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Association of Local
PUBLIC HEALTH
Agencies **YEARS**

Distinguished Service
AWARDS DINNER

In recognition of exceptional qualities of leadership, tangible achievements through long service or distinctive acts, and exemplary devotion to public health at local and provincial levels

**Toronto Marriott
Bloor Yorkville
Toronto, Ontario
June 13, 2011**





Program

**Emcee:**

Linda Stewart, Executive Director, alPHa

Reception

Welcoming Remarks

Linda Stewart, alPHa

Dinner

Menu:

Roasted butternut squash and apple soup

Provincial vegetable salad

Miso glazed salmon with lemongrass broth, baby bok choy and steamed rice

Lemon scented crème brûlée and seasonal berries

**** *Special meals provided for those who have previously indicated* ****

Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards

Closing Remarks



About the Award

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) reflects the Association's commitment to increasing public recognition of the significant contributions made to public health in Ontario by board of health members, health unit staff, and public health professionals.

Eligibility for this award is open to any of ALPHA's members, including medical officers of health, board of health members, members of Affiliate organizations and, occasionally, individuals outside the Association.

The Award is given to recipients who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership in their own milieu, achieved tangible results through long service or distinctive acts, and have displayed exemplary devotion to public health at local and provincial levels.



Award Recipients



Ken Gorman

**Association of
Supervisors of Public
Health Inspectors
of Ontario**

Throughout his 30 years plus in public health inspection, Ken Gorman, presently the Director of the Environmental Health Division at Durham Region Health Department, has become a recognized champion of public health and its goal of improving health for all Ontarians. He is known not only for his diplomacy and tact, but also for his leadership and vision—vital skills in helping to shape public policy. Ken has tirelessly advocated for environmental health programs, and was a key member of the Technical Review Committee representing the voice of local public health units in the development of the new Ontario Public Health Standards and associated protocols. As President of the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario from 2006 to 2008, he was the visionary behind the creation of the Farmers' Market and Special Events Guidelines for Public Health Units. Over a divisive issue, he ensured a true collaboration and commitment among numerous stakeholders while maintaining the protection of public health. In addition to his advocacy work, Ken has also spent countless hours promoting the future of the environmental health profession. In response to concerns over high failure rate among candidates sitting for the Board of Certification (BOC) exam, he chaired the committee that was commissioned to evaluate the BOC candidate practicum provided by health units. Ken also served on the alPHA Board of Directors from 2002 to 2010.



**Elizabeth
Haugh**

**ANDSOOHA
Public Health
Nursing
Management**

Liz Haugh's 40 years of experience in nursing and public health have been marked by dedication, leadership and passion for her chosen field. Currently the Director of Health Promotion at Windsor Essex County Health Unit, a position she has held since 1996, Liz began her career as a public health nurse from 1971 to 1987. In the mid-80's, she taught at the University of Windsor--initially as a teaching assistant before becoming Adjunct Associate Professor in 1995. Liz's contributions at the local level are evidenced by her active participation and leadership on various community-based organizations and committees such as the Early Years Challenge Fund Steering Committee, Best Start Steering Committee, and the Board of Directors for the Windsor Essex Children's Aid Society, where she was Vice President. Provincially, she has made an impact with her leadership skills and knowledge. A member of the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion's Risk Behaviour Surveillance System Committee, Liz chaired the Ministry of Health Promotion's Guidance Document working group for reproductive health, and chaired the Child and Reproductive Health Program Standards Development Team in 2006. She has also represented the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), of which she is the current President, on the alPHA Board of Directors for the past four years.



William Ryding

**Ontario Association
of Public Health
Dentistry**

With a career spanning 40 years in dentistry, half of which were spent in public health in Ontario, Bill Ryding has made many contributions at the local and provincial level. A strong advocate of water fluoridation and universal access for dental care for all Ontarians, he participated on numerous provincial working groups such as the Ministry of Health's Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Program Review and other policy-shaping committees that have left an indelible mark in helping to promote the needs of the public and values of dental public health. Over the past twenty years, Bill was also active on several associations. He served as President and Treasurer of the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry (OAHPD) and was a member of the Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry. From 1996 to 2002, he was OAPHD's representative on the alPHa Board of Directors. More recently, beginning in 2006 to the present day, Bill became Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto. In June 2011, he will retire as the Director of Oral Health at Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit--organizations that he joined in 1995.



