

PAST PRESIDENT

The following summarizes the tasks of the past president:

1. To expand member services to meet the needs of the CHICA-Canada membership

Activities/Work Completed:

a) 2011 Annual Conference

Participated as conference chair on the 2011 conference planning committee. The conference committee was responsible for setting up the conference educational program as well as preconference and advance/novice practitioner day. The committee was also tasked with the development of a theme for the conference and a theme for the social event.

b) 2010 Virox Scholarship Applications

- Participated in a committee responsible for the selection of Virox scholarships.
- Gave recommendations for changes to the judging criteria.

c) 3M Champion of Infection Prevention and Control

- Participated in a committee responsible for the development and selection of the first 3M Champion of Infection Control Award.
- Recommendations were given around criteria and selection process with an updated form being developed.

d) Recruitment of Board Members

Helped with the selection of new Board members. Congratulations to our new members:

- Mr. Jim Gauthier MLT CIC – President-Elect
- Ms Marilyn Weinmaster, RN BScN CIC – Secretary Membership Director
- Special thanks to Donna Moralejo for agreeing to additional 3 year term as Director of Education
- Special thanks to Bern Hankinson for her service and commitment to the organization over the past 3 years

e) Meeting with CHICA-Canada Chapters

In October 2010, attended meetings of the Maritime chapters of CHICA-Canada , CHICA-NS and CHICA-NB/PEI. Both chapters were excited to receive participation from the national board. A number of issues were discussed and asked that the following be brought back to the Board:

- The Maritimes want to host another conference in the coming years

2. To increase CHICA-Canada's influence and profile nationally and internationally, as a leader in infection prevention and control.

Activities/Work Completed:

a) NPSR (National Patient Safety Round Table Discussion)

Represented CHICA-Canada as a member organization of this round table group. The meetings focused on:

- Accreditation Canada and CPSI updates,
- Roundtable reports on public initiatives and general updates,
- Report back from Roundtable subcommittees and
- Focusing on what role the committee should play in the future and future safety initiatives

b) NCCID (National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases)

A consultation was hosted by the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCID) on *Community Acquired Antimicrobial Resistance (caAMR)* in Winnipeg during February, 2010.

The primary outcomes of the consultation were to:

- Expand understanding of the Canadian situation with respect to caAMR, including its epidemiology and interventions to reduce risk/transmission
- Identify strategies and priorities for addressing caAMR
- Clarify NCCID's role in contributing to the reduction of caAMR in Canada
- Provide opportunities for meaningful collaboration between human, animal, and environmental health experts

With the completion of this consultation, an action plan was formulated. The first action was to develop an Antibiotic Awareness Day on November 18th, 2010. Canadian experts discussed the latest information on antibiotic resistance and public health during 15-minute webcast presentations. Topics will include community education and prevention, antibiotic use and resistance in hospitals, and current Canadian programs and surveillance data.

I was appointed by the CHICA-Canada board to represent CHICA on ongoing initiatives with this group.

c) CPSI (Canadian Patient Safety Institute) Forum

Along with Gerry Hansen, co-chaired the infection control stream of the CPSI forum in Toronto in April. In general the sessions were well attended. Concerns were raised with the planning committee regarding issues with the Hotel conference booking, shuttle bus miscommunication, issues around special diet requirements, and no honorariums for session speakers. Another conference is planned for next year in a different part of the country.

Thank you all for your support of me during my three year term with CHICA-Canada. It has been a fabulous experience.

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Past President*