

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (Alberta Branch)

Fall General Meeting – October 4th, 2003

Edmonton, Alberta

Members Present:	Nelson Fok Tricia Herridge Tony Thepsouvanh Victor Mah* Merry Turtiak* Jay Jorgenson* Simon Sihota* Edwina Kordyback Elson Zazulak Chuda Katarina** Keara Shaw** Susanna Tay Frances Fong Adrea Simmons** Maureen Elko ** Richard Reive Ingo Gottstein** Bill Chrapko	Stephen Parker Nicole Obert** Marilyn Dahlgren David Crowe* Rhian Harrison* Zaheen Nanji Kristen Kliciak* Ludmilla Schmidt Bonnie Segal Rebecca Johnson** Ken Fujioka Colin Charest David Fong Diane Hughes** Shelly Johnson** Dean Blue** Stephanie Agyepong** Tony Mak	Rabindra Mahabeer Ken Dong Dan Richen* Keith Lee* Koreen Westly* Cheryl Galbraith* Phi Phan* Elizabeth Yip Candace Fraser Helen O'Hara** Jon Elliot** Gary Butler Megan Behnke** Maria Precup** Jeremy Spencer Amanda Lyons** Adam Stokowski** Kosoo Ng**
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	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action by
1.0	Call to Order	11:02 AM	
2.0	In Memoriam	Mr. Bob Booth – Capital Zone	
3.0	Agenda	3.1 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.3 Concordia Update • 10.2 Survey on Public Health • 10.3 Building Code Review • 10.4 Canadian Drinking Water Conference • 10.5 Document from Federal Minister of Health, Anne McLellan • 10.6 Bill 27 Update 	
		3.2 Adoption of the Agenda Motion to adopt agenda. Seconded. Carried.	
4.0	Adoption of Minutes	Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Motion to adopt minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded. Carried	Closed
5.0	Executive Reports	5.1 President Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
		5.2 Vice President Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed

		5.3 Treasurer Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
		5.4 Secretary Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
6.0	Zone Reports	6.1 Arctic Verbal Report given. Motion to adopt verbal report. Seconded. Carried.	Closed
		6.2 Northern Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
		6.3 Capital Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
		6.4 Central Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
		6.5 Calgary Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
		6.6 Southern Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
7.0	Committee Reports	7.1 Communication Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
		7.2 Board of Certification Verbal Report given by Dan Richen, Exam Co-ordinator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Tuesday of October with 7 students sitting BOC exams. 8 examiners are volunteering with min. 5 years of experience in the field. • New procedures being developed by the BOC for examination and appeal processes. This was for information only.	Closed
		7.3 Membership Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried.	Closed
		7.4 Issues Verbal Report – No issues have been brought forward	Closed
		7.5 Concordia Advisory Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
		7.6 Council of Managers – Environmental Health Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Carried	Closed
		7.7 Web Page Referrals Report Verbal Report – 8 requests for information ranging from becoming an inspector to complaints.	Closed - Removed from agenda
8.0	Business Arising	8.1 National Education Conference 2003 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference is done and over! And most importantly very successful! • Financial issues are almost resolved (i.e. invoices). • Comments in the Environmental Health Review editorial were disappointing and there was concern expressed by the membership that the EHR was the inappropriate forum to express such views. Such concerns should have been to direct to National Executive Council. • Critic: Evaluations forms were not available for delegates, however a mechanism was in place for 	President

		<p>delegates to complete an evaluation form at the CIPHI booth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committees did great work, however they are not going to respond to the EHR editorial and let the conference speak for itself. <p><i>Action: Comments will be directed by Victor Mah to the National Executive Council.</i></p>	
Lunch Break			
		<p>8.2 Constitution & Bylaws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is on going. If you have any issues you would like to see added or deleted from the bylaws, please forward to the Branch Secretary. 	Secretary
		<p>8.3 Professional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Workshop – did not occur this year Cheque presentations by organizing committee to the Alberta Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2001 – \$9876.95 2002 – \$22,153.25 <p>The profits are pre-designated to the Workshop Committee (40%), Alberta Branch (40%) and President’s Award Funds (20%).</p>	Closed – Removed from agenda
		<p>8.4 Social Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf Tournaments – Aug 15/03. Well attended and many prizes. Dave Davis Award was given to Jay Jorgenson and the C.G. More Award was given to John O’Laney. Alberta Branch Hockey Pool – Deadline Oct 15, open to all Alberta Branch Members. Currently no social events are planned, however the general membership is encouraged to make suggestions and assist in organizing the event. 	General Membership
		<p>8.5 Financial Issues – Financial Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit of the books from September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 has been completed. Thanks to Kori Woodard and Theresa Wawrykow for conducting the review. Fiscal year is to follow the calendar year and auditors are needed to review the books for the September 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002. Ludmilla Schmidt & Edwina Kordyback have stepped forward to review this fiscal period and the forthcoming January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 period. <p><i>Action: Membership is asked to submit suggestions on utilizing our financial resources.</i></p>	Treasurer General Membership
		<p>8.6 Zone Boundaries & Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New zones have been created but will not come 	Closed - Removed from

		into effect until after the elections have been held in the zones in the spring of 2004. Zone councillors currently serving will continue to serve their designated zones.	the agenda
		8.7 Environmental Health Technicians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National position statement is available and was reviewed at the National AGM in June. Lots of good feedback was received at the meeting and the position statement will be reviewed when the NEC meets in November. 	President
		8.8 Environmental Health Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 5 – 11, 2004 – information forth coming from the NEC. 	President
		8.9 Oath of PHIs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President to submit motion 90 days prior to next National CIPHI AGM asking for the wording change because the Oath is a part of the constitution. 	President
		8.10 Branch Logo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the AGM, the membership voted to accept the AEC logo. However, to reproduce this logo, the design was very busy and due to number of colours would be very expensive. CIPHI is undergoing a branding process to make our organization more recognizable. It is expected that with this process a logo will be selected and used by National and all Branches. 	Closed – Removed from agenda
		8.11 Membership in Good Standing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue raised regarding the National office receiving and processing membership's fees in a timely manner. Members are encouraged to note when they faxed documents in case of error, so they can remain members in good standing. Members are encouraged to bring any concerns to the Branch Executive or Membership Chairperson as they occur. 	Closed – Removed from agenda
		8.12 Branch Memorabilia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zippered portfolios are the membership gift this year and are available to all regular members. Students are not eligible as they are not members of the Branch but members nationally. Zone Councillors will distribute the remaining portfolios to their zone for members not present today. Students present at the fall general meeting will received 2001 Branch memorabilia - pocket knives. 	Closed
9.0	Information Items	9.1 Award Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary Bulter – Received his 25-year membership pin, although he has been a member for 38 years. Congrats Gary! 	Closed
		9.2 Elections	Closed

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its election time at the Spring 2004 AGM. All executive positions and committee are available to the membership to hold office except for the office of the Past President. Please start considering your nominations or role in the Branch Executive. 	
		<p>9.3 Concordia Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only program now available is the full year after degree – degree program. The degree is known as a Bachelor’s in Environmental Health. • Tony Mak has accepted a position as an Administrative Program Assistant to facilitate the degree program. • Students mentoring program will commence again in January. • Current enrolment is 16 full-time and 1 part-time students(s). 	Closed
10.0	New Business	<p>10.1 Branch BSE Position Statement</p> <p>Q: What position has National taken? If not, then why? Especially since the National President indicates he wants to increase our profile.</p> <p>Answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is has been no position statement or comment from the NEC. • Advocacy committee of the NEC is responsible for creating a position statement and they will be meeting soon. Concern was raised that a position statement should have been issued immediately when this situation was developed. <p><i>Action: Members are to email the National President Scott McLean to address this issue.</i></p> <p>Q: But what do Alberta Branch members think about issues around BSE?</p> <p>A: No consensus was reached</p> <p><i>Action: Branch members are encouraged to email the Branch President by October 24, 2003.</i></p>	General membership
		<p>10.2 Survey on Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to comment on the future of public health. • Link: http://go.97.ca?evdvrczt <p><i>Action: Secretary to circulate to membership for review.</i></p>	Secretary & General Membership Circulated 10/07/03 (Closed)
		<p>10.3 Building Code Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Code is open for regulatory review • Link: http://www3.gov.ab.ca/ma/ss/BldgFireCodeConsult.cfm <p><i>Action: Secretary to circulate to membership for review.</i></p>	Secretary & General Membership Circulated 10/07/03 (Closed)

