

**CIPHI Alberta Branch
Fall General Meeting Minutes**

September 25, 2013

Calgary, Alberta

Delta Hotel – Calgary South

***In attendance:** Adrea Simmons, Marilyn Dahlgren, Cheryl Galbraith, Nyall Hislop, Erin Teare, Scott Budgell, Jeremy Roberts, Pamela Stewart, Tony Thepsouvanh, Erin McKenna, Karen Hislop, Sarah Wanchuk, Thomas Cheung, Phi Phan, Jessica Lam, Lena Parker, Francesco Palladino, Warren Boychuk, Ihsan Sassi, Garth Gosselin, Amber Keus, Precilla Sterling, Dragan Sikanja, Jon Elliott, Jessica Ponto, Jason MacDonald, Greg Ward, Munira Peermohamed, Michael McKnight, Karen Clarke, Andrea Germann, Keith Lee, Bill Hohn, Ken Fujioka, Daria Romanish, Danny Thepsouvanh*

ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION ITEMS
	Call to Order at 4:45pm	
1.0	In Memoriam - none	
2.0	Approval of Agenda Proposed change: <i>Motion: To approve agenda with no changes – P. Stewart</i> <i>Seconded: E. Teare</i>	
3.0	Adoption of AGM Minutes on May 25, 2013 (Sherwood Park, Alberta) <i>Motion: To accept AGM minutes from May 25, 2013 – K. Fujioka</i> <i>Seconded: C. Galbraith</i>	
4.0	Association Executive Reports	
4.1	President & Vice President's Message – J. MacDonald / J. Elliott <i>Acceptance: Move acceptance of report – J. MacDonald</i> <i>Seconded: K. Lee</i>	
4.2	Treasurer's Report – D. Thepsouvanh <i>Acceptance: Move acceptance of report – I. Sassi</i> <i>Seconded: B. Hohn</i>	
4.3	Secretary's Report – J. Ponto <i>Acceptance: Move acceptance of report – J. Ponto</i> <i>Seconded: J. Elliott</i>	
5.0	Executive Board Reports	
5.1	Arctic – Jeremy Roberts	Nothing to add to any reports
5.2	North – Adrea Simmons	
5.3	Edmonton – Vacant <i>- Intention to put out expression of interest</i>	
5.4	Central – Scott Budgell	
5.5	Calgary – Daria Romanish	

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5.6 5.7	South – Erin McKenna (substitute for Wayne Quan) Federal –Andrea Germann	
6.0	Committee Reports	
6.1 6.2 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6 6.7	<p>Advocacy – Meaghen Allen No report to submit but there has been significant progress made with EPHW proclamations around Alberta</p> <p>Board of Certification – Garth Gosselin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is Garth's last term as BOC AB Branch Chair - Posting of names of those who pass is being discussed at the national level - Discussion around the apparently low exam pass rates. There are many factors that can be affecting this (Practicum training, school, student, etc.). - Can look into providing examiner training and mentor training program outside of CIPHI workshops if enough people are interested. <p>Membership - Greg Ward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There have been some glitches in determining services years for 25 and 50 year members – this is being looked into. <p>Newsletter – Pam Stewart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First edition as the new editor was released in September. - Excited about the “What Would Nelson Fok Do?” feature and the “Flashbacks” section <p>Website – Jeremy Vaughan</p> <p>Social – Vacant</p> <p>Education – Vacant</p>	<p>6.1 – J. MacDonald to share proclamation request letter to membership</p> <p>J. Vaughan to post reports on branch website</p>
7.0	Business Arising	
7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4	<p>Golf Tournament 2012 & Future – J. MacDonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last golf tourney held in 2012, will not proceed with event in future - Executive felt that the event is difficult to plan with no profit <p>Centenary Update - Anderson/Ponto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Giardia the beaver mascot, Table cards, tree planting, booklets, pin, calendar. - Another milestone: Concordia will celebrate 20 years of the EPH program in 2015 <p>Fall Educational Workshop 2013 – S. Nunn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good feedback from having other agency attend events, like CFIA and MA - May need to rethink frequency of these workshops, organization of event and sustainability of current structure. <p>Special Amendments to Bylaws Update – J. MacDonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendments were approved and all changes are complete 	<p>7.1 – Closed</p> <p>7.2 – Tabled</p> <p>7.3 – Closed</p> <p>7.4 – Closed</p>

