Pamela Scharfe

**Representing:** The Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario (ASPHIO)

For 35 years Pamela (Pam) Scharfe worked tirelessly in public health. In 1975 she joined the City of Toronto’s Public Health Department and became one of the first female public health inspectors in that city. She was later promoted to the position of public health manager and in this capacity became involved in developing Toronto’s non smoking by-law and led the implementation of the bylaw. She has worked with the Board of Certification (BOC), the National and Ontario Branches of CIPHI and ASPHIO to evaluate and standardize BOC exams for certification of public health inspectors, recruit and train suitable examiners for BOC, advocate for consistent and effective practical experiences at local public health units for PHI candidates and acted as Chair of the 61st annual CIPHI conference. In 2001 Pam joined the Huron County Health Unit as Public Health Manager. Under her leadership the unit was one of nine EPA grantees in 2007 that piloted the sanitary survey tools for beaches. Pam has been a mentor to many new public health managers and directors in local public health units and has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to all her roles.

Peter Delanty

**Representing:** Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit

Since January 2002 Peter Delanty has been a member of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Board of Health. He is presently Chair for a fourth consecutive year and is an enthusiastic supporter of public health in Ontario and specifically of his health unit. As Mayor of the Town of Cobourg, he is particularly interested in the development of communities that provide enhanced planning for recreational opportunities and walkability. With the support of the Provincial Government he was able to secure funding to build an outdoor artificial ice skating rink in the Rotary Waterfront Park. Mayor Delanty is also a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, which is working to advance the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River, the source of drinking water for millions of Canadians and Americans.

Charles (‘Charlie’) Viddal

**Representing:** Board of Health for Northwestern Health Unit

Charles (‘Charlie’) Viddal was the Town of Atikokan’s municipal appointee to the Board of Health for Northwestern Health Unit from 2001 to November 2008, when ill health intervened. Charlie was firmly convinced that municipalities have a role to play in the delivery of public health services to ensure the local needs of communities and individuals are met. He brought public health issues to the council table and found countless opportunities to raise the profile of public health within his community and the region. He served on several Board of Health committees and on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Public Health Task Force. He represented the Northwestern Health Unit at many aPHa meetings, where he was always totally engaged and quick to highlight the needs and issues of northwestern Ontario.

Charlie’s passion for social justice was a driving force behind his commitment to the equitable provision of public health programs and services in the northwest. Through his active involvement in committee work, making snow angels with the Youth Action Alliance, or bringing the concerns of the northwest to the province, Charlie epitomized local involvement in public health.
Dr. David Williams was appointed the province’s Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health effective November 1, 2007. In this role, Dr. Williams continued the development of effective public health programs and services that promote and protect the health of the people of Ontario. Concurrent with this appointment, Dr. Williams continued in the position of Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, Health Protection. Prior to these appointments, in 2005 he was the Director of Infectious Diseases Branch, in the Public Health Division, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. He also served as a Director with United Mission to Nepal Hospital before being appointed the Medical Officer of Health for the Thunder Bay District and later Chair on the Minister of Health’s Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases.