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# The Placard

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors—Manitoba Branch

## **Message from the Branch President**

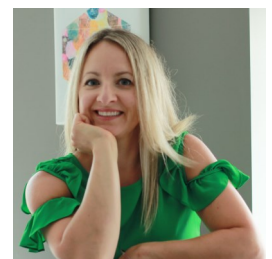
Manitoba has not disappointed with this year's sunny and warm summer, I hope you all have enjoyed the outdoors! With fall approaching, the change of season will bring more branch activities. This edition of The Placard will review events from the past year and highlight upcoming events.

Last fall, the 2018 Education and Sponsor Committee held a two-day Educational Conference which was a great success. Attendance was high, speakers were engaging, a fun bowling event was enjoyed by many, and an interactive sponsor evening took place. I'd like to thank all Committee members, the Branch Executive, and all event volunteers for their efforts that resulted in the successful event.

Moving into 2019, many branch members reached out to the Branch Executive with a request for support from CIPHI on the PHI recruitment and retention issue at the provincial level. In response, a letter of support was submitted by CIPHI National to the provincial Ministry. The Ministry provided a written response acknowledging the concerns and supported addressing the issue. Members were very appreciative of the support received from CIPHI National and I'd like to thank Kari Engle-Carter on behalf of the Branch.

The Branch Executive has been hard at work this past year. The Advocacy Committee continues to pursue all opportunities to be interviewed on CTV Morning Live segments. The Membership Committee has been reviewing membership years, and the Bylaws Committee has drafted changes to the Branch Bylaws which will be presented electronically ahead of our next AGM. The 2019 Educational and Sponsorship Committee has been organizing the upcoming fall Branch Educational Workshop, which highlights emerging environmental health topics. The workshop will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This year's National Educational Conference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia from September 9 –11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. For more information, visit: [www.ciphi.ca/aec2019](http://www.ciphi.ca/aec2019).

Finally, I would like to thank all members who have volunteered their time on the Branch Executive, participated on committees, and other projects: Cristina Bueti (Vice President), Ali Rana (Past President), Kiran Sidhu (Secretary), Mike LeBlanc (Treasurer), Valerie Jackson (Councillor), Jeffrey Thomson (Councillor), Julie Swanlund (Councillor), Nicole Lunsted (Councillor), Yoel Mesghenna (Councillor), Lorelle Pegus, Stephen Hancock, Monique Nguyen, Jennifer Hughes, Blake Scott, Greg Marsh, Eric Friesen, Steve Kamm, Shume Lee and Carmen Cross. If anyone is interested in volunteering or editing The Placard, please email: [ciphi.mb@gmail.com](mailto:ciphi.mb@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you! Lastly-I encourage you to take the time during EPH Week to celebrate the important work we do as PHIs/EHOs. The public counts on us to prevent illness, and it's important to acknowledge our own contributions and those around us.



**Natalie Lowdon – CIPHI MB Branch President**



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Manitoba Branch



### CIPHI MANITOBA BRANCH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

*The Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors invites you to join us for our annual golf tournament.*

**DATE: Friday, September 6, 2019, tee times start at 12:30 pm.**

Where: Transcona Golf Club

2010 Dugald Road, Winnipeg, MB

FORMAT: Best Ball Foursome, enter as a team or individual

Cost: \$55.00\* per golfer

\*Includes green fees, golf carts, all taxes and prizes.

Registration: email Eric at e2a2friesen@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eric Friesen: 204-663-8617

Steve Kamm: 204-806-1597

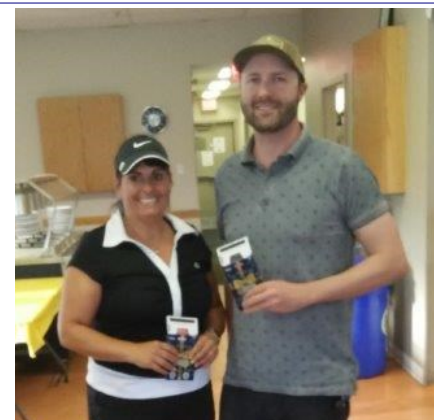
#### 2018 GOLF TOURNAMENT PHOTOS:



Pictured from left to right: Craig McDonald, Bine Ramsden, Andy Gottzmann, missing Taz Stuart .



