2013 Executive:

President: Shirley McDonald ART CIC
Past President: Sally MacInnis RN BScN CIC
Secretary: Shirley McLaren RN CIC
Treasurer: Marianne Lupenette RN
Membership: Christine Weir RN MSc CIC

2014 Executive:

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Membership: David Ryding CIC

Number of Members: 80 paid members
4 honorary chapter members
1 honorary CHICA member
22 members have CIC

Geographic Area Served: Eastern Ontario - as far west as Trenton, to Cardinal on the east, as far north as North Bay, bounded by the St. Lawrence River on the south and including Cameroon West Africa.

Membership:
Our membership includes physicians, nurses, medical laboratory technologists, public health inspectors and industry members from all health care sectors - acute care, long-term care, mental health, community care, home care, prehospital care, military bases and correctional facilities.

Meetings:
The chapter had two full-day meetings (June and November) and three half-day meetings (February, April, September). Meetings were held in Kingston, Ontario. Videoconferencing is provided for our meetings.

Education presented at meetings held in 2013:
February: Jim Gauthier presented “CHICA President’s Journey…from Accreditation to Zagreb”
Sue Cooper presented “The Science of Influenza”
Amanda Knapp presented “How Bad Was It? An Overview of Influenza in our Community”
April: Dorianne Chesterton presented “ESBL - The Quinte Health Experience”
June: Dr. Kiernan Moore presented “Update on MERS-CoV and Other Potential Viral Threats”
September: Liz Van Horne presented “Core Competencies for Infection Prevention and Control”
November: Dr. Allison McGeer presented “Mandatory Influenza Vaccination for HCWs”

Highlights for 2013 included:
• Jim Gauthier was past president of CHICA-Canada for 2013
• Cameroon Twinning Project:
  o Posters were presented at the 2013 CHICA-Canada conference by Sally MacInnis and Shirley McDonald
  o The chapter purchased a filler to enable Cameroon staff to refill ABHR bottles
  o A large shipment of medical supplies and IPAC materials was sent to Cameroon in the fall
• Sue Cooper was invited to represent Canada on the CBIC Certification Board to assist with planning for CIC exams in 2014
• Our chapter logo was re-designed and the chapter name changed to IPAC Eastern Ontario (IPAC-EO) in accordance with the organization’s re-branding

Submitted by Shirley McDonald, Chapter President