

Terms of Reference: Affiliation Agreement CHLA/ABSC and OPHLA

The Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA/ABSC) and the Ontario Public Health Libraries Association (OPHLA) agree to abide by these Terms of Reference which are intended to further the professional interests and goals of their respective members and to increase opportunities for co-operation between the two associations:

The Ontario Public Health Libraries Association (OPHLA) is the official organization for Public Health Libraries in Ontario with the Mission "To build and promote library and information services for a strong public health system in Ontario". OPHLA members share resources, promote access to resources and advocate for Public Health libraries in Ontario.

CHLA/ABSC, as the sole national health libraries association, is recognized as being uniquely positioned to represent the interests of all Canadian health librarians and libraries. The Mission of CHLA/ABSC is to improve health and health care by promoting excellence in access to information.

Each Association shall maintain with each other, current documents that define its mandate i.e. strategic plan, by-laws, membership brochure

Following its annual general meeting, each association shall submit to the affiliated association the names of its current executive members

The President of each association shall be the representative to the affiliated group and shall seek opportunities to discuss matters of mutual concern. Each association President or delegate shall be invited to the other's Executive/Annual Meetings. Each will strive to support each other's activities where beneficial/appropriate.

The President of each association shall submit to the other, an annual written report of the association's activities.

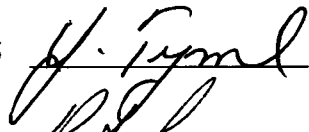
When and where appropriate, each association shall promote activities/initiatives of the affiliated group.

When and where appropriate, the associations will collaborate to organize educational opportunities, such as lectures, workshops, teleconferences, etc.

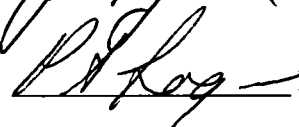
Each association will inform the affiliated group, in writing, of its intention to disband.

These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed by the association executives and signed by the respective Presidents at least once every three years.

Signed: May 12, 2005



President OPHLA



President CHLA/ABSC