

ANHIX Spring Symposium and AGM

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Upcoming ANHIX Events

The Summer Symposium/Golf Tournament will be held on **September 13, 2017** at the Ranch Golf and Country Club at Acheson.

The ANHIX-COACH Conference is in the early planning stages and is tentatively scheduled for **February 2018** in Calgary. More information will be published as it becomes available.

The ANHIX Spring Symposium and AGM was held at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre South on May 17, 2017.

The morning began with Kim Wieringa, ADM, Health Information Systems at Alberta Health (AH), providing an update on AH's plans for the Integrated Health Record (IHR). She spoke to its background, objectives and potential benefits. She also discussed the provincial health information strategy with its four strategic pillars; the AHS provincial CIS, the integration of community health care information, the evolving Alberta Netcare and personal health portal, and the secondary uses of health information.

Kim was followed by Greg Horne, National Lead, Health Care, SAS Institute. Greg discussed the benefits of digital health analytics, describing many of the sources of information (both group and

individual) and the way this information could be manipulated to impact the entire health journey, both prevention and treatment thereby improving health outcomes.

The last session of the morning was a presentation on "Watson in Healthcare" given by Dan Gordon, Executive Consultant with IBM's Global Healthcare Team.

Dan spoke to the investments made in Watson to support not only data-driven analytics but also knowledge-

driven analytics. He emphasized the need for artificial intelligence such as Watson to effectively analyze the exploding amount of published health-related knowledge and observational data.

After lunch, Anita Sedgwick, VP Marketing and Strategy, nVentive discussed why health care should care about the user experience. She suggested that many health care information systems are poorly designed which in turn leads to a less than optimal user experience.

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Peter Smith (ANHIX President) congratulates Brett Duncan and Mike Spelliscy on their retirement from the Board. Both Brett and Mike are former Presidents and long-serving members. Thanks for all your great service!

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Sherry Nicholaichuk was elected as the new Vice-President which is a three-year term that includes serving as President in 2018 and Past President in 2019.

Congratulations Sherry and good luck with your new position!

The Annual General Meeting was held as part of the Spring Symposium.

Operational and financial reports were presented and a new Board for 2017/18 was established.

New President, Peter Smith replaces Randy Duguay who now becomes Past President, and current Board member, Sherry Nicholaichuk, was elected as the new Vice-President.

The AGM also heard that the Board nomination process attracted a high number of qualified candidates and as a result the Board was proposing that the Board size should increase from fourteen to fifteen positions. This proposal was approved by acclamation.

Kathy Ervin, Heidi Bronson and Mike Miller were elected to new two-year terms.

Newly-elected members included Charles Aram, Michael Craig, Steve Martinello, Ross Sweetzir and Greg Thorsley. More information on Charles, Michael and Steve can be seen below. Information on Ross and Greg will appear in the next newsletter.

Wendy Dupree, Don McIntosh, Bob Silversides and Malcolm Steele are currently in the middle of their two-year terms.

Spotlight on the Board's New Members



Charles Aram

Charles is a senior manager at Deloitte Consulting and a member of their national health care practice focusing on Alberta. Built on a base of skills across program, project, change mgmt. and enterprise architecture, he has successfully enabled interoperability initiatives across the continuum of care in Canada and the UK. His work goals are centered on enabling better healthcare through the appropriate provision of health information to the people who need it.



Michael Craig

Michael is a Vice President of National Solutions with Orion Health responsible for promoting Orion Health solutions and partner solutions into the Canadian Marketplace. Michael has led multiple Electronic Health Record initiatives across Canada and in Australia and has had direct involvement in solution architecture, clinical requirements gathering and clinical workflow mapping. He has held consulting positions with Accenture, Shared Medical Systems and Electronic Data Systems.



Steve Martinello

Steve leads Online Business Systems' health practice in Alberta and has been fortunate enough to have worked in a wide variety of health care initiatives across the continuum of care in Alberta over the last 11 years. With over 20 years of IT and business experience Steve has a proven track record of leading successful initiatives involving large, complex, multiple stakeholder projects in both the private and public sector.

The Board comprises fifteen individuals, President, Past President, Vice-President and eleven directors, including the Secretary and Treasurer.

In the News



ANHIX Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament 2017

The Summer Symposium and Golf tournament will take place on September 13, 2017 at the Ranch Golf and Country Club at Acheson.

The day will comprise a speaker program in the morning followed by lunch, a shot-gun Texas Scramble golf tournament in the afternoon and a BBQ supper and prize giving in the evening.

The speaker program is still to be finalized but will include Michael McDermott (Alberta Health) speaking on Community Information Integration as well as a presentation on the City of Edmonton's [Health City Initiative](#).

Registration will be available from August 1 at [Summer Symposium Registration](#). The Early-bird cost for the full day is \$90 with a limited number of "morning only" (speakers and lunch) registrations available for

\$50. Prices after the Early-bird deadline of August 23 will be \$110 and \$60.

It's always a great day so put it in your calendar now!

Patron Sponsor Update

Spring is the time of the year when ANHIX looks to its patron sponsors to renew their commitment. ANHIX is only able to provide the quality events it does because of the generous support of its patron sponsors, and we are pleased to announce that they have come up trumps again.

Last year, we had a record number of sponsors (13). This year 11 of the 13; Cisco, CGI, Deloitte, E&Y, IBM, Meditech, Online Business Systems, Oracle, Orion Health, PwC and the SAS Institute have renewed their commitments. They have also now been joined by Strata Health.

Sierra Systems and Solvera Solutions are unable to renew their support this year but ANHIX thanks them for their past support and hopes they may resume their support in the future.

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She went on to describe a design-driven iterative development approach that focuses on the system users. Producing more user-friendly systems in turn enhances the health care experience for patients.

Finally, Sebastien Gittens, Bennett Jones LLP gave an overview of Alberta's Health Information Act and the responsibilities it imposes on custodians and information managers. He also described the additional responsibilities imposed by contract law and common law. During his presentation, he addressed a number of different case studies. He concluded that unauthorized access of health information is a significant problem, that the obligations of custodians arise from multiple sources and the ramifications for failing to satisfy these obligations is potentially very serious.

The Symposium concluded with a wine and cheese social.

The full presentations are available to members at [Spring Symposium Presentations](#).

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