

CHICA-NORTHERN ALBERTA

2010 Executive

President: Alan Hope
President-elect: Ralph Ennis-Davis RN BN
Secretary: Mary Kristal RN CIC (resigned October 2010)
Treasurer: Marie Judd RN

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President: Ralph Ennis-Davis RN BN
President-elect: Julie- Ann Babiuk MLT BSc MSc
Secretary: Kimberly Miller MLT
Treasurer: Beverley Hanowski RN BScN OHN CIC

Number of Members: 98

Geographic Area Served: Northern Alberta

Membership

CHICA-NA has a diverse group of members that include acute care, continuing care, rehab, EMS, community health, public health, dental health, industry and environmental services. Approximately 25% of our members hold CIC designation.

Meetings

The chapter meets ten times per year one being a joint meeting with CHICA-SA. We meet the second Wednesday of each month from 13:00-15:00 excluding July and August. Currently we hold a one- hour education session followed by a one- hour business meeting. June and December are social meetings where a luncheon is served. Attendance averages 20 members with the Christmas function being the best attended where almost 50% of the membership is present.

Highlights

In 2010 the chapter made all of our meetings available electronically with Web-Ex which allowed the membership to not only hear but view all the educational speakers. The chapter is also planning to purchase its own laptop and projector shortly which will allow the group more flexibility in holding meetings in sites or locations that do not otherwise have the capabilities of holding monthly meetings. In May some of the membership attended the national conference in Vancouver with one member winning a Virox scholarship. Three members were presenters at the conference, and each of their sessions were well attended. Melody Cordoviz won the Ecolab Poster Contest. With the restructuring in Alberta Health Services the number of group attendees was significantly lower from years past. Our chapter congratulates Bern Hankinson who has just completed her term as Secretary/Membership Director on the Board of CHICA-Canada.

This was my second term as chapter president and I would like to close by thanking all of the group members who assisted in making the year a most enjoyable one. I hope that incoming chapter president Ralph Ennis-Davis can utilize the group's wealth of experience like I have been able to do.

Alan Hope
Chapter President