**Partnership and Advocacy** - The P&A committee will be meeting in person at the CHES National Conference on Monday Sept 23, 2019.

One of the main topics that continues to circulate is CHES representation for Standards. National board should identify their wishes on which standards they wish to have representation on.

P&A continues to update their workplan for the coming year. They continue to work on partnerships with both IAHSS and CCHF and also work with IPAC on shared programs. They are also working on an update of the collaboration proposal to Partner with CHES that will better help flesh out the information needed to make better decisions on requests for partnership with CHES.

P&A are also working on an update for a guideline document for Chapters to use when collaborating with other groups. There was also a request for this from one of the Chapters. Thus, it was decided that CHES should develop an MOU for anyone who requests partnering with CHES, then this template could also be used by the Chapters.

The Member Resource listing was discussed and identified that there has not been much if any of an uptake on this. It was requested to look at trying to ensure that this resource gets passed along to parties in need quickly and well broadcast to various groups to ensure that the people in need understand that these resources are available.

**Healthcare Standards update**

As with all committees Healthcare standards is implementing a Vice Chair for the Healthcare Standards Committee. Steve Rees has volunteered to fill this role.

There is a very strong desire from many aspects of the standards type of organizations for Healthcare professionals from the facilities operations side to be part of the standards development teams. There are challenges for these members to participate due to budget and financial constraints. Requests often come from HealthCare standards sub-committee for financial assistance and the National board has challenges with projected costs and budgets as well as keeping an up to date list of CHES’s financial responsibilities for supporting these members. Gordon Burrill has provided a list of standards and their reps as well as their relative place in the standards development cycle.

**IFHE President from CHES** – Steve Rees was successful through an internal process to take on the role of CHES International president during the 2 year period leading up to the 2022 CHES IFHE joint conference in Toronto.

**CHES Elections 2019** – Elections have been concluded and CHES has a new slate of National Executive to take office at the 2019 AGM

Sincerely,

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