Pictured from left to right: Ted, David & Len Boguski.



Pictured: Julie Swanlund and Dana Shewchuk.



Pictured: Eric Friesen and Bob Reed.





**2018 Environmental Public Health Week in Manitoba**

The Manitoba Branch celebrated Environmental Public Health Week last September by highlighting the important work that Public Health Inspectors do to protect the health of Manitobans.

CTV News met with four of our Branch members to discuss what is Environmental Public Health Week, what to look for when attending nail salons/personal service facilities, pool safety and food safety.

Photo from left to right: Kiran Sidhu, Natalie Lowdon, CTV Morning Live Reporter Rachel Lagacé, Julie Swanlund and Cristina Bueti. Also picture is the roasted chicken cooked during the segment. The poultry was used to show how to use a metal probe thermometer and discuss safe cooking temperatures.

Environmental Public Health Week was also proclaimed by the Province of Manitoba. Members were encouraged to meet for a coffee with their colleagues and take a moment to acknowledge the important work PHIs in public health protection.

In June of 2019, CIPHI MB Secretary and Public Health Inspector Kiran Sidhu was on CTV discussing Salon Hygiene..



Also in June of 2019, Public Health Inspector Kiran Sidhu was on CTV Morning Live discussing BBQ food safety.



*Left to right: Kiran Sidhu, Valerie Jackson, Cristina Bueti, Dana Gallant, and Anjum Syed.*

### **Kiran Sidhu**

Kiran previously worked at Manitoba Health for 7 years prior to joining Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and enjoys yoga, travelling, reading and spending time with friends at festivals and concerts. She hopes to gain a different perspective on public health by working in her new role with new responsibilities.

### **Valerie Jackson**

Valerie Jackson currently volunteers with various CIPHI committees and is the chair for the Bylaw Committee. She works for First Nations Inuit Health Branch, Indigenous Services Canada as an Environmental Public Health Officer. Valerie loves to spend time and travel with her better half Jeff and two sons Cobin (12), and Hayden (10). She loves staying active and enjoys camping, hiking, yoga, bike riding to work with co-worker Brad Carr, and spending lunch hours kick boxing. Valerie is an animal lover that always has room for more dogs in her life even if Jeff says no!

### **Cristina Bueti**

Cristina previously worked with the Province of Manitoba before joining the ISC team. She's eager to discover the culture of the First Nations communities she works with and hopes to learn more about their traditions. Cristina enjoys travelling with her husband and hiking the beautiful landscapes of Manitoba with her dog Zeus.

### **Dana Gallant**

Dana worked for the Health Protection Unit in the Province of Manitoba for 10 years, in Brandon, Morden and Selkirk, before starting her new role as an EPHO with ISC. She enjoys spending time at the lake with her son, trying new recipes and looking after her pets.. Dana is excited to embark on new opportunities and challenges and seeing more of the Province.

### **Anjum Syed**

Anjum graduated from Ryerson University of Toronto with Environmental Public Health Degree in 2013. Anjum recently relocated to Manitoba and works for First Nations Inuit Health Branch, Indigenous Services Canada as an Environmental Public Health Officer. Anjum likes to travel and has visited almost all parts of Canada. Anjum is exploring elegant lakes and beaches here in Manitoba this summer. Anjum likes to spend time with his family and friends especially enjoying the outdoor fun even though his kids prefer screen time. J



**Kristen Parks**

Kristen graduated with a degree in Human Nutrition from the University of Guelph in 2013 and a degree in Environmental Health from Ryerson University in 2017. She completed her Public Health practicum in Belleville, Ontario and is now employed with Manitoba Health in Dauphin. In her free time, she enjoys travelling, reading, and hiking.