		<p>10.4 Canadian Drinking Water Conference, April 2004 Motion: Alberta Branch to display at this conference. Seconded Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested that if we do display at the conference that members be sent to man the display booth and promote association. • National should also be solicited for assistance <p>Motion Carried.</p>	Executive
		<p>10.5 Health Canada Document Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to comment on proposed new legislation in the area of health protection. • Link: http://renewal.hc-sc.gc.ca <p><i>Action: Secretary to circulate to membership for review.</i></p>	Secretary & General Membership Circulated 10/16/03 (Closed)
		<p>10.6 Bill 27 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the amalgamation of the health regions, and subsequent union run offs, the majority if not all public health inspectors will be in the same union, HSAA. • This item is for information only. <p><i>Action: Members are to direct any union concerns to their local representative or through Gary Butler.</i></p>	General Membership
Guest Speaker: Dr. Gerald Ollis, Alberta Agriculture – Mass Carcass Disposal			
11.0	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn the meetings. Seconded. Carried	2:23 PM

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President's Report

October 4, 2003

WOW! It's the Fall General Meeting already. Where has the time gone since we last met at the Annual General Meeting on May 31? What has transpired at the national level since then? As you all know the CIPHI 69th Annual Educational Conference (AEC) has come and gone and I hope you would agree with me that it that it one of CIPHI's most successful conferences ever in terms of speaker presentation, poster presentation, exhibitors, sponsors and social activities. As soon as all bills have been paid I will report to the membership the net profits. I would like to thank the 69th AEC committee for a job well done and raising the bar for future CIPHI AEC conferences!

There were lots of issues discussed by the National Executive Council (NEC) while in Edmonton. As the NEC begins to implement its Strategic Plan there are five goals that we wish to achieve: 1) Membership Satisfaction 2) Increased Membership 3) Increased Profile 4) Increased Corporate Partnership 5) Additional Revenues. An executive summary will be posted on the CIPHI Website.

The **CIPHI/NEHA Sabbatical Exchange** has been completed by Stacey Kelley. She will be presenting her experience at the 2004 AEC conference. The deadline for 2003 candidates was **September 30, 2003**. I hope you have applied and I wish you good luck!

Final details are being worked on for the **CIPHI / Denmark Twinning Exchange Program**. The details will be posted on the CIPHI Website and Environmental Health Review in the near future so stay tuned.

CIPHI is please to have developed a partnership with **Health Canada – Centre for Surveillance Coordination** in providing the membership with another avenue for continuing education. The first two Alberta Branch Members were presented with a certificate of recognition at the CIPHI Awards Luncheon for completing all three modules in a facilitated format. These individual were **Jennifer May-Hadford** from Canmore and **Craig Nowakowski** from Yellowknife. CONGRATULATIONS!

For those at the CIPHI AGM, there was some good discussion by the membership on the NEC position paper on the hiring of **non-holders of the C.P.H.I.(C)** designation. The CIPHI Advocacy Committee was given some good feedback on the position statement and other avenues that should be looked at. The Advocacy Committee will be have a teleconference meeting soon to discuss developing position statement on other national issues such as BSE and Aylmer Meats.

Environmental Health Week 2004 is proceeding ahead as the NEC is looking to develop brochures that promote our profession. These brochures will promote a variety of things that we do across the country to the various sectors such as high schools, post-secondary institutions, and the public. Environmental Health Week 2004 is scheduled for January 5 – 11.

