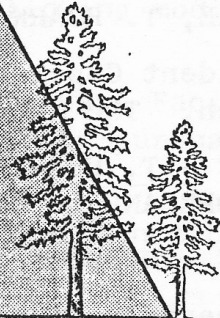


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EDITORIAL

The suggestion has been made that we could improve the format and style of this newsletter. Do you have any suggestions? We are thinking of changing to an 8 x 10 size and improving the quality by having the issue printed rather than photocopied. This would also improve the quality of photos. The only drawback would be that the costs would rise. Perhaps if we are going to spend 30¢ on each copy for postage we should make sure that what you get is worth it. Please let president Tim or myself know what you think.

A very successful retirement dinner was held for me on November 13. The food was great and what was even more impressive to me was the presence of some 40 friends. I appreciate people taking the time to come in person to wish me well, particularly the 19 from out-of-town, from as far away as Victoria, the lower mainland and the Okanagan. My thanks to all who came, contributed in any way, and who sent money, cards and letters.

- Len Hiebert



*A Christmas
Wish...*

May your holiday be extra special... filled with all the things you treasure!



Minutes of the Executive meeting of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, B.C. Branch Inc. held at the South Vancouver Health Unit, Thursday, September 30th, 1982, 7:00 p.m.

President Copeland in the chair. Others present: R. EATON, G. HARVIE A. GUTHRIE, T. ROARK, S. BROWN, M. MARCHENSKI, C. GIBSON.

A. President Copeland submitted his resignation as President of the B.C. Branch. The meeting was turned over to Vice-President Brown.

M/S/C - T. ROARK elected President until next Annual General meeting. L. COPELAND to chair this meeting.

B. M/S/C - Minutes of Executive Meeting of August 26th, 1982 be adopted.

C. Business Arising:

1. Registration - T. ROARK reported an information package was prepared to go to members if an election is called, Branch share, \$75.00. The Minister is interested in only discussing registration.

M/S/C - Branch commit up to \$100.00 to Licensing Registration Committee for Pre-election package.

2. Board of Cert. - October 19th & 20th meeting in Vancouver recommend K. CHRISTIAN attend.

M/S/C - Provide expenses up to \$200.00 for K. CHRISTIAN to attend. L. COPELAND to inform K. CHRISTIAN.

3. Legislation Review Comm. - R. EATON reported conflicting statements on Land Use Act.

4. National Conference amendments:

DEFEATED: - National Executive Tenure - B.C. voted in favor.

CARRIED: - Delete \$5.00 initiation fee.

- National dues increase \$20.00, total dues \$75.00
(B.C. & National)

DEFEATED: - Clarification of life membership.

TABLED: - Name change.

RULED OUT-OF-ORDER: - Certificate change.

CARRIED: - Board of Cert. to consider recognizing full 6 months service with the Feds. & Feds. to have corresponding member(s) on Board.

BOB SCOTT appointed Life Member.

FOR RELEASE TO INSTITUTE MEMBERS:

The Building Safety Standards Act has been reconsidered by government and its negative effects on public health appear to have been nulled. Recent written communication from Gary Harkness, Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, indicates that the following modifications to the BSS Act will be made:

1. The Health Act, Hospital Act and Community Care Facilities Act will be included as prescribed enactments pursuant to Section 14(1) of the BSS Act.
2. Sections 28, 29, 30 and 31 of the BSS Act will not be proclaimed.

The first change provides more legal status for the Health Act in the BSS Act. The sections which are not to be proclaimed are those which would have amended the Health Act and provided the basis for the diminution of the powers of the PHI in the areas of both design approval and inspectional rights. These changes meet all major concerns raised by the Institute about the original legislation.

On behalf of the Executive and the Legislation Review Committee I would like to congratulate the many members who took the time to send in their views to us last spring. Without that widespread show of concern we might never have had the occasion to announce this good news.

Rex Eaton,
Councillor

More retirements ...

John Mullineux will retire the end of Dec'82 after more than 30 yrs in the field of public health. He received his certificate in 1951, and began work in Etobicoke, Ont. After 3 yrs there he transferred to Cornwall, Ont., where he was the Chief PHI for 15 yrs. He moved to B.C. in 1972, taught briefly at BCIT, then worked at the Boundary H.U. He transferred to Coast Garibaldi for 1 yr, then returned to Boundary. A retirement dinner was held for him on Nov. 24, 1982.

Dr. W.B. Laing, MHO for Coast Garibaldi retired Aug. 31/82 after more than 25 yrs with the B.C. Min. of Health. A retirement dinner was held for him on June 2/82, at which the Chief PHI was M.C. & the PHI's were in charge of entertainment. According to B. Willoughby, they dressed up in scotch outfits - kilts, tams, etc., & sang a rousing rendition of "Old Laing's Retired" (composed by B. Willoughby & B. Stephen), sung to the tune of "Auld Laing Syne". No doubt the hit of the evening!!

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Editorial

Degree will help advancement

Those optimists in the field who still believe that having a degree, for a qualification in public health, will help to obtain a position where you could change the direction of public health, now have a prime example that it (the degree) can be more than just a decoration on the wall.

Ron deBurger's appointment as ADM for the Ministry of Health in British Columbia, illustrates that a PHI can have an opportunity to use his ideas and experiences to help further the goals of his profession.

This position of course was not obtained without a lot of work. It took a B.A. degree in addition to his CPHI (C) accompanied by a Certificate in Public Health Administration from the University of Toronto, and several years of public health administrative experience to add up to having the right qualifications for the job of Assistant Deputy Minister.

Ron's appointment encourages those who also have been

furthering their education or intend to obtain their B.A.A. (Environmental Health) at Ryerson. It will also provide an incentive to those that have felt that a degree was only a piece of paper. We know that our expertise in public health could be used in more areas than only for the municipality as inspectors. If the degree courses can provide additional sound practical knowledge to accompany the work experience, than the degree letters will be recognized and respected worldwide.

The World Health Organization presently is hesitant in accepting a straight C.P.H.I. (C) candidate. They want people with greater qualifications and in effect more letters and degrees means more qualifications. Many other organizations, institutions and industries have the same criteria.

So, we congratulate Ron de Burger for his appointment, and hope that he is the first of a long line of public health inspectors that obtain a senior powerful position such as he has.

K.D.S.