



CCHA Annual Summary for 2025

Current Board Members

Nova Scotia - Daniel Wiseman, Savayda Jarone

New Brunswick - Tatum Andrews

Quebec - Genevieve Cote, Pierre Haddad

Ontario - Lianna Vargas, Nancy Majouliau

British Columbia - Katolen Yardley, Chanchal Cabrera

Results of our election:

Katolen Yardley - President

Liana Vargas - Vice President

Tatum Andrews - Secretary, Treasurer

The CCHA met for our AGM on October 1-3 in person, in Ottawa. The following is a summary from the meeting and other activities over the past year. We followed several key themes throughout the year:

Standards Guidance Documents

We requested input on the Education Standards document last winter and we received feedback from each provincial association. We are in the process of compiling this feedback into a second draft document, to return to the provinces for additional review and comment. A key area of feedback and discussion was clinical hours - how many, in person, online, what does clinical training entail, etc.

Goal: Send draft of Education Standards to provincial herbal associations for round two review.

NNHPD

We continue to monitor activities within the NNHPD that relate to herbs and other natural health products (NHPs), especially how those regulations impact the practice of herbal medicine. Of most concern are the Compounding and Raw Materials Policies, which ensure herbal practitioners maintain exemption from manufacturing and importing licenses.

We met online with the NNHPD on March 14, Sept 27, and in person Oct 4, in Ottawa coinciding with our October AGM. We continue to remind the NNHPD of the high standards of education and professionalism amongst registered herbal practitioners in Canada.

The NNHPD team agreed to put us in touch with two other departments- Canada Vigilance Program and the Marketed Health Product Directorate.

Goal: Meet with this new department and maintain ongoing communication with NNHPD, responding to their request for feedback on these two policies before they are sent out for public comment.

20th Anniversary

We celebrated the 20 year anniversary of the creation of the CCHA while we gathered for our AGM in October. We timed it with the 30 year anniversary of the Guilde des Herboristes of Quebec and their annual conference. Several past members joined us in person (all from Quebec and attending the conference), and others online, from across the country. We had a sharing circle, expressing highlights from the past 20 years of service to the Canadian herbal community.

A special acknowledgement to Chanchal reaching out to secure donations for the AGM event.... and a huge warm thank you to our sponsors for this event - Prairie Doctor and Clef des Champs for the cake.



Goal: The legal formation of the CCHA was in 2006, we plan to have a public anniversary celebration some time in the new year - stay tuned for updates.

Herbal Elders

2025 marks the 10 year anniversary since we launched the Herbal Elders project with a ceremony at the Canadian Herb Conference at Innisfree Farm in Courtenay BC in 2015. We have registered new herbal elders since then, and we encourage provincial associations to continue to nominate elders. Details and Elder bios can be found on the CCHA website.

<https://herbalccha.org/council-of-elders/>

This year we are acknowledging new notable contributors and herbal elders who have been nominated this year; notable contributor Klaus Ferlow, who has greatly contributed to the profession and herbal elders Todd Caldocott and Katolen Yardley, who have been in private practice for over 25 years and have greatly contributed to the practice of herbal medicine in Canada.

Goal: To host another in-person herbal elders ceremony.

Provincial Association Support

One of our primary functions is to assist provincial associations with internal matters such as governance, professional standards and the promotion of our profession. The CCHA does not liaise directly with individuals or the public. This serves as a reminder that the CCHA is here to offer support, with CCHA members acting as a bridge between the CCHA and provincial associations.

International Forum of Herbal Practitioner Associations

Inspired by the international herbalist panel of the Canadian Herb Conference over the past few years, and other discussions among herbalists, we have the budding of a potential new collaboration among herbalists on a global scale.

So far, the forum members include: Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, Republic of Ireland.

Chanchal Cabrera and Savayda Jarone of the CCHA are representing Canada in these initial discussions about the possibilities of such a forum. There have been two meetings thus far, with no activity since spring 2025. So far the vision is for the forum to serve as a collaborative platform where herbal practitioner associations can engage in dialogue and cooperation on shared interests, including but not limited to:

- Shared resourcing and capacity building
- Education standards and professional development
- Industry relations and advocacy
- Herbal supply chain integrity and sustainability
- Regulatory frameworks and policy discussions
- Any other relevant topics identified by the Parties

CCHA Income Statement

January - October 2025

Revenue

2025 Association Fee's 800 (received from OHA, HANS, AHA, QC)

Total Revenue \$800

Expenses

Bank Fees 63

Membership Fees 500

Insurance 612

Website Fee 362

Postage 7

Events- CCHA Aniv. 83

Total Expenses \$1,627

Net Income (Loss) (\$827)

Bank Balance

Beginning Balance (Jan 1, 2025) \$3,385

Ending Balance (October 20, 2025) \$2,558