Finally, the NEC has made the following appointments to the various CIPHI Committees:

	BC	AB	SASK	MB	ON	NB	NFLD	NS/PEI	Other
EHFC			●					●	T. Roark
IFEH	●								President; N. Losito
Website			●		●		●		M. LeBlanc
Finance	●	●			●				
Membership					●	●			
Advocacy			●	●					
Constitution		●					●	●	
Awards		●		●					
SMPIC		●			●	●			
BOC									S. Shaw; T. Ness

EHFC = Environmental Health Foundation

IFEH = International Federation of Environmental Health

SMPIC = Strategic Marketing Plan Implementation Committee

BOC = Board of Certification

The next meeting of the National Executive Council has been set for November 14 & 15. If you have any issues you would like me to forward to the National Executive Council please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Victor Mah
President, Alberta Branch

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Vice-President's Report

October 4, 2003

Yes, it is hard to believe that the leaves are falling and crunching under feet, let alone time for the Fall General Meeting (FGM). I'm looking forward to seeing a big turn-out at the Holiday Inn in Edmonton on October 4, 2003.

In the last few years, many of the Fall General Meetings were held in conjunction with an Education Workshop in Edmonton. While plans for the Fall Education workshop fell through this year, this was an exception rather than a rule and there will be plenty of future workshops down the road. We are fortunate though to have Dr. Gerald Ollis (Provincial Veterinarian) speaking at our FGM about mass carcass disposal, a very topical subject considering the continued impact of BSE in Canada.

As many people will have heard the 69th Annual Education Conference was a great success with a huge number of conference delegates, interesting speakers and displays, not to mention the always entertaining hypnotist. While our esteemed president wasn't successfully put under the hypnotist's spell this year (we haven't forgotten Banff, Victor) the conference and social events were carried off to perfection. This of course was thanks to the many volunteers and conference organizers who worked tirelessly to carry off this event. Thanks for all your hard work. Feel free to reward yourselves with a trip to PEI in 2004.

As announced in the Alberta Branch News the recent changes to Regional Health Authority boundaries resulted in changes to the Provincial Zones. Representatives for the new Zone and Executive positions will be voted on at the next Spring Meeting in 2004. The Alberta Branch executive looks forward to any comments members might have about the new structure.

Alberta Branch members had the great fortune of participating in two (count them two) golf tournaments this year, one at the AEC and the other in beautiful Barrhead. Congratulations to all who participated (It appears Debra Langier-Blythe will be constructing a new garage for all the prizes she's won recently).

As many are aware our brethren in Ontario faced a significant challenge this year in responding to the SARs outbreaks and our thoughts go out to them in support. The Alberta Branch as always, will continue to work towards ensuring our members are receiving the support and education required to face Public Health challenges as they emerge in our province. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for topics at future workshops or zone meetings don't hesitate to contact your Alberta Branch representative.

Respectfully,

David Crowe,
Vice-President, Alberta Branch

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TREASURER'S REPORT
2003 January 01 – 2003 September 15

General Account Balance 2003 January 01 **\$ 23,971.35**

Revenue

Membership Dues	\$ 6,620.15
Interest/Investments	\$ 139.88
Reimbursements	\$ 12,177.13
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 2,039.00
Promotional Items - Thermometers	\$ 9,424.00
- Ball Caps	\$ 10.00
- Pamphlets/Documents	\$ 53.25
Term Deposits/GICs Cashed	\$ 11,219.42
Branch Conference Income	\$ 12,812.08
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 54,494.91</u>

Expenditures

Administration - Phones	\$ 253.14
- Postal/Courier	\$ 464.22
- Liability Insurance	\$ 226.50
National Executive Meetings	\$ 2,934.55
Branch Executive Meetings	\$ 3,050.07
Branch General Meetings	\$ 980.48
Branch Zone Meetings	\$ 207.94
National Conference Activities	\$ 10,014.72
Promotional Items - Thermometers	\$ 7,026.17
Awards/Tournaments/Social	\$ 2,901.38
Donations	\$ 499.00
Term Deposits/GICs Purchased	\$ 20,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 48,558.17</u>