**MD Sharker**

MD Sharker, a Bangladeshi Canadian immigrated to Canada with his wife and daughter in February 2015. After that, he started school in Cape Breton University (CBU), Sydney, NS from 2015 to 2018. MD started his professional carrier as a Physiotherapist from 2004 to 2014. He graduated from University of Dhaka in 2004 and completed his MPhil (Public Health) degree from University of Dhaka, an academic collaborative program of University of Oslo, Norway with NOMA-Grant fellowship in 2011. He received “CBU Silver Medal’ 2018” for achieving the highest academic standing. He also worked as a “Public Health Officer in-Training” with Nova Scotia Environment (NSE), Government of Nova Scotia from June to September in 2018. In 2013, he presented his research paper in International Diabetic Federation (IDF) Conference in Melbourne, Australia. Furthermore, he received “Len Hiebert Environmental Health Review Award” for student research work entitled of: “Challenges to Tobacco-free Canada” from Environmental Health Foundation of Canada and Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI). He also proved himself as a potential student achieving an outstanding result enlisted in 2016-2018 in Dean’s list with distinction of CBU. He was an active volunteer of Cape Breton Environmental Association; his most favourite hobby are travelling, fishing and visiting museum. Mahmuda Begum, MD’s wife is a social worker, completed her honors and masters degree in social work from University of Dhaka; Ramisa Anjum and Melissa Anjum are their two lovely daughters.

**WEST REGION TREATY 2 & 4 HEALTH SERVICES STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT****Kalie Apostle**

Kalie joined West Region Treaty 2 & 4 Health Services March 4th, 2019 after working 2 years with MB Health in Dauphin. Kalie is a welcome addition to the WRTHS Environmental Public Health team!

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# Cristina Bueti: Public Health Inspector



Manitoba PHI Cristina Bueti participated in a photo and video shoot for the most recent MGEU advocacy campaign. When asked about what she feels is the biggest impact on the job, Cristina explained:

*"When I am able to use my knowledge and training to educate someone at their facility or in the public, I know I can help them make the right choice. I can implement changes in public facilities to protect the health and safety of the people who go there. That's when I can prevent illness and injury from happening, one inspection at a time."*

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# Operation Esperanza, Ecuador

Submitted by Julie Swanlund, CPHI(C)

At the end of January 2019 myself, my husband Tom, who is a dentist and my 14 year old son Liam had the privilege of being part of a medical/ dental mission entitled “*Operation Esperanza*” in Ecuador. In English, this means “*Operation Hope*”. The local Rotary Club in Cuenca, Ecuador, organizes this mission at ground level where every year through a local physician finds residents in the City and in the surrounding countryside who are in need of knee and hip replacements. A Canadian team of orthopedic surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, physiotherapists, dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists and a host of volunteers travel to Ecuador with over 40 large size duffle bags with medical and dental equipment.

This was our first year attending and our expectations were mixed, but we quickly realized how special this mission was and how important our work was to the Ecuadorian people.

As a health inspector, I found my training in infection control quite useful. I was responsible for the cleaning and sterilizing of all the dental equipment. This was quite an experience as we were a travelling unit and had to start up and shut down every two to three days.

I was using a cold sterilant to soak the tools, and manually scrubbed all the tools prior to rinsing and then sorting for autoclaving. Due to the number of patients we were seeing every hour, I could not bag the equipment for sterilization, but rather sterilized un-bagged. Although this process of not bagging the tools individually is not acceptable practice in our country, it was acceptable by the Ministry of Health in Ecuador. This was the second year that this group had an autoclave and in the past cold sterilant was solely used.

Once the tools were sterilized, I would glove and handle the sterilized items carefully not handling the business ends to keep the item as clean as possible, and bag them into procedure bags. Dentists use a lot of equipment for one procedure and I had to quickly learn what tools went where. Due to lack of plumbing at our satellite locations hand sanitizer was used between gloving.

We also were a travelling dental office so we would be doing dentistry where we could get the space. For the school we visited we had one classroom to fit in three dentists, two hygienist, portable x-ray and the cleaning and sterilizing area. Also with all of our equipment, we had to rely on the school for tables and chairs. The doctors sat on patio chairs and we mustered up desks and random tables to set up a cleaning and sterilization area and storage area for tools and equipment.

We also taught children how to brush their teeth and gave each child their own toothbrush and toothpaste. The children touched us so much, with their smiles and happy spirit. We spent three days at the school trying to see as many children as possible.



