

National Operating Policy # 19

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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 Board of Directors (Board) has the responsibility of reviewing and ensuring the financial wellbeing of the organization.

Specific Operations

CIPHI financial business requires banking, investments, and credit card processing:

Banking

CIPHI holds a chequing account. This main account sees funds flow into and out as needed. Credit card processing is directly deposited into this chequing account. The Board will review, at their discretion, or as advised by CIPHI office, if banking anomalies arise. Banking for CIPHI is presently conducted at VanCity in Vancouver, BC.

The Boards will assign signing officers for the chequing account.

The Finance & Audit Committee will establish operating procedures for day-to-day banking process in the CIPHI Office after the procedures are approved by the Board.

Investments

CIPHI currently holds term deposit investments with VanCity. These term deposits are structured so that all investment income is directed into the operating account (chequing account).

The Board will review investment options as per recommendations from the Board Finance & Audit Committee and the CIPHI office. Purchases or transfers of term deposits will be facilitated by the CIPHI Office as instructed by the Board.

Investments shall continue into low risk term deposits to ensure revenue generation continues.

Credit Cards

The CIPHI credit card is held at the CIPHI Office. Signing authority is granted to the National President. The CIPHI Office may have signing authority only if authorized by the National President. CIPHI currently uses an RBC credit card. The Finance & Audit Committee will review, at their discretion, or as advised by CIPHI office, if credit card anomalies arise.

CIPHI business includes online commerce and credit card processing. The Board will review credit card processing options as per recommendations from the Board Finance & Audit Committee and the CIPHI Office. CIPHI currently uses Bambora, (formerly Beanstream) for website credit card processing.

Accountability

The Finance & Audit Committee will report through the committee chair directly to the Board.

The Finance & Audit Committee is responsible to evaluate and assess the financial business of CIPHI annually. This review must include banking charges, credit card processing fees, and investment options.

The Finance & Audit Committee will make recommendations to the Board as needed.

Attachments / Appendices

None

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