General Account Balance 2003 September 15 **\$ 29,908.09**

Branch G.I.C.s **\$ 20,000.00**

Branch Scholarship Account (2003 September 15) **\$ 9,005.36**

Branch Workshop Account Balance (2003 September 15) **\$ 2,041.50**

Branch Workshop G.I.C.s **\$ 19,000.00**

Inventory (Thermometers) **\$ 1,119.76**

Total Branch Financial Assets **\$ 81,074.71**

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lee, Treasurer
2003 September 15



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Secretary's Report

October 4, 2003

It's seem the best part of the year always passes the quickest, summer of course! It's hard to believe that fall has arrived, bringing early snow and summer like temperatures. Nothing like living in Alberta!

Work on the bylaws is ongoing, and should be available for membership review at the Annual General Meeting in the spring of 2004. Along with that will be the elections for Executive positions, so get your nominations ready.

As the regions has changed, PHIs have been shifting and getting used to their new names and areas of coverage. Like many regions, new email addresses are popping up all over the place and like other PHIs, I have a new email address: Merry.Turtiak@pchr.ca so please note the address change if you need to contact myself. To the rest of the membership, please advise me of any changes to your contact information, so I can send you updates in a timely manner.

Finally, a round of applause is sent out to the 2003 National Educational Conference Committee for their fabulous work this past June!

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Alberta Branch



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Arctic Zone Report October 4, 2003

The past few months have been calm up here. Everyone has had holidays despite being busy with calls regarding West Nile and SARs preparedness.

Our biggest news from the Territories is the new addition to our team. This past August Stanton has hired a new MOH for the Territories. This will take the pressure off our extremely busy Chief MOH, and will help the rest of us in our day to day responsibilities.

This fall the town of Hay River organized a mock disaster which was quite interesting. There was a plane crash in the water here and many people "dead" or injured. We had people here from all over the Territories to participate. Things went fairly well but there were a few glitches that need to be worked out in both the hospital plan and the Town's emergency response.

We all hope to attend a Playground Safety Inspection course early this winter in response to a young boy who was hung on some playground equipment in one the South Slave Communities this fall.

Other than that things are unusually quiet up here.

Respectfully submitted

Rhian Harrison
Arctic Zone Councilor

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Northern Zone Report

October 4, 2003

The Northern Zone now includes Aspen Health Region, Northern Lights Health Region and Peace Country Health. Most business remains status quo as the new region does not come into effect until the 2004 Annual General Meeting. However, the upcoming **Northern Zone meeting/workshop** will be held in Aspen Health Region. The workshop is scheduled for **October 23 and 24, 2003 in Athabasca** and is sure to include a variety of topics and discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Regional Updates

Peace Country Health

Tony Thepsouvanh accepted a position in Athabasca resulting in a vacancy in the Grande Prairie office. Best of luck Tony!

Nadine Amlin is keeping the empty desk in Grande Prairie warm. Nadine recently completed her courses at Concordia and is working through her practicum in the Grande Prairie office.

Christine Boutilier journeyed from Charlottetown, PEI to join the team in Peace River. She arrived in Peace River on August 24, started on September 2, and received her belongings on September 8. Better play it safe and just not move anymore. Welcome Christine!

The summer proved to be a busy one for the Environmental Health staff dealing with a case of Hepatitis A in a food handler, a fire at the local log mill, severe water shortages, and blue-green algae warnings. Now that fall is here, the emergencies have subsided and it is back to the usual (or unusual drug houses and balaclava-wearing landlord) housing complaints and amalgamation of the forms and policies from the three former regions.

Northern Lights Health Region

Congratulations go out to Keith Orlaw and his partner, Theresa on the birth of their baby boy, Alexander Philip Orlaw. Alexander was born on September 5, 2003. Both mom and baby are at home and healthy. Congratulations Keith and Theresa.

Heather Thomas has also contributed to the future reserve of public health inspectors. Benjamin Thomas was born on May 29, 2003 weighing in at 8lbs, 4 ounces. Congratulations to Heather and her family.