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7.5	CIPHI Membership Status being disclosed publicly – J. Elliott - Approved but still looking into logistics	7.5 - Tabled
7.6	Public Relations Assistance – J. Elliott - Branch and institute communications PR has helped in many ways, such as: - Bringing the spotlight back to the work we do - Proclamations - If members encounter any issues that they feel may need a response, please send to J. MacDonald and J. Elliott.	7.6 – Tabled
7.7	Branch involvement in Verbal Judo – J. MacDonald - Leave for future discussions	7.7 – Closed
7.8	Legal matters – R. O'Neill	7.8 – Closed
7.9	Sponsorship draw changes – A. Simmons - Sponsorship draw changed back to 3 awards of \$1000 - Applications can be found at the CIPHI booth	7.9 – Closed
7.10	ONE HEALTH update – J. MacDonald - CIPHI was involved in some early discussions. J. MacDonald to add to agenda as issues arise.	7.10 – Closed
7.11	Alberta Environmental Public Health Operational Strategy – J. MacDonald - P. Phan will be presenting on this subject tomorrow <i>Consensus reached to continue meeting past 4:30pm, decided to skip 7.12 and 7.13 and go directly to 8.0.</i>	7.11 – Tabled
7.12	Air Quality Health Index Consultant Opportunity – S. Dimock	7.12 – Tabled
7.13	Alberta Branch News Photo Contest – P. Stewart	7.13 – Tabled
8.0	New Business	
8.1	BOC Exam Coordinator Opportunity – MacDonald - Phi Phan was selected as the new BOC Exam Coordinator and will be helping Dale Nelson in October with the BOC.	8.1 – Closed
8.2	BOC Instructional Objectives Review – T. Mak - Invite will be sent out again – review committees need a variety of experienced, inexperienced PHIs.	8.2 – P. Phan to send out invite again.
9.0	Adjournment <i>Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm – S. Budgell</i> <i>Seconded: D. Romanish</i>	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Environmental Health Professionals are a proud group and take their jobs and profession seriously. I am particularly proud that members no longer seem to be asking “where does my money go” or “what does CIPHI do for me”? It could be that our members are aware that I, along with so many of our dedicated volunteers, put in a significant amount of CIPHI work nearly every single day. It is very important that there is value to members in belonging to CIPHI so I'm committed to getting you return on your investment.

Members see CIPHI as something more than the Board of Certification process. In today's world, new credentials seem to pop up every day, but they are only as valuable as the organization standing behind them. The value of supporting CIPHI comes from our ability to protect and promote the profession and the Institute. I feel we have taken great steps to promote our profession (and the designation) within, but it is always important to reflect on the achievements.

Here are some examples of how we've been working for members:

- The Canadian Public Health Association is investigating the need for a “Certified Public Health Professional” credential (CPHP) amongst public health workers. We see that this proposal could significantly affect our members, not only because of the similarity in letters to CPHI(C), but also because we value the hard work that goes into attaining and maintaining our credential. CIPHI sits on the Expert Reference Group for this project and we are ensuring that CPHI(C) remains a valued credential.
- The Alberta Branch has contracted a professional communications consultant to help us with our outgoing messaging to media and government. Though much of the work happens behind the scenes, members have already reaped the rewards of this investment during recent flood recovery efforts, as many positive stories have been shared and new partnerships forged. The efforts of our members have been recognized at all levels of government and within the public.
- The Community Health Nurses of Canada, in partnership with CIPHI and the Manitoba Public Health Managers Network (MPHMN) are working to develop a set of leadership competencies for use by public health professionals across the country. The initial aim is to identify desirable characteristics of public health leaders as well as enablers/facilitators and barriers associated with public health leadership.
- Jon and I participate in the ongoing Environmental Public Health Operating Strategy (EPHOS), which you will learn more about at our fall workshop in Calgary this September. Essentially, we felt that it was important that CIPHI be involved in discussions on the future of Environmental Health in Alberta as our

voice is unique from that of the Alberta Health Services, the Ministry and other provincial and federal government agencies.

- Jon and I have committed to lead national initiatives such as the creation of formalized ethics and advocacy committees, and to continue to set an example for other provinces with respect to mandatory membership and ongoing professional development.
- The Board of Certification has created, and will be piloting, a 'Practicum Supervisor Training' course. This is an excellent step because many members felt they have lost touch with what the practicum supervision role is all about. Practicums are a CIPHI initiative and we need to support the members and employers who are carrying them out.

We work hard to ensure that the CPHI(C) credential remains a professional designation. With that said, we must remember what Verbal Judo taught us: *perception is reality*. For the community to perceive us as professionals we must display our credentials, maintain our involvement with the Institute and participate in ongoing professional development. This is a great moment in time for our profession. Our membership numbers have never been higher, we have the highest rate of participation nationally in terms of logging professional development hours and we soon will congregate in Calgary at our 14th Annual Fall Educational Workshop to further showcase our commitment to continuing professional development.

