

Canadian College of Health Leaders (CCHL)- BC Lower Mainland Chapter

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Chair's Update

Welcome to the second issue of our Chapter's newsletter. There is much to report since our first issue. We held a record number of well-attended sessions, receiving positive feedback from many of the 650 attendees over the past year. We continue to improve based on the feedback received from our members and others.

The annual June AGM welcomed three **new Executive Members** while saying THANK YOU to three outgoing members. If you were not able to attend, you will find the AGM PowerPoint presentation helpful in understanding our member accomplishments and activities of the past year. See our [Chapter website](#) for details.

A number of new members have recently been welcomed to our Chapter. We are introducing one of our new members in this issue. As one of our strategic directions is focused on new members- **a new member on-boarding** program has been initiated and will be fully implemented in time for the upcoming membership year. If you would like to help welcome and orient new chapter members, please reach out to us at our Chapter [email](#).

We recently decided to **"go it on our own"** for conferencing services- the executive took on this added responsibility to reduce some of the planning costs associated with our education sessions. Our goals include: break-even on events, offer diverse selection of locations, review attendee fees. The planning committee has outlined an excellent program this year well in advance to help our members plan their schedules better. I look forward to seeing many of you at Member Appreciation/Mentorship Evening Oct 7th.

Our members & executive can continue to be proud of the progress that BC-LM Chapter is making. We continue to **receive accolades regarding the quality and quantity of Chapter activities**. I am thankful for the energy of our members, executive and partners who excel in helping our Chapter thrive.



Paul W. Gallant, CHE
Chair, BC Lower Mainland Chapter

Stay Tuned for Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

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| October 7 | Member Appreciation & Mentor Networking |
| October 20-21 | BC Health Leadership Conference |
| November 2 | Lunch & Learn |
| November 27 | Breakfast Session: Entrepreneurial Leadership: How do you drive and lead for |
| January 15 | Breakfast Session |
| April 29 | Breakfast Session |
| May | Lunch & Learn |
| June 17 | AGM & Breakfast Session |

CCHL – Lower Mainland Sessions offer MOC Credits- please be sure to ask about these offerings!

Strategic Alliances- We strive to partner with health related associations, education institutions and local agencies to improve opportunities for our members

Update: CCHL- Lower Mainland Strategic Plan

Our Chapter has completed a comprehensive strategic plan to support and improve the experience of members. Over the next two years the Chapter will be working on a number of key objectives, informed by our members throughout the year. Our strategic objectives include:

- * Increasing member opportunities to be involved in organizing chapter activities
- * Revising the sponsorship program
- * Providing effective and timely communication to chapter members
- * Improving the "on-boarding" experience for new members
- * Providing educational and networking events that engage and inspire
- * Supporting new or young health leaders through mentorship and other programming
- * Increasing the geographic dispersion of events
- * Lowering event costs and respective fees to attend Chapter events

We welcome your feedback and participation in any of these objectives.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in various Chapter Activities, such as social media work, strategic planning projects, pre-event activities, educational day event. Please [email](#) our Chapter

Congratulations! Karen Baillie, CHE- Chapter Award for Distinguished Service 2015



New Member Showcase.....

from the desk of Ahmad Chamy

"While earning my undergraduate degree in Public Health from SFU, I became aware of some of the many pressing issues health care is facing today. I feel passionate about wanting to do something about it and I am hopeful that by gathering the right people we can come up with solutions to address the current gaps in our health care system. These issues seem complex, it is clear that we need to engage people from various backgrounds such as government, health agencies, non-profit organizations, community leaders, and patients in order to collectively better care for all. This emphasizes the importance to create environments that support open discussions and facilitates team based approaches in dealing with these issues.

Although I am young and some might consider my views 'idealistic', I remain optimistic and determined to make a difference. I have a lot to learn and am passionate about working with others who dare to challenge the status quo and open their minds to new ideas in order to find solutions to these problems.

This is what drew me to the CCHL; it provides a place to interact with others who come from varying backgrounds to share their ideas and discuss unconventional approaches that can make a positive impact on our health care system. As well as meeting amazing people, the mentorship program gives one the opportunity to interact with experts from the field on a personal and professional level, who can offer their insights and encouragement one needs to move forward in one's career."

Welcome New Members!

Dr. Shallen Letwin
Hilde Wiebe
Elizabeth Elliot
Clay Gillrie
Joanne Spooner

Welcome New Student Members!

Jordan Beard
Shannon Chutskoff
Heba Abukhadra
Harpinder Johar



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