Basic set up for cleaning and sterilizing area.



Table of cleaned tools bagged in autoclave bags, based on procedure.



## Operation Esperanza, Ecuador, cont'd...

On the fourth day we set up our clinic in the basement of the Del Rio University Hospital, where the orthopedic medical team was located and saw all patients who were good candidates for hip or knee replacements. It is important that when someone is getting surgery like a knee or hip replacement that his or her dental hygiene is optimum. Any signs of infection can cause the replacement to fail. Therefore, all patients that were eligible for surgery had to be assessed by the dental team, and that day 60 patients were seen. Those who passed their dental exam and had some dental procedures realized that they would be getting their knee/or hip replaced and I cannot tell you how happy these people were, to the extent that they were thanking us with tears streaming down their cheeks!

From the hospital on the 5<sup>th</sup> day we went to visit a local shelter “a Posada” in Cuenca. The majority of residents who were living in the shelter were Venezuela refugees. We saw young and old, mothers, fathers and children all require some type of dental care. These residents were so thankful for some were living in dental pain for months and years.

My family and I went on this trip to give our help, and took so much more than what we gave. We worked long days but it felt good when we could provide dental service to prevent any further decay and teach the people the basics of dental care and prevention. We met a great group of dental and non-dental volunteers, which we coined affectionately as “*team dental*”. We worked hard as a team, always happy to help each other out with a smile, all day long, and even when the day was over the team continued to speak of the amazing people they met. Although language was a barrier, the act of kindness is one thing that everyone understands.



Tom and I with a child from the school.



My son Liam was Tom's dental assistant for the week.



## COPE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE:



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NATIONAL EXAMINATION PANEL:

The National Examination Panel meets once per year. We are responsible for preparing questions that will be used for the BOC – Oral examination.

I am the Manitoba representative, and if anyone has any suggestions of potential questions to bring forward – they may contact me directly.

-Ali Rana, CIPHI MB Past President

## BOC BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES:



Stephen Hancock, CPHI(C)



Shume Lee, CPHI(C)

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and I look forward to the National AEC in Halifax in September. The BOC has been working on numerous projects such as the implementation of the new instructional objects and they are in the development stages of examination for international applicants. I would like to introduce Shume Lee who has taken over the portfolio of the Manitoba Branch Examination Coordinator. Welcome aboard. Let's hope for a extended summer and look forward to seeing everyone at the Manitoba Branch Educational session in October.

—Stephen Hancock, CIPHI MB BOC Representative



## WELCOME BABY LEO!

Congratulations to CPHI(C) Rhea Epp and family who welcomed their newest member to their family this January: baby Leo Charles weighted 9lbs 3oz and is pictured here with his proud big sister Alice!

## ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, SEPTEMBER 23-27 2019

This year Environmental Public Health Week will be held Sept 23-27th. This is an opportunity to raise awareness and show appreciation to Environmental Public Health professionals such as; Environmental Public Health Officers, Public Health Inspectors, and other allied Environmental Public Health Occupations across Canada.

The work done by Environmental Public Health Professional's contribute to the health and well-being of Manitobans. These professionals help ensure public facilities are safe by performing inspections and providing recommendations and interventions related to food safety, monitoring drinking and recreational water, infectious disease control, and healthy built environments.

This year the theme is Exploring the Edge, which highlights the adaptive strategies of Environmental Public Health professionals, such as exploring emerging trends in food borne illness outbreaks, using social media for public health interventions, and advocating for healthier communities by design.



We are very excited to be able to continue celebrating this week to acknowledge all the hard work done by professionals in this field.

-Valerie Jackson, EPHW Committee Branch Representative

**Environmental Public Health Week**  
**September 23 - 27, 2019**

*Exploring the Edge*

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 Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

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 Institut canadien des inspecteurs en santé publique

*Vertical text on the right side of the banner:*  
 Règlement - Régulation  
 Pandemic influenza - Grippe mondiale  
 Vulnerable settings - Zones de vulnérabilité  
 Amicrobial resistance - Résistance aux antimicrobiens  
 Hand washing - Lavage des mains  
 Threat Pathogens - Pathogènes dangereux  
 Animal Bite Investigation - Enquête sur les morsures d'animaux  
 Social Care Facilities - Hébergement pour les aînés  
 Beaches & Parks - Aires de loisirs et parcs  
 Public Health Inspectors - Inspecteurs de la santé publique



# 2018 BRANCH CONFERENCE: PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS



Keynote Speaker, Avis Gray.