In closing, on behalf of the members and Executive, I want to say a fond thank you to Lance Honish as he steps down from the newsletter editor role into a support role on the newsletter committee. Lance's work speaks for itself and his passion to get Environmental Public Health issues published in Alberta is second to none. At the same time I want to express out excitement that Pamela Stewart has come on board in the Editor role. Pamela is an energetic, intelligent and engaged public health professional and we're lucky to have her in this role.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason A. MacDonald, CPHI(C)
President. CIPHI Alberta Branch

Jon Elliott, CPHI(C)
Vice-President. CIPHI Alberta
Branch

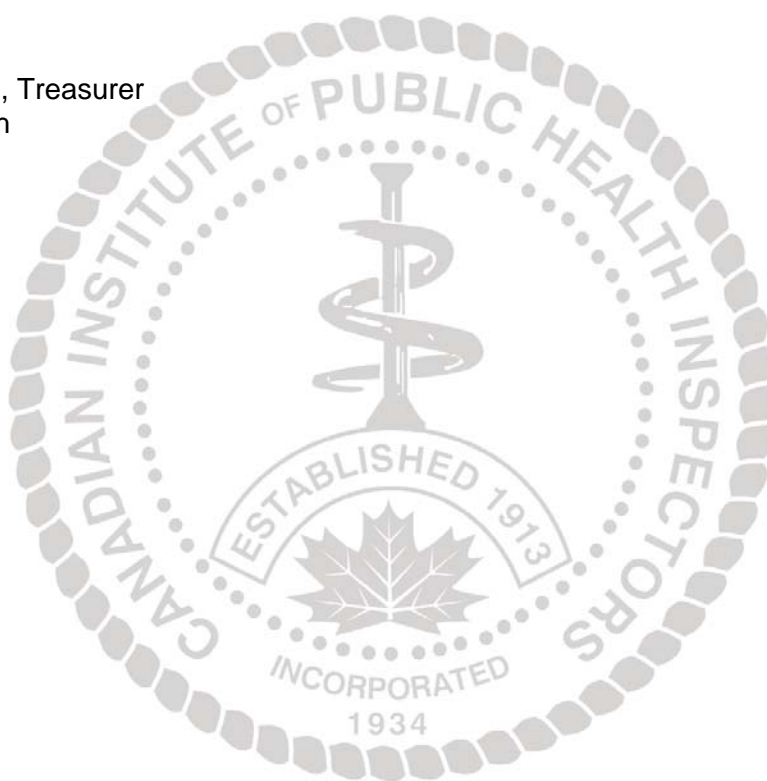
Fall General Meeting 2013 Treasurer's Report 2013 January 01 - 2013 August 31

General Account Balance 2013 January 1		\$62,644.11
Revenue	(Unaudited)	
Membership Dues	\$14,500.00	
Interest/Investments	\$6.33	
Donation Income	\$0.00	
Promotional Swag (sold to Membership)	\$0.00	
Awards/Tournaments/Social Events	\$0.00	
Branch Workshop Income 2012	\$37,285.46	
Branch Workshop Income 2013	\$195.00	
Revenue	\$51,986.79	\$51,986.79
Total Revenue		\$114,630.90
Expenditures	(Unaudited)	
Strategic Planning	\$2,178.75	
Committee Activities - Social	\$0.00	
Office Supplies	\$24.21	
Postal/Courier	\$18.13	
Donations	\$710.00	
Honoraria	\$1,100.00	
Executive Benefit - Paid to Executive as per Policy	\$3,373.00	
POS Service Fees	\$508.40	
Insurance - (Portione paid to National)	\$477.25	
Rental Storage	\$0.00	
National Executive Meetings/Activities	\$0.00	
Branch Executive Meetings/Activities/Teleconference	\$1,520.41	
Branch General Meetings/Activities	\$223.19	
Branch Zone Meetings/Activities	\$215.86	
Board of Certification Meetings/Activities	\$0.00	
Branch Workshop Activities	\$2,700.00	
Membership Gift (Donation to Non-Profit Org/2years)	\$0.00	
Awards (expense creating and engraving)	\$25.62	
Policy Education Recipient	\$501.89	
Total Expenditures		\$13,576.71

Branch General Acct Balance 2013 August 31	\$ 101,054.19
Branch Scholarship Acct Balance 2013 August 31	\$ 23,615.74
Investment Group Investment	\$ 107,870.79
Total Branch Assets	\$ 232,540.72

Respectfully submitted

Danny Thepsouvanh, Treasurer
CIPHI Alberta Branch



SECRETARY REPORT

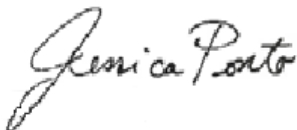
This is my first report to you as Alberta Branch Secretary and it has been a very busy first 4 months! Since the AGM held in May, I have been familiarizing myself with the branch@ciphi.ab.ca email, as well as keeping the members up to date with the latest Branch news and events.

