

National Operating Policy # 9

Subject: Accounting
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Objective and Rationale

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors recognizes that fiscal responsibility is integral to the continued success of the Institute. The CIPHI Board of Directors (Board), BOC, CoPE, and EHFC have the responsibility of ensuring they are accountable for the financial well-being of the Institute.

This policy provides guidance to the Board, BOC, CoPE, EHFC, and CIPHI Office to ensure the financial accountability of CIPHI.

Specific Operations

The accounting and book keeping system will code all expenses and income. Financial reviews will be provided for the previous fiscal year for the current AGM.

Filing of an income tax return shall occur annually and prior to the deadline established by Canada Revenue Agency.

Accountability

The Finance & Audit Committee is responsible for the overall administration of CIPHI's accounting system.

The CIPHI Office is responsible for the day to day administration of CIPHI's accounting system.

Income and Expense Coding

The Finance & Audit Committee and the CIPHI Office are responsible for maintaining and updating expense and income codes used for the accounting systems.

Expense Approval

The CIPHI Office is responsible for forwarding Board, BOC, CoPE or EHFC related invoices to the Council-specific Chair or other person(s) as may be required for review and approval before reimbursement.

The CIPHI Office is responsible for forwarding monthly credit card statements to the Finance & Audit Committee for review.

Budget

The Finance & Audit Committee is responsible for creating and maintaining the budget template.

BOC/CoPE/EHFC Chairs, each Portfolio Chair and Committee Chair shall ensure a yearly operational budget is created, maintained and submitted to the Finance & Audit Committee Chair on the CIPHI Committee Budget Worksheet (attachment # 1) prior to December 1st of each year.

The Finance & Audit Committee Chair is responsible for presenting the updated budget proposal report to the Board by January 31 of the upcoming calendar year.

The Finance & Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the budget and making recommendations for change.

Changes to the budget template are to be presented as a motion during a Board business meeting for approval.

Additional monies needed for operating budgets require a motion during a Board business meeting.

Financial Statement

The Finance & Audit Committee and the CIPHI Office are responsible for creating and maintaining the financial statement template.

The CIPHI Office shall prepare and submit quarterly financial statements to the Finance & Audit Committee, BOC, CoPE and EHFC.

Changes to the financial statements shall be presented as a motion during a Board business meeting for approval.

Approved changes are sent to the CIPHI Office by the National President.

Financial Review

The CIPHI Office is responsible for recommending an accredited accounting service to the Board.

The Board is responsible for approving the accredited accounting service selected by the CIPHI Office by motion at the Board level. A further motion is required annually at the Annual General Meeting to approve & confirm the appointment of the accounting firm for the fiscal year (in accordance with By-Law #1 Section 15 – Public Accountant).

The CIPHI Office sends all required information to the approved accounting service for preparation of the financial review in a timely manner to ensure the report is completed at least 40 days prior to the AGM.

The Finance & Audit Committee and the CIPHI Office are responsible for creating an annual financial summary. The document must be completed at least 30 days prior to the AGM.

Attachments / Appendices

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CIPHI Committee Budget Worksheet

Committee Name **Insert your committee here...**
Committee Chair **Insert your name here...**
Budget Year **2011**

Revenues	Total
Initiative #1	
Initiative #2	
Initiative #3	
Initiative #4	
Initiative #5	
Etc.	
Etc.	
Etc.	
Etc.	
Etc.	
Revenue Total \$	-

Expenses	
Stationery	
Teleconferences	
Face-to-Face Meetings	
Postage	
Photocopying	
Etc.	
Etc.	
Etc.	
Etc.	
Etc.	
Expenses Total \$	-
Revenue less Expenses \$	-

Quick Hints and Reminders:

- Consult with the Treasurer (Finance Chair) and/or MPS and look over past financial statements
- The goal is to break even, you should not project a deficit
- Plan for the worst case scenario
- Revenue will usually have an accompanying expenditure
- Use the budget as a guideline as you plan throughout the year