The 2018 Educational Conference was held on October 18 & 19th at the Holiday Inn at 1740 Ellice Ave, Winnipeg, MB.

The theme Public Health Matters highlighted the importance of public health, and how Environmental Health affects public health. Keynote Avis Gray engaged us with the history of EPH.

I would like to thank the conference committees and volunteers who have contributed their time and efforts to make it a huge success: Ali Rana, Jennifer Hughes, Mike LeBlanc, Cristina Bueti, Jeffrey Thomson, Kiran Sidhu, Lorelle Pegus, Stephen Hancock, Greg Marsh, Monique Nguyen, Valerie Jackson, and Blake Scott.

- Natalie Lowdon, 2018 Educational Conference Chair

## RADON PANEL PRESENTATION



Pictured from left to right: Sandy Hutchison (Health Canada), Kelly Gosselin (Flo Pro Plumbing), Heather Swail (Pinchin Ltd.) and Pam Warkentin (C-NRPP & CARST).

## 2018 DON POULIN DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD



Gregory Marsh, recipient of the Don Poulin Distinguished Member Award, 2018.

## 2018 CIPHI MB BRANCH EXECUTIVE

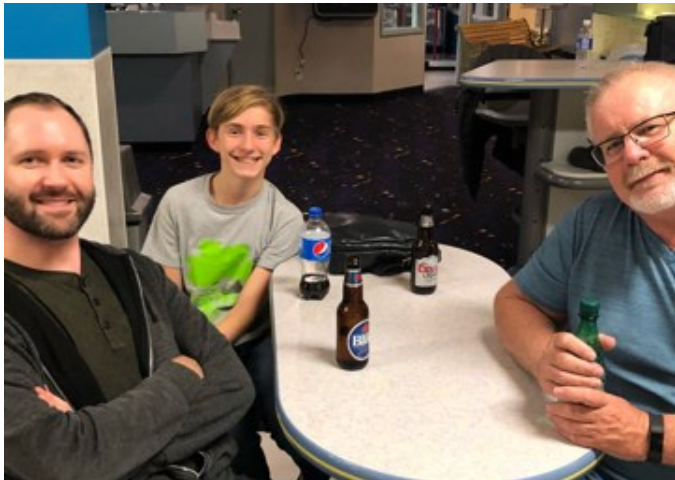


From left to Right: Lorelle Pegus, CoPE Representative, Cristina Bueti, Councillor and Stephen Hancock, BOC Representative.



Pictured from left to right: Natalie Lowdon (Secretary), Lorelle Pegus (Councillor), Kiran Sidhu (Councillor), Cristina Bueti (Councillor), Ali Rana (President), Jennifer Hughes (Vice-President) and Jeffrey Thomson, (Councillor) and Mike LeBlanc (Treasurer).





**SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

This year CIPHI members were able to get together for events ranging from a trivia night, bowling with family and friends and taking in the Cannes lion commercial winners at the Winnipeg art gallery. In 2019-2020 we look forward to more activities to connect with members and also plan to introduce volunteer opportunities for our members, to both contribute to the community and collect PDHs. We hope to see you there!

- Kiran Sidhu, Social Committee Chair

**2018 CONFERENCE BOWLING EVENT**

## CIPHI MB SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE:

We had an excellent CIPHI MB branch conference held on October 18 and 19, 2018 at Holiday Inn Airport Polo Park in Winnipeg, Manitoba. We would like to thank again our 10 booth exhibitor sponsors, who helped support CIPHI MB at this 2018 conference. Your support helped make our CIPHI MB conference possible. Over the 2-day conference, sponsors not only presented their newest items at their booths, but sponsor attendees also were welcomed to attend the conference activities and conference sessions with our other CIPHI MB members.