Speaking of events, the 14th annual CIPHI Alberta Branch Fall Educational Workshop will take place September 25 and 26, 2013 at the Delta South in Calgary. The theme of collaboration will highlight the great relationships built through cooperation with a myriad of external partners. Calgary Zone has spent a great deal of time and energy dedicated to the organization of the event – even in the wake of a local state of emergency! I urge all members attending the workshop to thank the organizers and volunteers for making another successful workshop possible.

The relationship between Concordia University College of Alberta (CUCA) and CIPHI continues to grow. To support 100 years of CIPHI, a tree has been donated by CIPHI AB Branch and dedicated to CUCA – Environmental Health Program for its educational contributions to environmental public health in Alberta and across Canada. The dedication ceremony took place on September 23, 2013. The mock Board of Certification oral exam will take place on October 5, 2013 – thank you to all members who have volunteered.

On a business note, there have been many members contacting the Branch to update personal information, such as changes to email addresses. Although these changes can be made locally, they will be temporary, as the Branch membership list receives information from the national database. All changes to personal information should also be made through the Members Service Centre or by contacting CIPHI National.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Ponto, BSc., CPHI(C)
Alberta Branch Secretary

ARCTIC ZONE REPORT

August 28, 2013

Arctic Zone has seen some changes in its membership, in the last few months.

Welcome to Anthony Ayewah in his new role as the Environmental Health Officer, in Pangnirtung, NU.

Terry Preston has taken a temporary EHO position, in Iqaluit, NU. Welcome, Terry!

Alan Kerr is covering the EHO position, in Rankin Inlet, NU, on a temporary basis. Glad to have you on board, Alan!

We say good-bye to Craig Van Lankveld and wish him well in his new position, in Whitehorse, YK. Craig formerly worked in Rankin Inlet, NU.

And congratulations to Wanda Joy, in Iqaluit, NU! She has moved from her EHO position to the Environmental Health Consultant position.

It's been a busy summer in NWT dealing with dog bites around the territory. In Yellowknife, the first ever farmers market has almost finished its first season. It has been a big success.

Jeremy Roberts (Arctic Zone Councilor)

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North Zone Report September 2013

North Zone Staff Announcements:

Ben Kung has left the High Level office. Chris Morse (BCIT) has taken that vacant position

Claudette Parker-Allotey (Hinton) has moved to Ft. McMurray taking the position that was left vacant when Brad Aucoin accepted a position with a different employer.

Shannon McLeod (Calgary) has taken a maternity leave in Ft. McMurray.

Jessica Lam (Grande Prairie) got engaged earlier this year to her boyfriend Jordan.

Janine Gallivan (Student) completed her practicum training in Whitecourt and is now studying hard for her BOC. We wish her the best of luck and remind her that wine drinking etiquette will not likely be on the exam, even though Marilyn Dahlgren (Whitecourt) claimed it was part of the training.

Chantale Wilson (Student) has started her practicum training in the Peace River office.

Baby News

Jeff Lowry (Grande Prairie) and girlfriend Christina are expecting their first child early next year

Lily Gu (Ft. McMurray) and her husband Edwards welcomed a little baby boy Geoffery.

Respectfully Submitted

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Adrea Simmons
North Zone Councillor

Central Zone's Report

As the new Central Zone Councilor I would like to this opportunity to thank Tricia Herridge for her ten years of dedicated service to the Alberta Branch as our past Central Zone Councilor. Thank you Tricia you will be a tough act to follow.

Staffing updates.

Our 2 students, Ravneet Sandhu and Stephanie Bodnar have just completed their practicum with us and we wish them good luck with their BOC exams.

Shirley Ma accepted a permanent full-time position in our Olds office taking over from Kelly Bauer.

Wayne Button moved his office and is now stationed in Killam.

Zaheen Nanji has taken Mike McKnight's position in the Ponoka office.

Emily Boggis (Olds office) recently got married on August 15th to Ryan Parchanski with reception held on August 17th.

It is my pleasure to announce that Zaheen Nanji, together with 11 other self-improvement experts from the US and Canada, recently released "*Unlock the Power of YOU: 12 Keys to Health, Happiness & Success*". This new and exciting book offers guidance and insights so that readers can make transformations in their careers, personal lives and health.

