The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association – Canada (CHICA-Canada) has put forth the following candidates for the positions open as of January 1, 2011.

President-elect (1 year term)
Secretary/Membership Director (3 year term)

Jim Gauthier MLT CIC, Kingston ON Marilyn Weinmaster RN BScN CIC, Regina SK

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors has endorsed the second term of the following candidate, effective January 1, 2011:

Director of Education (3 year term)

Donna Moralejo PhD, St. John's NL

CANDIDATE PROFILES



Jim Gauthier MLT CIC is an Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) at Providence Care, Kingston, Ontario. He is a full time ICP in a four person department for St. Mary's of the Lake (Chronic Care/Rehabilitative Medicine/Geriatric Assessment/Palliative Care), and Mental Health Services. He was previously an ICP at Kingston General Hospital. In addition, he is an Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine at Queen's University. Educated in

Medical Laboratory Technology at Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology (Dean's List), Mr. Gauthier received his Certification in Infection Control in 1990. He has been an expert and enthusiastic lecturer for many organizations. Mr. Gauthier has been a member of CHICA-Canada since 1990 and was the Technologist Representative on the Board from 1992-1994. He was founder of the Oncology Interest Group and Mental Health Interest Group. He is manager of the Web Board (CHICA Connections) and has been a member of the National Scientific Program Committee since 2006, co-chairing the 2009 St. John's conference Scientific Program Committee, and chairing the 2010 Vancouver Scientific Program Committee. He is a Past President of CHICA-Canada chapter CHICA Eastern Ontario.



Marilyn Weinmaster RN BScN CIC has been an Infection Control Practitioner at Wascana

Rehabilitation Centre – Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, holding full time and part time

Positions, since 2000. She has been a CHICA-Canada member since 1996 and is a Past President

of CHICA-Canada chapter CHICA SASKPIC. At Wascana, Ms. Weinmaster is responsible for

the Infection Prevention and Control Program in Long Term Care, Complex Care, Adult and

Child Rehabilitation, and outpatient therapy departments. Ms. Weinmaster received her Nursing diploma from SIAST, Regina, her BScN from the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, and her CIC in 2007, after having taken the Infection Control Course at Centennial College. She is

currently the Long Term Care Representative on the 2011/2012 Scientific Program Committees, and is co-Chair of the CHICA-Canada Long Term Care Interest Group.



Donna Moralejo RN PhD is the current CHICA-Canada Director of Education. She has been an Assistant Professor in the Memorial University School of Nursing, St. John's since 1990. Her responsibilities and interests are teaching in the School of Nursing undergraduate and graduate programs (classroom, by distance); supervision of master's students' projects; research (focus on surveillance, infection prevention and control, evidence-based practice, evaluation); and community service (e.g., projects, committees). Her service to CHICA-Canada has included participation in Public Health Agency of Canada Infection Control Guidelines Steering Committee and Working Groups. In

addition, she was a member of the Advisory Committee that developed the CHICA-Canada Entry to Practice Distance Education Program that was launched in 2005 and initially offered through the University of Calgary. She has also chaired the Education Endorsement Review Committee which reviews Basic Infection Prevention and Control Programs for Novice ICPs after their application for endorsement by CHICA-Canada. Dr. Moralejo received her education at McGill University (BSc in microbiology and immunology, BA in History and MSc(A) in Nursing). She obtained a PhD in epidemiology through the University of Calgary.

An Award for Excellence in Nursing Education was received from the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador. A Past President of CHICA Newfoundland Labrador, Dr. Moralejo has been the CHICA-Canada Director of Education since 2008. She was Chair of the National Conference Scientific Program Committee in 2002 and 2009, and co-chair in 2007 and 2008.

Additional nominations from the membership of CHICA-Canada will be accepted until August 15, 2010. Position descriptions and nomination forms are found in the CHICA-Canada Policy and Procedure Manual, or may be obtained from the Membership Services Office or downloaded from www.chica.org (Members area).

Signatures of two active members are required for each nomination. Send a completed nomination form to:

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Or by fax to 1-204-895-9595 Or by email to chicacanada@mts.net

Deadline for nominations: August 15, 2010.