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There are a couple of new faces in the region. Les McIntosh is working in Fort McMurray and Rory Peever is completing his practicum there. Dragan Sikanja is working on his practicum in High Level. Now that there are two inspectors in the High Level area, the Environmental Health program is trying to become more involved in community education for such things as risks involved in consuming unpasteurized dairy products.

Respectfully submitted,

Koreen Westly
Northern Zone Councillor

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Capital Zone Report

October 4, 2003

The Capital Zone grew like an amoeba on April 1, 2003 when parts of Westview, Aspen, and Lakeland Regional Health Authorities amalgamated with Capital Health. Eight new staff members were welcomed into the region: Carol Sobkow-Alloway; Blair Bartley; Victor Mah; Raymond DeSmit; Candance Fraser; Colin Charest; Warren Boychuk; and Frances Fong. They are now part of the Healthy Rural Environments Program (a.k.a. "the rural donut") along with Leduc and Strathcona Counties under the management of Bob Mowat. Also new to Capital Health is Karen Emde from the University of Alberta. She will be completing a comprehensive review of all water systems within the Capital Health Region as well as the East Central Health Region.

There is a sigh of relief in the air now that the 69th Annual Education Conference is successfully done. It proved to be one of the most successful conferences to date. A sincere thank-you to all those participated, helped organize and attended the conferences.

Capital Health Environmental Health Services was awarded the Alexander Officer Award for outstanding and meritorious achievements in the field of public health.

Wedding bells are ringing in the Capital Zone. Simon Sihota got engaged over the summer, Jennifer said "yes"! Ludmilla Schmidt tied the knot in Barbados. She is now Mrs. Szmetan. And Bob Mowat got married in September. Sharon Regimbald went on maternity leave in September and Karen Hislop is soon to follow.

Tony Mak was seconded to Concordia University College of Alberta (0.5 FTE) to teach in the Environmental Health Program.

As for legal proceedings in the Capital Zone; A court of Queens Bench Order was applied for and subsequently issued to the owner of an apartment complex that had no gas service for over 3 weeks. The owner was Ordered to restore and maintain gas service to the apartment building.

Total charges in the amount of \$21, 000 were issued to the former owners of the Ashbury apartments by way of joint submissions for second offences committed in under the Public Health Act and Minimum Housing and Health Standards.

A recent PHAB ruling upheld an Executive Officer's Order with one modification, issued to the owner of rooming house requiring upgrade and repair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Simon Sihota
Capital Zone Councilor

Cheryl Galbraith
Capital Zone Councilor

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Central Zone Report

At the Annual General Meeting, the membership voted to realign zone boundaries to coincide with the new regional health authority boundaries that came into effect this past April. As such, the Central Zone now consists of David Thompson Health Region and East Central Health. We are still providing interim (marginal, minimal, call it what you want) zone representation for Central, though we no longer reside within the Central Zone. General elections will take place next Spring, where a new councillor for Central Zone will be elected from CIPHI members whose place of work is located within the zone boundaries.

David Thompson Health Region:

No major news to report at this time. Inspectors in the City of Red Deer are pleased with the news of the Food Group inspector position being filled as of November 1, 2003. Rural EHS programs are running smoothly, or so it has been reported, even with the Drayton Valley vacancy, with coverage being provided out of Wetaskiwin.

Regional on-call schedules for inspectors are providing round-the clock coverage; a primary contact (with two secondary contacts) is always available throughout the region to handle those need-it-now responses that we all are now accustomed to.

East Central Health:

East Central Health was lucky enough to have earned the distinction of the first health region in Alberta to have a bird test positive for West Nile Virus. Congratulations? Public forums and telehealth sessions have helped to spread the virus, no wait, information on the virus, rapidly across the Province.

Inspectors plan on identifying and monitoring mosquito pools next spring, after taking some courses in insect larval identification. Larval dips and early control measures are planned, with some venturing into adult mosquito identification next year as well.

On a different note, Pam Williams is off of work indefinitely to tend to a broken kneecap. In the meantime, Tricia Herridge is covering the Camrose office while on a leave of absence from the Vegreville office.

