President's Message

This is my first contribution to the *EHR* as National President and, as such, I would like to introduce myself. I received my CPHI(C) in October 2003. Since that time, I have worked in Saskatchewan as a field Public Health Inspector with generalized programming and with a 3-year term as a Senior Public Health Inspector leading programming for plumbing, onsite sewage works, and public and recreational water and land use. I joined CIPHI as a student member in 2002 and have held membership since that time. In 2011, I was elected as the CIPHI SK Branch Secretary and then served as SK Branch President for two terms, 2013–2017. In summer 2017, I was appointed by the National Executive Council to the National President-Elect position with intention to assume the Presidency in January 2019.

I would like to acknowledge Ann Thomas for her leadership and dedication during her 4 years as National President and thank her for her ongoing support and mentorship as we transition in to our new roles. Ann will remain with the NEC as Past-President for a 1-year term and Gregory Barrett has assumed the role of National President-Elect. Gregory was recently NL Branch President. With the support of Ann and

Greg and the entire National Executive Council, I look forward to leading CIPHI into 2019.

Ongoing communication to members is a priority as we move forward with two important membership initiatives. These include linking membership in CIPHI to the ongoing use of the CPHI(C) qualification and enforcing the requirement that regular members participate in the Continuing Professional Competency Program. These steps are essential in our ongoing goal to enhance our profession.

Planning for the 2019 National Annual Education Conference (AEC) is well underway and initial information indicates that the AEC will be an amazing educational opportunity with exceptional social events and networking sessions.

I am honored to represent CIPHI members as National CIPHI President. I look forward to meeting more members in the near future and reconnecting and staying engaged with others as we continue the work of CIPHI.

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CIPHI National President