**The exhibitor gold booth exhibitor sponsors were as follows:** ALS Global, Commercial Pool and Recreational Products, Dyna-Pro Environmental, EcoPoxy, Food Development Centre, Hedgerow Software, National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health, Poullins Pest Control, Prairie Rubber Paving, and Western Recreation & Development Inc.

Thank you,

Jeff Thomson -CIPHI MB Sponsorship Committee Chair, on behalf of CIPHI MB.

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National Collaborating Centre  
for Environmental Health

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en santé environnementale

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& development inc.

## SAVE THE DATE: 2019 EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP:



*~ Save the Date ~*

*CIPHI MB Branch Educational Day*

*~ Topics Include ~*

**Cannabis Legislation and Tenant Issues- Panel Discussion**

**Cockroaches in Multi-tenant Housing – Industry Panel Discussion**

**Progressive Compliance Cycle- NEC, CoPE, BOC**

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October 16, 2019

Holiday Inn Polo Park

1740 Ellice Ave – Winnipeg

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## MB BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

The CIPHI MB Membership Committee has been undergoing a membership review. Years of Membership, recognition and active membership types have been the focus, however the Membership committee is always looking at ways to improve your membership experience.

Make sure to get active with the CIPHI Member Service Centre and keep your contact information accurate so that even after retirement you can stay connected to your colleagues and to your profession!

Please also use the MSC as your portal for membership renewal. It provides a quick and easy update and payment service to ensure your membership renewal is received on time to meet system lock out dates and will ensure your membership stays current.

### NATIONAL BYLAWS

The National bylaws defines all types of CIPHI memberships: [http://www.ciphi.ca/pdf/2017\\_bylaws.pdf](http://www.ciphi.ca/pdf/2017_bylaws.pdf) .

### FOR REGULAR MEMBERS:

SECTION II Membership Types 2.01 Class A Members (iv) Regular 1) Persons may be eligible for Regular Membership if they:

- a) Hold the Certificate in Sanitary Inspection (Canada), the Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada), or if they possess those qualifications acceptable to a three-fourths vote of the entire board; and
- b) Participate in the continuing professional competency program of the Council of Professional Experience of the Corporation.

### DECLARING A REDUCTION IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

If you are unable to meet the requirements of the CPC program because you worked part-time; took a leave of absence; were on medical, maternity or paternity leave; or were unemployed during the course of the calendar year you must declare a reduction in Professional Development Hours (PDHs) in the Professional Practice category to be exempt from meeting full PDH requirements.

**\*\* Effective March 1st 2019, declarations for a reduction of PDHs is only electronic\*\*** Members must now use the new **ONLINE CHECKBOX**:

<http://www.ciphi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/PDH-Declaration-Guideline.pdf>

If you require any assistance with your membership or the MSC please contact - Nicole Lusted, Branch Membership Chair for assistance.

-Nicole Lusted, Membership Chair



## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION CHARITY



Join us in celebrating the EHFC 30th anniversary! Funds raised in 2019 will go toward funding the creation of two new endowment funds: (1) Financial support for students to attend the CIPHI National Annual Education Conference, & (2) An annual environmental public health aid project. Whether you are a long-standing donor or a first-time donor, your donation makes a difference! Thank you for your continued support of CIPHI's charity.



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM 2019



Membership Period – January 1 to December 31, 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First Middle (For identification purposes) Day Month Year

Certificate Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Year Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City / Town Province Postal Code

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Home Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

Present Employer \*: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Area Code

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Work Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City / Town Province Postal Code

\* Please enter your school if you are applying for student membership.

On the table below, please **circle the dues amount** that corresponds with the Branch and Membership Type you wish to apply for. If you reside outside of Canada please select International Membership.

**NOTE:** The branch is the province in which you reside unless you live in Quebec, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, or Yukon. For Quebec, please select New Brunswick; for NWT and Nunavut, please select Alberta; and for Yukon please select British Columbia.