Respectfully submitted,

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Calgary Zone Report

October 4, 2003

Well, winter...I mean fall has arrived, and Calgary has already had its first dump of snow. The mornings are quite chilly, but we're crossing our fingers that the snow will not make another appearance for a while yet.

Since the last update, we've had several new additions to the Calgary Team:

- Marcy Iwanyk has joined our Service Delivery section. Marcy completed the Environmental Health program at Concordia University College of Alberta, and did her practicum with Capital Health. Marcy will sit with the BOC at the end of October, so we wish her good luck!
- We have three practicum students this year: Jennifer Brown, Jeff Kresowaty and Lisa Malinowski. All are from Concordia and will be staying on until Joan Fung and Jean Bailey return from maternity leave, and possible longer.
- Sara Nunn has joined our Planning & Program Development section as an Education/Information Consultant. Sara and her husband recently moved from Lancashire, England where she was an Environmental Health Officer for the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.

Welcome to everyone!

With the growing number of staff, we are looking to expand into new office space, either in our current building, or perhaps a new location...no decisions have been made yet.

Births:

There must be something in the water down here in Cowtown...

- Jean & Paul Bailey welcomed baby boy Chase at the end of May 2003
- Sharon Mayhew and her husband Brian welcomed a new addition, son Benjamin in September 2003
- Newlyweds Paul Von Shoenberg and wife Noelia are expecting their first child sometime near Christmas, as are Lisa Strosher and her husband

That will make 6 new bundles of joy by this year's end!

Engagements & Marriages:

- Congratulations go out to Chad and Julie Beegan who tied the knot August long weekend. Way to go, guys!



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- Freya Bratland and longtime beau Jason Volstad got engaged in August. Wedding bells will ring for the happy couple next summer.

Milestones:

Marlene Celestin Welch recently marked her 10-year anniversary with the Calgary Health Region. Congratulations, Marlene!

Other News:

- After a brief summer hiatus, our monthly staff inservices have started up again. At the September inservice, Wayne Pelletier with Protection Service Personal Awareness, Safety and Security came in to talk about personal safety on the job. We were given some great tips to use while working, as well as away from the job.
- A swimming pool course will be held November 5, 2003. This is very exciting for some of us, as we have a few operators who could really use some brushing up!
- The Alberta Branch Hockey Pool will soon start up, and we are very eager to put a stop to the negative reputation Calgary has earned with respect to doing so poorly in past years. Had it not been for that darn Marty Turco and his injuries last season, I would have accomplished this goal last round!

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Kliciak
Calgary Zone Councilor

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (Alberta Branch)

Southern Zone Report
Fall General Meeting – October 4, 2003

The leaves have turned colour and litter the ground throughout the south... or at least the leaves from the few trees that we do have here in Southern Alberta. With the autumn season upon us, the health inspectors across the South continue to fight the good fight and pee on the collective fires of ignorance. There currently is an attempt to convene a Zone Meeting for November in the South, but information currently is sketchy. As soon as things are hashed out, a notice will certainly be sent out.

Chinook

The average age of the health inspectors in Chinook took another turn downward recently, as we said goodbye to **David Brown**, who trucked his entire family to a convent in North Bay, Ontario this past summer. He is a manager with the North Bay District Health Unit. With his departure, this marks the second PHI that has headed east from Chinook, just proving that the west winds here have some oomph! Taking his place in the Pincher Creek office is **Adam Jensen** who joined Chinook as a student earlier this summer. We wish him the best of luck in the wild, wild West.

Palliser

If "Grease" was the word in the seventies, then "West Nile" was the phrase in Palliser (or at least, for this year). The region lead the province in human cases of the hot-topic abbreviation of WNV. **Bruce van Mulligen's** presentation at the AEC in Edmonton in June was a great success and well received by all in attendance at his session.