In closing, the fourth annual Central Zone EPH staff campout was a held at Kelly Bauer place in Sundre. Golfing, a potluck supper and other activities made this a weekend to remember.

Special thanks to Kelly Bauer for hosting the campout.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Budgell

CALGARY ZONE REPORT

With a hectic and eventful summer behind us, it's time to sit back, relax and catch up on some much needed sleep. But first, let me update you on Calgary Zone goings on over the last 5 months.

Flood 2013

- In case any of you missed it, a devastating flood affected many communities in Southern Alberta in June. Volunteers from all across the province, as well as from neighboring provinces, came out in droves, rolled up their sleeves, put their work boots on and pounded the pavement to help us get back on our feet. Calgary Zone will forever be grateful for the dedication, insight and assistance so selflessly provided during our State of Emergency. Although a great majority of Calgary and surrounding communities are far into recovery stages, High River remains in fairly early stages of recovery. Accolades go out to the dedicated flood recovery team stationed in High River. They have a long, steep hill to climb, but the experience is invaluable, and their efforts will not go unnoticed.

Staff Announcements

- In light of increased demand due to flood recovery efforts, 6 new one-year temporary staff were hired: **Teni Zetlian, Al Farhat, Sharon Lim and Jacqui Davis** are all stationed in High River under the leadership of Karen Clarke. With Karen's reassignment to High River, Daria Romanish was assigned to cover her role. Covering Daria's role is new hire **Patricia Vernon**. Last but not least, **Kim Nguyen** moved from a casual position into a one-year temporary position with the built facilities team. Congrats to all!
- **Tanya Farrell** and husband Tim are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child. Beautiful Baby Olivia was born happy and healthy on July 9, 2013. We wish them many congratulations.
- **Tanya Mrowietz** and her soulmate Jason exchanged vows in early August on Beautiful Vancouver Island. We wish them a lifetime of love, laughter and happiness.
- Congratulations are in order for **Jenny Brown, Chantal Eusebio, Amanda Yim and Melody Wong**, all of whom got engaged this past summer! Happy planning!
- AHS veteran and 39-year employee **Neil Williams** announced his retirement. His happy disposition, wit and charm will be missed. We wish him many Happy Trails!

CIPHI Alberta Fall Workshop

A huge thank you goes out to the entire planning committee of the CIPHI Alberta Branch Fall Workshop! With limited time to pull off the event, combined with a State of Emergency situation halting planning for over a month, it is a marvelous accomplishment that an event of this caliber was even possible. The success of the event speaks volumes to the dedication, teamwork and abilities of each member. Great job!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Daria Romanish, CPHI(C)
Calgary Zone Councilor
CIPHI Alberta Branch



SOUTH ZONE REPORT

Members and Colleagues,

The following are updates from the South Zone:

Welcome Students

Please welcome students **Jeremy Jamilano** and **Maria Krall**. **Jeremy** was born in Hinton, AB and then moved to Edmonton, AB. He received a Food Science and Nutrition Degree from the University of Alberta and attended Concordia University. He is currently doing his practicum in Medicine Hat. He enjoys playing hockey and tennis. **Maria** was born and raised in Lethbridge, Alberta, where she attended the University of Lethbridge and completed a B.Sc. in Chemistry. She was hired by Richardson Oilseed Ltd. to work as a quality control technician in their package products facility. The job introduced her to food safety and after two years she decided to switch into food inspection with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. It was there at work where she met a public health inspector and decided to go back to school to pursue this exciting career.

We wish them both the best in their practicum!

New Mommy!

Congratulations to **Kelsie Dale**, who recently had a beautiful baby girl - Kaleigh Linnea Dale-Sarvis. Kelsie was covering for former CDC Specialist **Andrea Hohne**.

Farewell!

We wish former South Zone Councilor and CDC Specialist, **Andrea Hohne**, a fond farewell and good luck in her move to Manitoba. It'll be hard to say good-bye to her after nearly 10 years of service and friendship with the Environmental Public Health Team!

New Positions

Congratulations to **Pam Hodgkinson** on her new position as PHI III CDC Specialist.

Trading Places!

Kristen Dykstra will be swapping Medicine Hat for Cardston as she will trade places with **Syed Navqi**. We bid farewell and welcome them both at the same time!

SOCK DRIVE

The CIPHI Sock **DRIVE** is now on and we in the South Zone take it very seriously as **SOUTH ZONE DOMINATED THE LAST 3 YEARS IN A ROW!!!**

The South Zone is eager to help CIPHI AB reach **50,000** socks this year. This great cause has forged many great relationships with charitable organizations within our community, such as **Project Connect** and our **Youth Action Group**.

