaking it down and verifying the content on the lists (comparing it to August and Spring Lists, making sure correct names with correct addresses etc....). Thank You!

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Ward, CPHI(C)  
Alberta Branch Membership Chair