Membership Type	Branch							
	British Columbia*	Alberta*	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario	New Brunswick*	Nova Scotia / PEI*	NL
Tax Rate	5%	5%	5%	5%	13%	15%	15%	15%
Regular Dues (by branch)	\$200.00 plus tax	\$200.00 plus tax	\$200.00 plus tax	\$200.00 plus tax	\$200.00 plus tax	\$200.00 plus tax	\$195.00 plus tax	\$190.00 plus tax
Total Dues With Taxes	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$226.00	\$230.00	\$224.25	\$218.50
Retired Dues \$50.00	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$56.50	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$57.50
Student Dues \$50.00	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$56.50	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$57.50
Fraternal Dues \$120.00	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$135.60	\$138.00	\$138.00	\$138.00
International Dues	\$105.00 (taxes not applicable)							

\* CIPHI is required to collect the higher tax rate of the participating provinces / territories.

GST / HST Registration Number: 100766484

Payment is made by:

- Cheque (Payable to CIPHI)
- Credit Card
- Money Order
- Employer (Cheque or Credit Card Info Attached)
- Payroll Deduction (Contact your HR Dept. for Payment Set Up)

Credit Card Type: Visa MasterCard American Express

Number on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Continuing Professional Competencies Declaration** – I am aware that if I hold a CPHI(C), then to be eligible for regular or international membership in CIPHI, I must participate in the Continuing Professional Competencies program and I am required to maintain records of my annual professional development hours on the Member Service Centre (<http://www.ciphi.ca/info-centre/continuing-professional-competencies-cpc-program/>). I am aware that this is not required for other membership types.

**Code of Ethics Declaration** – I have read the CIPHI Code of Ethics (<http://www.ciphi.ca/pdf/codeofethics.pdf>) and as a member of CIPHI acknowledge my moral obligation to uphold these ethics in a manner worthy of the Environmental / Public Health profession.

**Release of Information Declaration** – I am aware that my personal information will be used in accordance with CIPHI's privacy policy, National Operating Policy 2 (<http://www.ciphi.ca/pdf/NOP2.pdf>).

In accordance with this policy, by checking the following boxes I give permission for CIPHI to provide my name and contact information to CIPHI stakeholders for the purposes of:  CIPHI Fundraising  Information to Corporate / Affiliate Members

My signature below confirms I have read and understand the above declarations and hereby make application for Membership in the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. This application implies that membership is to continue until resignation is tendered, or until membership is discontinued under the conditions contained in the By-Laws of the Institute.

In addition, I authorize to have the credit card above debited for the selected amount, if I have selected that method of payment.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward application and payment to: CIPHI, #720 – 999 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1K5 Canada  
Phone: 604-739-8180 (Toll-Free: 1-888-245-8180) Fax: 604-738-4080 Email: [office@ciphi.ca](mailto:office@ciphi.ca)



## How HURRICANE DORIAN ATTENDED THE 2019 AEC IN HALIFAX:

Submitted by Natalie Lowdon, Manitoba Branch President

I had the honour of attending the National Annual General Conference in Halifax this September and representing our branch. The National Executive Council meets two days prior to the start of the conference to discuss and finalize policy updates, provide subcommittee work, discuss EPHW, review BOC, EHFC and CoPE related items, go over conference details, AGM preparation, awards preparation and address any new business while also planning for future projects.

With Hurricane Dorian predicted to land in Halifax Saturday afternoon, the NEC was on day two of the full day meetings. On Friday night, Nova Scotia officials were advising residents to buy food and supplies in preparation for a blackout. The local No Frills store shelves were bare before closing that night, and it was evident that locals and conference attendees were preparing for the storm. Everyone who was preparing was very calm, very matter of fact. All the non-locals were excited and there was a buzz in the hotel. The boardroom where the NEC meetings were held had a large window where we had previously seen the sun of Friday turn to rain Saturday with strong wind gusts as the afternoon wore on.

By 1pm, visibility had decreased and the air was extremely fresh. By 2pm, 95,000 in Nova Scotia were without power. Wi-fi service no longer worked. By 3pm, it was our turn in Dartmouth: the hotel power went off and we were left with emergency lighting only. Luckily, the wi-fi service was re-activated with the emergency generator. With agenda items still to cover, the NEC meeting continued. When we stopped for a break, we couldn't help but venture outside to see the hurricane force winds for ourselves. From the door, it just looked like a wall of rain coming down misting its way under the large canopy. We had to know more. So we ventured out further and felt the strong winds while we got drenched. The postal mailboxes had already tipped over. The further out we ventured, the more powerful the wind. Some were braver than others, and passed a corner but not for long before coming back completely soaked. Despite the excitement and uncertainty of the tropical storm, the meeting continued and we got through our agenda. The category 1 hurricane was elevated to a category 2, but since we were a little off the coast in Dartmouth, we felt much safer.