Also, BIG Thanks to **Erin McKenna** and her **Mom's Elementary class** in Okotoks for helping with the Sock Drive. Grade 1 Students at **Good Shepherd School** made it their "**Good Works Project**" for the year, but many other classes in other grades participated, including a Grade 2'er and his family who donated an entire box of brand new socks from Mark's Work Wearhouse - as well as some cash! Now there may be some blurred lines here, as Erin's mom will be dropping off bag loads of socks at the Calgary office! But this isn't a competition anymore and rest assured the socks are going towards our common goal of 50,000 socks. How many socks have they collected so far? Well, only time will tell!

FLOOD RELIEF

It has been a very eventful summer for us in the South Zone or as we like to call it – **Flood Season**. With respect to the impact High Rive has suffered, our zone also endured flooding, especially in Medicine Hat. This year's flood levels even reached higher than our Great Flood of 1995! We are thankful for all the help and support we have received throughout our community and within AHS, where many individuals stepped up their game to lend those affected by the flood a helping hand.

In Medicine Hat, teams of public health inspectors, mental health, public health staff, and safety codes officers worked tirelessly - in South Zone heat - inspecting homes and businesses impacted by flood waters.



Supervisor, Ken Longmore, pounded the beat so hard he eventually wore a hole in his boot!

Lethbridge health inspectors came over to help local inspectors assess these homes, with the reality that many of these residents may not be able to return for some time - or even at all.

The Medicine Hat College operated as an information centre for those displaced by the flood and provided information relevant to flood recovery and clean-up. In Lethbridge, more than 200 High River evacuees stayed at residence on the University of Lethbridge campus. It was great to see in these times that we can band together to help flood victims find the right information right away.



Evacuations centers at the Medicine Hat College and Crescent Heights High School

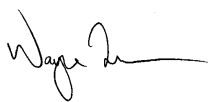


(From the Right: Todd Baxter, Mike Gervais, Kristen Dykstra, Theron White, and Mark Albieze)

While flood waters have receded, the work for public health inspectors and AHS staff across the South Zone is still continuing. Hazards such as sink holes started to reveal themselves and have engulfed a few homes in flood impacted areas. A senior-living center was forced to close their doors due to these sink holes and flood erosion even caused an apartment building to slope into the river!

We would like to acknowledge, congratulate and thank everyone for their dedication and commitment during the flood – and to supporting one another and the people living in our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Wayne Quan, CPHI(C)
Southern Zone Councilor

Federal Zone Report

Fall General Meeting – September 2013

It has been another busy spring and summer in the Federal Zone and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the activities and accomplishments that have recently occurred:

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES / EVENTS:

- **June 2013 Southern Alberta Floods:** 32 Albertan communities declared a State of Local Emergency due to the flood disaster, 3 of which were First Nations Communities: Siksika Nation, Stoney Tribe/Morley and Tsuu T'ina Nation. FNIHB, Environmental Public Health Services, Health Canada responded rapidly and extensively to the affected First Nation communities. Several of our Edmonton EHO's were deployed as quickly as possible to provide surge capacity support to our Calgary based EHO's. Approximately 1000 individuals had been evacuated in Siksika Nation and about 140 homes and 300 summer cottages were affected by the floods. In Stoney Nation, approximately 200 people were evacuated from their homes. Activities that EHOs were involved with included, but were not limited to: communications with the First Nations, AHS and other governmental departments; issuing of drinking water advisories; participation on rapid assessment structural safety teams of homes; drinking water quality sampling and monitoring; public health inspections of reception centers, temporary housing, food bank donations, water treatment plants, and other impacted public facilities; post-remediation follow-up inspections of dwellings; and development and delivery of informative / educational resource materials.
- **May 2013 Northern Alberta Floods:** Northern First Nation communities were also affected by flooding: John D'or (Little Red River Cree Nation) and Chateh (Dene Tha' First Nation). Some evacuation occurred in John D'or while approximately 100 individuals were evacuated from Chateh. Activities that the area EHO was involved with included, but were not limited to: communications with the First Nations other governmental departments; issuing of drinking water advisories; drinking water quality sampling and monitoring; public health inspections of the reception center, homes and other impacted public facilities; follow-up inspections of dwellings; and development and delivery of informative / educational resource materials.
- **The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)** is currently undergoing a series of *Modernization Initiatives* that will change the way in which food inspection is conducted at the federal level. There is an abundance of information on our web-site (www.inspection.gc.ca and search for *Food Safety Forum*) which provides details on the changes in how inspections are conducted, label reviews, food

regulation modernization, outcome-based regulations, and compliance promotion, to name a few. On this web-site, there are also on-line questionnaires to seek feedback from consumers, stakeholders, partners (including OGD). Please take the time to review the up and coming changes to help shape the future of federal food inspection.

