

CHICA-SASKATCHEWAN PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL (SASKPIC)

2008 Executive

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Number of Members: SASKPIC has 61 members; 23 are Infection Control Professionals or have a portion of their position designated to infection control; of these 23, 10 have their CIC (Certification in Infection Control).

Geographic Area Served: All of Saskatchewan

Membership

CHICA-SaskPIC has a diverse membership with representation from acute care, long term care, community, public health, Provincial Laboratory and Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations. Many of the members are responsible for large geographic areas that include rural sites.

Meetings

At the 2006 AGM members approved a trial for 2007 of continuing to have one meeting, the AGM at the fall workshop. This was the result of declining attendance at meetings with the increase workload of members and difficulty getting time off away from work.

The executive met four times during 2007. The executive are the workshop planning committee.

Educational Events

September 2007 annual workshop, “Know Your Foe Bugs on the Horizon” was once again another success for CHICA-SaskPIC, with 121 registrants and 13 vendors attending the one day workshop. This is the only fundraiser for the chapter. The funds raised are used to:

1. Send the president and secretary or treasurer to the CHICA conference.
2. Sponsor registration to CHICA conference for members meeting criteria. Members must apply for this funding.
3. Purchase references and resources for the loan library.

Highlights

- Three members obtained their CIC
- Three members participated on a Saskatchewan Health LTC Outbreak working group.
- Two members did a TeleHealth presentation, “The Infection Connection: An Infection Control Update for Healthcare Professionals and Students in Saskatchewan” in collaboration with Saskatchewan Health and the College of Nursing
- Twelve members from CHICA-SaskPIC were able to attend the excellent 2007 CHICA-Canada conference in Edmonton
- A membership survey was completed in December 2007.

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Chapter President*