Allison Stuart

**Ontario Ministry of
Health and Long-
Term Care**

Prior to her recent appointment as Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief, Emergency Management Ontario (EMO), Allison was responsible for leading the strategic and day-to-day operations of the Public Health Division in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Her passion for public health and forthright style earned her the respect of public health professionals early in her tenure. Allison ensured that the most essential Capacity Review Committee recommendations were implemented including the development of the Ministry's frameworks on performance management and health unit accountability. In 2003, she served as the Ministry's Executive Lead during the provincial response to SARS. She has also provided leadership in various other emergencies, including: the repatriation of Lebanese-Canadians; infectious disease outbreaks including the Listeriosis-infected meat products; and the business continuity needs of the health sector during the Eastern Seaboard power failure. Within the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, her responsibilities have included Director, Hospitals Branch; Director of Central Region; and Administrator, Queen Street Mental Health Centre.



Don West

**Association of
Ontario Public
Health Business
Administrators**

Don has been involved in public health for the past 24 years, joining Porcupine Health Unit, where is now Business Administrator/ Chief Executive Officer, in 1987. A chartered accountant by training, Don's financial views and deep knowledge are consistently sought out by provincial ministries, leading to many invitations to sit on various provincial tables. He was selected by the Public Health Division to sit on the Capacity Review Committee in 2005, and has been a member of the Financial Accountability Working Group, which advises the Province on financial matters, since its inception in 1999. Don also co-chairs a subcommittee of the Funding Review Working Group that examines equity funding requirements for health units with Unorganized Territories. Since 1991, Don has been a strong supporter of the Association of Ontario Public Health Business Administrators and was elected to its Executive in 1996, where he continues to serve as one of the two northern district representatives. He is a strong advocate for health units with Unorganized Territories and a devoted lobbyist of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to ensure adequate funding for these health units. Don's dedication to public health and his willingness to share his expertise with others is greatly appreciated by colleagues and peers across the province.



Robin Williams

**Council of Ontario
Medical Officers of
Health**

For over 30 years, Robin has been an invaluable advocate for public health, having worked as an Associate Medical Officer of Health, community pediatrician and, since 1995, Medical Officer of Health in Niagara Region. She is a recognized professional and community leader. In the area of chronic disease prevention, Robin was instrumental in implementing Ontario's first Regional government by-laws which began the move toward 100% smoke free indoor public places and workplaces. With exemplary leadership and communications skills, she has managed difficult local environmental health issues, including several emergency management situations involving the St. Lawrence Seaway. However, it is her commitment to the field of early child development and her role as an Early Years champion for which she is best known. She originated and founded the 18-month strategy and the Infant and Child Development programs that began locally but which have since been adopted across Ontario. Her extensive knowledge and deep passion for children's health are reflected in her regular participation and advocacy on provincial forums and groups where she provides expertise on initiatives such as Charles Pascal's early years strategy and the 18-month enhanced well-child visit. A mentor, role model, creative thinker and outstanding leader, Robin is highly regarded by staff, peers and ministerial staff.