Here is a video taken from one of the balconies before the peak: [http://www.ciphi.mb.ca/ciphi%20halifax/IMG\\_0920.MOV](http://www.ciphi.mb.ca/ciphi%20halifax/IMG_0920.MOV)

As the evening went on, the power remained off, and cell phone and laptop batteries were running low. The front desk became the main charging system with their emergency power supply. The hot water eventually ran out and the hotel room fridges were no longer cold. People were wondering how much longer would we be without power. The power outage had now affected 400,000 in Nova Scotia at the storm's peak.

We also couldn't help but wonder if the conference food was being affected by the power failure but found out that luckily the kitchen had emergency generators running. Our reception foods were now cold foods as well as the breakfast the next day.

On Sunday evening, more delegates arrived at the hotel. The Sunday reception was held somewhat in the dark as the sun set, but conversations were lively as all discussed how the hurricane had affected their travel plans and their hygiene (no hot showers!). Everyone was hopeful that the power would be restored that evening by 11pm as per the Nova Scotia Power outage website. Attendees were looking out the windows and noticed that Halifax was lit up. And that if we ventured far enough out of the neighbourhood, we could have access to warm meals, hot coffee and a lit up environment. In preparation for day 1 of the conference, some of us had cold showers while others chose to wait in the hopes that the power would be returned shortly. (Continued page 19)

## How HURRICANE DORIAN ATTENDED THE 2019 AEC IN HALIFAX CONTINUED...

Monday morning came and there was still no power or hot water. Many of the attendees who had weathered the storm were starting to feel weathered themselves. Social determinants of health were literally at play and morale was showing signs of waning. In comparison to the path of destruction that Hurricane Dorian left in its tracks leading up to Halifax, these were essentially only inconveniences, providing a good perspective on the importance of emergency preparedness and management measures in the wake of disasters.

The conference planning committee started their contingency plan: we continue on, without microphones, no PowerPoint, decreased number of presentations, not to mention a room of over 200 delegates sitting mostly in the dark. As the announcements were proceeding, and with a schedule delay, the emergency lights cut out for a split second. Then the ventilation system slowly turned on, followed by one set of lights, then another, and slowly the room started to light up from left to right as everyone clapped and shouted in relief. I started taking a video once the first set of lights came on and would like to share it with the rest of you. It was a moment that brought everyone together to celebrate, feel thankful for the amenities that were restored, that we had weathered the hurricane, and that CIPHI could proceed with the conference despite the setbacks.

Please click on this link to see the video: [http://www.ciphi.mb.ca/ciphi%20halifax/IMG\\_0211.MOV](http://www.ciphi.mb.ca/ciphi%20halifax/IMG_0211.MOV)

I'd like to congratulate the 2019 AEC planning committee: Vanessa Nickelo, Kari Engle-Carter, and Sara Baird, for their excellent work mitigating under exceptional circumstances. The conference was a huge success. The Master of Ceremonies kept us laughing throughout the days and the speakers provided us with new insight. We celebrated the EHFC Award winners and the two National Award winners. The lobster dinner and boat cruise was still on, and the Presidents Banquet had members sharing in their hurricane experiences, celebrating their branches, and their Nova Scotia adventure.

When asked by the National President if there has ever been a similar situation in the history of CIPHI conferences, the answer was quite simple: national historian Tim Roark replied with a "no". And a smile. This conference made CIPHI history!

## MB Branch Members at the AEC:



Pictured left to right: MB members James Dean, Valerie Jackson, Monique Nguyen, Sam Sew (past MB member), Blake Scott, Saad Jalili (past MB member), with Vince Crozier.



Fun was had by all at the Lobster Dinner and Boat Cruise.

And that's a wrap for this years Edition of the Placard. We hope you enjoyed!

-CIPHI MB Branch