

PRESIDENT-ELECT

The past year has been an interesting and challenging one in my role as president-elect. A special thank you to Cathy Munford, Gerry Hansen, and other members of the board of directors for all of their support during the past year. At the May National Education Conference I participated in a two-day strategic planning workshop and worked with the board to review, revise and approve the final plan. The following report summarizes my activities as president elect as they relate to our strategic goals.

GOAL ONE: Raise the profile of the association and its activities

- Attended CCAR consultation meeting in Ottawa, May 2009 on behalf of the president. Participated in discussions about antibiotic resistance and how all of the organizations present could support the work of CCAR when it ceased operations in September 2009.
- Attended Ontario Antimicrobial Stewardship Consensus conference as a CHICA and RICN representative. Final report developed from the conference outlined priority interventions for Ontario Hospitals. Support to attend the conference provided by the Central South Infection Control Network.
- Attended CSA annual board meeting in Toronto, October 2009 and provided a presentation on CHICA. Request received to have on-going CHICA representative on the CSA board. Chair of Standards and Guidelines Committee chosen to represent CHICA.
- Voices of CHICA teleconference
- provided an update on the audit toolkit project to CHICA members
- Attended the APIC Infection Prevention Week launch and was part of the audience for the webcast for the inaugural Health Care Administrators Award. ORNAC and CHICA-Canada representatives were generously sponsored by 3M Canada. This was an excellent opportunity for discussions with our ORNAC counterparts and US colleagues.

GOAL TWO: Enhance the mix of products and services

CHICA Audit toolkit- Met weekly as working group co-lead to develop IPAC audit tools. Initial series of audit tools released on the website during Infection Control Week 2009.

GOAL THREE: Expand the association's education initiatives

- Met with Peel Police representative about their Personal Protection Strategy model to provide feedback on their request for CHICA-Canada endorsement.
- Participated in the Virox Scholarship selection committee
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GOAL FOUR: Expand and develop the membership base

Interest Groups

- ✓ Attended interest group meetings at the national conference including an exploratory Interest group for Public Health and the Network of Networks. Suggestion made that PH meet within the Community interest group and form a work group within that interest group.
- ✓ Worked with Bruce Gamage as he prepared the submission to have a new interest group approved. The Network of Networks interest group was approved with recommended changes to the terms of reference at the November Board meeting. This group met in 2007 and 2008 at the national conference as part of invitation only workshops. Interest in this group has continued. There has been on-going dialog since the conference with excellent sharing of information particularly as it related to H1N1.
- ✓ Responded to questions from interest group members as they arose throughout the year

CHICA Chapter-

New CHICA Chapter, *CHICA-Peel* endorsed by the board at the November meeting. Worked closely with Alexis Silverman as she prepared the submission for approval of a new Chapter.

GOAL FIVE: Provide national and international leadership

- Chapter Presidents teleclasses
 - ✓ Chaired two teleclasses
- National ARO Prevalence Study
 - ✓ Assisted President and Executive Director to respond to a request for CHICA to endorse and market an ARO prevalence study to our membership.
 - ✓ Presented the prevalence study to Surveillance and Epidemiology group meeting at the annual conference and provided an opportunity for feed-back and questions related to the study.
 - ✓ Met with one of the principal investigators, President and Executive director via teleconference to ask additional questions and provide feed-back.
 - ✓ Drafted response letter to principal investigators on behalf of the President.
 - ✓ Reviewed study protocol with Education Director and provided feed-back to study principles
 - ✓ participated in selection of CHICA representatives on study team

Other Activities

- Acted as MC at the roast to honor Dr Dick Zoutman for 12 years of service on the board

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