

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

The year 2009 was both exciting and challenging for infection prevention and control professionals as the promised pandemic arrived. It was also challenging personally as I transitioned into the role of Finance Director.

In 2009 CHICA–Canada successfully launched on-line membership registration allowing chapters to maintain current membership lists and receive payment of chapter fees on a monthly basis. CHICA–Canada memberships once again increased this year.

Recognizing the many responsibilities of our volunteers, in 2009 the Board of Directors agreed to provide funding to support updates and additions to the Audit Toolkit. The toolkit is yet another example of the numerous free resources available on-line to our membership.

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.

This was the seventh year Virox Scholarship funding allowed a number of our members to attend the annual CHICA – Canada conference. Thank you to Virox Technologies for their continued educational support.

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