Headwaters (now part of Calgary Health Region)

All is quiet on the Western Front... quite literally. The transition continues for the former Headwater Health Authority stars and consequently some changes were inevitable. If you have the desire to email any of the fine folks, west and south of Calgary, then send it to their new email addresses, which follow the form of **firstname.lastname@calgaryhealthregion.ca**

Health Authority 5 (now part of David Thompson Health Region)

Yet another southerner presented at the AEC in Edmonton. **Garth Gosselin** presented his findings learned from the swimming pool outbreak in Didsbury a couple of years back. By all accounts, it was a rousing success as very few tomatoes (if any) were thrown. To better manage the workload within the new David Thompson Health Region, some redistribution of duties has occurred as well a division of geographic location. Welcome to David Thompson country that is comprised of North, West and South Districts. And finally, in an attempt to compare and contrast the gastrointestinal illnesses of North America, **Garth** will be heading south of the American border in the near future for some empirical experimentation. We wish him success in obtaining the results he is striving for.

Respectfully submitted,

Phi Phan
Southern Zone Councilor

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (Alberta Branch)

**Communications Committee Report
Fall General Meeting – October 4, 2003**

Alberta Branch News

The staff, i.e. me, are currently in process of compiling the Fall edition of the Alberta Branch News. Although most of the elements of the newsletter are in place, I do require some assistance from members. If you are an avid photographer and have some photos of various locations around the province, I would be interested in hearing from you. As you have noticed, there is a new front page picture for each edition and I would like to use at least a few pictures of locales around Alberta. To contact me, drop an email to pphan@mail.chr.ab.ca or call (403)223-4403.

Alberta Branch Homepage (<http://www.ciphi.ab.ca>)

Dan has inquired into bringing someone into the fold to create a private, members-only section to the web site, but nothing has been confirmed as of yet. With a private section to the web site, information can disseminated to members without giving non-members access to a service they haven't bought into. It's all very exclusionist. How exciting.

Another topic of discussion currently is the revamping of the National Web site to provide a more professional image as was discussed in the consultant's report commissioned by National. As of yet, the Branch sites are untouched, but there are indications that National wants all sites to have a similar, if not identical, look and feel. Once again, there has been very little movement with regards to this idea, but I will attempt to keep the Branch updated on any developments.

Respectfully submitted,

Phi Phan
Alberta Branch News Editor and Web Guy

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (Alberta Branch)

Membership Committee Report Fall General Meeting October 4, 2003

Each time I compile a report for the membership committee, I am continually impressed with the numbers. Membership at this time last year was 137 and a record 158 by year's end. Already we have surpassed this mark with 170 which becomes our highest membership count ever. Congratulations to the Alberta Branch! Although this spike might be due to the Alberta Branch hosting the Annual Educational Conference, I hope that this trend continues in the years to come.

Numbers in the Capital Zone continues to be exceptional with support from Health Canada staff and Concordia students. It is also wonderful to see the Calgary Zone with increased regular membership. Kudos to both Zones!

Also affecting the numbers slightly are the new regional health authority boundaries, which see Capital, Central and Calgary Zones, picking up more members and Southern losing a few. This change will also be reflected in the new zone boundaries that come into effect next year.

Zone	Regular	Retired	Student	Corp./Affiliate	Life	Total Membership
Arctic	10	0	1	0	0	11
Northern	15	0	1	0	0	16
Capital	50	2	15	3	1	71
Central	30	1	1	0	0	32
Calgary	27	1	1	0	0	29
Southern	9	0	1	0	1	11
Total	141	4	20	3	2	170

With fall and winter on its way, its time to break out the mittens, toques and long johns. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and thank you for your membership in the Alberta Branch this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Council of Managers – Environmental Health Committee Report

October 4, 2003

The Branch has been advised that the Environmental Health managers from the new Regional Health Authorities have met in September and will be meeting again in October. The Branch has not participated or been invited to these meetings as the Terms of Reference for the Council are being revised.

Respectfully,

Victor Mah
President, Alberta Branch

Concordia Professional Advisory Committee Report

October 4, 2003

There are no updates at this time. The committee has not met since March 14, 2003.

Respectfully,

Victor Mah
President, Alberta Branch