

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

In 2010 CHICA-Canada was challenged with the ongoing economic crisis that has affected many not-for-profit associations. In order to increase services to members and provide funding for several projects, CHICA-Canada also increased infrastructure to provide necessary support for these initiatives. While CHICA-Canada continues to grow as an organization, an assessment of financial priorities became necessary in order to continue to meet the needs of our membership. Thank-you to the Board of Directors and Executive Director for their support and willingness to consider and implement measures to ensure our continued success.

Membership continues to grow in Individual, Institutional and Corporate Membership. On-line membership registration has certainly assisted this growth. Chapters receive a monthly electronic membership update and new members have timely access to membership resources and services. With an increase in office hours, the Executive Director and Administrative Assistant are able to reach our membership on a regular basis with timely and informative updates. Online conference registration has also proven to be beneficial.

The CHICA-Canada Distance Education Basic Infection Prevention and Control Course was launched in September 2010. While still in the process of refining protocols and ensuring appropriate and expert staffing to move the course forward, CHICA-Canada has benefited from enhanced profile and revenues that this course provides.

The Audit Toolkit is another example of a resource available to CHICA members. The toolkit is evergreen, ensuring tools meet current Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) standards and best practices. CHICA-Canada's financial and in-kind support for this initiative has continued through 2010 with funding used to ensure content consistency and formatting occurs throughout the entire toolkit.

CHICA – Canada continues to provide funding to allow members to represent the association on many organizations and committees at local, national and international levels. The Journal continues to return a profit under the direction of Pat Piaskowski. The CHICA – Canada website is continually updated and is well utilized by members and non-members many of whom are from outside Canada. We look forward to a newly revised website in 2011.

Many projects and initiatives have received support from our industry partners. The Ecolab Poster Contest, the 3M Awards, the conference and other initiatives have been able to sustain because of the financial support of industry. Education contributions include BD Canada (Roadshows and Webinars), GOJO Industries (Routine Practices E-Learning Tool), and Webber Training (teleclass).

2010 was the ninth year members were able to access the Virox Scholarship funding to attend the annual CHICA – Canada conference. In 2010, 18 CHICA members received funding to attend the annual conference. Thank you to the Virox scholarship fund members for continued educational support.

My personal thanks to Phil Romaniuk, our auditor, who continues to provide the organization with advice and expertise. In 2011 we will see changes in the flow of CHICA-Canada business designed to address the needs of our growing membership. I would also like to thank the CHICA – Canada Board of Directors, Chapter Treasurers and Gerry Hansen for patience, understanding and support.

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