AWARDS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS :

- Congratulations to Simon Sihota, Regional Environmental Health Manager, FNIHB, Health Canada who was awarded the CIPHI Alberta Environmental Public Health Manager Award 2012 and the 2013 Health Canada Deputy Minister's Award for Management Excellence.
- Congratulations to Gordon Allen, EHO, FNIHB, Health Canada who was awarded the CIPHI Alberta Long Term Service Award 2012.
- Congratulations to Tony Thepsouvanh, EHO, FNIHB for his convocation in April 2013 with a Masters in Public Health from the University of Alberta.
- Congratulations to Sukhpreet Jagpal, EHO, FNIHB who passed the CIPHI Board of Certification Exam in April 2013. Sukhpreet continues to work with FNIHB, Health Canada.
- CIPHI Alberta Representation: At the Annual General Meeting, Danny Thepsouvanh, EHO, FNIHB, Health Canada was elected as Treasurer. Jon Elliott, EHO, FNIHB, Health Canada was re-elected as Vice-President and Andrea Germann, EHO, FNIHB, Health Canada continues as Federal Zone Councillor. Tony Thepsouvanh, EHO, FNIHB, Health Canada will be taking over as Branch Rep to the Board of Certification.
- EHOs in Action – Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer: On August 10 & 11th 2013, 1650 Cyclists embarked on a 220 km cycling journey over two days starting at Grey Eagle Casino in Calgary through to Bragg Creek and Okotoks for the Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer. Amongst those 1650 cyclists were two Health Canada, FNIHB, EHO's; Joan Yee and Angie Kim and their Team the Road Warriors. The Road Warriors raised 18,000 dollars amongst 6 team mates all for cancer research in Alberta. Total funds raised for this event were 7.5 million dollars. It was a touching and physically exhausting event but definitely rewarding. The road warriors were able to fundraise with the help of their colleagues and friends who donated and supported their bake sale, UFC events and raffles! We rode in honour of many of those that we know that have battled this debilitating and much too prevalent disease.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrea J. Germann".

Andrea Germann
Federal Zone Councilor



Board of Certification Report

I am once again pleased to provide an update on some of the activities of the Board of Certification in the past few months. As mentioned before my time is winding down as the Alberta rep and November 30th will be my last official day as Alberta rep before Tony Thepsouvanh takes over the role.

One thing we were able to accomplish provincially since last report was the development of a terms of reference for the exam coordinator position. This has been a long standing position in Alberta where the exam coordinator works to facilitate the exam process in the province. As you know Dale Nelson has been serving in that capacity for several years now and had been doing a great job. However, the roll was not really defined in regards to method of appointment, length of term, responsibilities, etc. Over the past months I have worked with Dale, Jason and Jon to create a terms of reference for the position to more clearly define it going forward. You will also have seen a recent request for a new exam coordinator as Dale has expressed an interest in turning over the reins. We should hear that replacement soon as they will work hand in hand with Dale for the exam this fall.

In June of this year I had an opportunity to participate along with the branch presidents, members of COPE as well as the Environmental Health Foundation in a strategic planning session for CIPHI national. The exercise was very exciting and I believe a number of good ideas came forward which will help our organization to continue to move forward.

You will also have recently seen an expression of interest conveyed to members nationally to assist the BOC in reviewing our current instructional objectives. As you know the BOC has several hundred instructional objectives across various topic areas which establish goalposts for the schools and the students entering our field. These instructional objectives continue to be adjusted as the needs of the profession change. We are currently looking for subject matter experts to assist with a review of those objectives to ensure they remain relevant. Their task will be to add, remove or modify the current objectives to ensure they remain valid. If you have an interest in playing a role in the process please respond to the call for volunteers or speak to me regarding the opportunity. A secondary goal of this project is to look at the various instructional objectives and determine which could be facilitated through online learning. We all acknowledge that there are elements of our profession that benefit from and require face to face learning opportunities and others which are theory based and could be taught in an online format. Online learning is becoming more and more common and

the board needs to take fully understand the boundaries and opportunities that exist in that environment.

I have included some recent statistics below. Due to concerns regarding student anonymity the statistics are now grouped together nationally instead of provincially. Please find those below.

