

# CHAPTER UPDATE

## NEW AND DEPARTING STAFF

Welcome to Lyn Gorman who started as the new Prairies Regional Organizer on March 15. She will be setting up a new office in Edmonton and contact coordinates will be available shortly on the web site. We also welcome Liz Garrison, the new Administrative Assistant in the Ontario office, and Ariel Troster, who will be with us to June as a Project Organizer. Our best wishes go to staff who have recently moved on to new adventures. The Council's Prairies Regional Organizer Loretta Gerlach is now working with the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses. Sharon Ho, the Administrative Assistant (AA) in the Ontario Regional Office, has decided to devote herself full-time to her university studies. Dagan Harding, the AA in the Prairies office, has left to tour with his band Despidado. And Angela Giles, the AA in the Maritimes office, will be on a leave of absence to have her first child.

## NEW CHAPTER ACTIVISTS

The "check-off" box on the new membership brochure that asks new members if they would like to join a chapter has been producing good results. Those names are being gathered and sent to the respective chapters in a timely manner.



Chapter activists gather at the 2003 Annual General Meeting in Vancouver.

## AGM RESOLUTION FOLLOW-UP

At the last Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, a resolution was passed recommending that chapters have greater input into the overall work of the Council. Consequently, all of the regional meetings with chapters will now be held before the next annual operational plan goes to the Board of Directors in June.

## FEDERAL ELECTION

The federal election is on everyone's mind. The Council's campaigners and organizers and communications staff have been discussing, debating and planning a strategy that will be effective and achievable in conjunction with the chapters. To obtain a copy of "The Canada We Want" go to our web site, [www.canadians.org](http://www.canadians.org)

## MEMBERS' INTRANET

This is the place to read all the latest information about chapters and regional news from across the country, get a "heads-up" on upcoming plans, and post information submitted by chapters. Members will also see regular updates on the campaigns, dates for activities in the regions, and lots of resource suggestions. All it takes to access this site is your membership number and an e-mail to. Your regional organizer can also help you get connected.

The Council of Canadians appreciates the energy and dedication of its chapter activists. If you would like to be contacted by your local chapter of The Council of Canadians, call us at 1 800 387-7177.

## You can find out more about the chapters in your region by calling:

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### Prairies Regional Organizer

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(check our web site for details)

Note: Due to the new federal privacy legislation, the listing of chapter contacts that you may be used to seeing on this page will no longer be included. As noted above, call your regional organizer for information on the chapter nearest you.

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