

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

It has been my pleasure to be the Finance Director for CHICA-Canada for the last six years. During that time the organization has grown substantially and, along with it, the financial responsibilities. When I first started in the role, I performed all of the bookkeeping functions including entering transactions, printing cheques and licking the stamps. Now CHICA Canada has a bookkeeper to perform most of these functions and stamps are self adhesive!

Significant financial milestones for the year 2008 include funding of \$50,000 for the CHICA Canada Power of One Research Fund to increase our knowledge of the prevention and control of *Clostridium difficile* and funding for a Distance Education Coordinator. Due to effort made this year and financial support in previous years, in 2009, members will be able to complete on-line membership and conference registrations. CHICA-Canada continues to fund member representatives on over 30 organizations and committees related to infection prevention and control. The Journal of Infection Control and CHICA Canada's website continues to expand and be revenue generating for the organization.

The annual National Education Conference held in Montreal, a joint conference with AIPI, provided enriched learning opportunities for both new and seasoned infection control professionals. This was the sixth year Virox Scholarship funding enabled and assisted many of our members to attend the annual CHICA-Canada Educational Conference.

I personally would like to thank all of the wonderful CHICA Canada Board Members, Chapter Treasurers, Gerry Hansen and Kelli Wagner. I have been fortunate enough to work with over the past six years for all of their support and cooperation.

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