October 2012 Exam Stats

Province	Total # Candidates	# Certified	% Certified	# Candidates Sat Orals	# Passed Oral	Oral Pass Rate	# Candidates Submitted Reports	# Passed Reports	Report Pass Rate	# Repeat Candidates	# Repeat Pass	Repeat Pass Rate
TOTAL	139	83	60%	130	86	66%	134	114	85%	16	8	50%

April 2013 Exam Stats

Province	Total # Candidates	# Certified	% Certified	# Candidates Sat Orals	# Passed Oral	Oral Pass Rate	# Candidates Submitted Reports	# Passed Reports	Report Pass Rate	# Repeat Candidates	# Repeat Pass	Repeat Pass Rate
TOTAL	61	35	57%	49	23	47%	37	30	81%	44	25	57%

Respectfully Submitted,



Garth Gosselin
Alberta Representative to the BOC

ABN Committee Fall 2013 Report

The Fall 2013 publication of the ABN was my first as Editor, and the summer of 2013 definitely provided a wide array of interesting occurrences across the province for us to write about. From retirements to award announcements and our feature article on the Alberta 2013 Floods that impacted so many of our members. Thank you everyone that provided articles and photos for the Fall2013 publication.

Our past Editor, Lance Honish, has stayed on as a committee member, and continues to be a key provider to the publication, while providing some guidance to the newbie editor. When I was first sold on taking on this role, I had no idea just how much time and work it involved. Lance's feedback has been very helpful and I'm grateful to have him on the team.

With a new Editor comes new ideas, a few of which can be seen in the Fall 2013 Issue. 2 additional features that will be starting in the Spring 2014 Issue are the "Flashbacks" feature, which will showcase pictures and stories from the "good ole days" and the "What Would Nelson Fok Do?" feature, which will be a Q/A segment where people can write in EPH related questions that they would like Nelson to address.

The ABN committee is also looking for additional members; if you are interested please contact me.

If you have a comment, suggestion or any submissions for the ABN, please do contact me at abn.editor@gmail.com

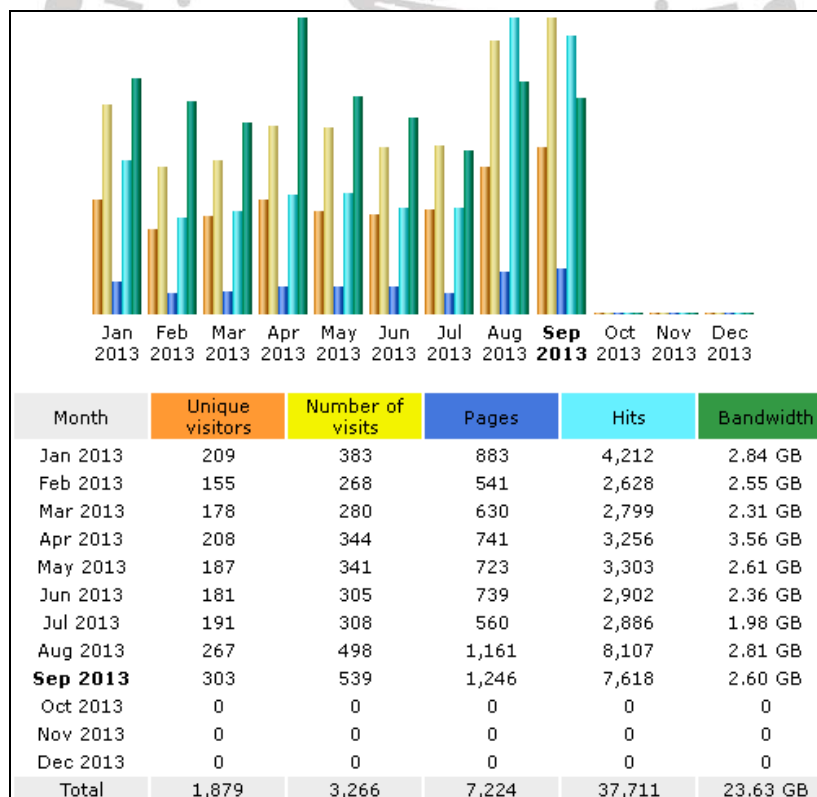
Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Stewart,
Newsletter Committee Chair

CIPHI Alberta Website Committee 2013 Fall Update

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 minor updates have taken 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. Data included up to September 23, 2013.

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

- Canada
- United States
- China
- Italy

The average duration of a visit to the website:

- 0 seconds to 30 seconds – about 72.1% of the time
- 30 seconds to 2 minutes – about 8.7% of the time
- 2 minutes – 5 minutes – about 3.8% of the time
- Greater than 5 minutes – 15% of the time

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Vaughan