25 Years of DSA Recipients

- 2010** Dr. Neil Farrell Middlesex-London Health Unit (OAPHD)
Dr. Hazel Lynn Grey Bruce Health Unit (COMOH)
Valerie Sterling Toronto Board of Health (BOH Section)
Carol Timmings Toronto Public Health (ANDSOOHA)
Monika Turner Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- 2009** Peter Delanty Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health
Pamela Scharfe Huron County Health Unit (ASPHIO)
Charlie Viddal Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health (BOH Section)
Dr. David C. Williams Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- 2008** Maria Harding Thunder Bay District Health Unit Board of Health (BOH Section)
Dr. Garry Humphreys Peterborough County City Health Unit (COMOH)
Klaus Seeger retired from Oxford County Public Health (ASPHIO)
Mary Anne Simpson Middlesex-London Health Unit (ANDSOOHA)
- 2007** Dr. Sheela Basur Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Gilbert Hebert Porcupine Health Unit Board of Health (BOH Section)
Dale Jackson Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit (AOPHBA)
Jim Paton retired from Grey Bruce Health Unit (ASPHIO)
Dr. Pete Sarsfield Northwestern Health Unit (COMOH)
- 2006** Ron deBurger Toronto Public Health (ASPHIO)
Larry O'Connor Regional Municipality of Durham (BOH Section)
Dr. Donna Reynolds Durham Region Health Department (COMOH)
- 2005** Marvin Caplan City of Hamilton (BOH Section)
George Pasut Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (COMOH)
Peter Willmott Halton Region Health Department (ASPHIO)
- 2004** Jackie Boufford Durham Region Health Department (AOPHBA)
Brian Hutton retired from Region of Waterloo Public Health (ASPHIO)
Fred Ruf Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- 2003** Terry Delmore Halton Region Health Department (APHEO)
- 2002** Evelyn Butler Durham Region Health Department (ANDSOOHA)
Ingrid Parkes Northwestern Health Unit Board of Health (BOH Section)
- 2001** Lori Chow Thunder Bay District Health Unit (HPOph)
Mary-Anne Pietrusiak Durham Region Health Department (APHEO)
- 2000** Dr. Robin Bolton Sudbury & District Health Unit (COMOH)
Brian Devitt Durham Region Health Department (ASPHIO)
Sheryl Feagan Huron County Health Unit (HPOph)
- 1999** John McGurran Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario
- 1998** Shawn Fendley Simcoe County District Health Unit (HPOph)
Dr. Patricia Main North York Public Health Department (OAPHD)
Catherine Rand Ontario Ministry of Health
- 1997** Richard Cantin Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton (BOH Section)
Ron Chartrand Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine-Ridge District Health Unit (ASPHIO)
Denise DePape North York Public Health Department (HPOph)
Ellen Desjardins Toronto Public Health Department (OSNPPH)
Graham Kemble Kent-Chatham Health Unit (AOPHBA)
Dr. Catherine Whiting North Bay and District Health Unit (COMOH)



- 1996** Dr. Jacqueline Carlson Ontario Ministry of Health
Lili Davis-Burchat Simcoe County District Health Unit (APHEO)
Geof Kettel East York Board of Health (BOH Section)
Dr. Helena Jaczek York Regional Health Department (COMOH)
- 1995** Dr. Steve Corber Ottawa-Carleton Regional Health Department (COMOH)
Peter Dreyer City of Toronto Health Department
Susan Hubay Peterborough County-City Health Unit
Rita Luty City of Toronto Board of Health (BOH Section)
Katharine Slater Scarborough Health Department
- 1994** Jane Harbour Algoma Health Unit (OSNPH)
Garfield Mahood Non-Smokers' Rights Association
- 1993** Dr. Tom Angus Algoma Board of Health (BOH Section)
Dr. Ian Cunningham Brant County Health Unit (COMOH)
Malcolm Wilkinson North York Board of Health (BOH Section)
- 1992** Helen Brown Ontario Ministry of Health
Dr. David Butler-Jones Simcoe County District Health Unit (COMOH)
Dr. Evelyn Wallace Ontario Ministry of Health
- 1991** Dave Daniels Thunder Bay District Health Unit (AOPHBA)
Leslie Orpana Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine-Ridge District Health Unit (OSNPH)
Dr. Richard Schabas Ontario Ministry of Health
Dr. Susan Tamblyn Perth District Health Unit (COMOH)
- 1990** Susan Bickle Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine-Ridge District Health Unit (AOPHBA)
Kathleen Brush Simcoe County District Health Unit (OSNPH)
Dr. Alex Hukowich Porcupine Health Unit (COMOH)
Norma McGuire Etobicoke Board of Health (BOH Section)
Danny Walker Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit
- 1989** Isabel Lawson Algoma Board of Health (BOH Section)
Dr. Don Mikel Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine-Ridge District Health Unit (COMOH)
Frank Nichols Algoma Health Unit (AOPHBA)
James Wales Simcoe County District Board of Health (BOH Section)
- 1988** Dr. Barbara Blake Ontario Ministry of Health
Edwin Curtin Peterborough County-City Board of Health (BOH Section)
Dr. Gord Martin North York Health Department (COMOH)
Robert Rowe Middlesex-London Health Unit (AOPHBA)
- 1987** Edna Beange East York Board of Health (BOH Section)
Irene Charlebois Porcupine Board of Health (BOH Section)
George Knox York City Board of Health (BOH Section)
Dr. William Page Brant County Board of Health (BOH Section)
Diane Scott Thunder Bay District Board of Health (BOH Section)
Terry Tkachuk Porcupine Health Unit (AOPHBA)
- 1986** Dr. Stan Lang Ontario Ministry of Health
Arthur Stapleford Lambton Board of Health (BOH Section)