

President's Report by Patrick Hirschi

July and August are months when we are able to take the required deep breath after a very busy year, and particularly a hectic month of June. This year was no exception, beginning on June 1 with a very successful Brain Injury Awareness Week "Kickoff" Breakfast. We were all very pleased and proud to have had Ed Hervey, former wide receiver and current scout and community relations assistant for the Edmonton Eskimos, as our featured speaker.

We first met Ed in conjunction with the Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey in the spring of this year (a joint fund raiser with Canadian and Alberta Brain Injury Associations). Ed has now committed to help NABIS in whatever way he can to raise awareness about brain injury. To be associated with a professional athlete and the Edmonton Eskimos organization is a tremendous accomplishment for NABIS.

Brain Injury Awareness Week then carried on with various events around the province. In Edmonton it ended with an education day and service provider displays at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital (GRH). I would like to thank NABIS Service Coordinator, Marianne Bobik, for the great job she did in chairing the Edmonton BIAW committee.

On June 19 we held our annual general meeting and were pleased that Braden Hirsch and Regan McCullough from Alberta Seniors Community and Supports; as well as Isabelle Henderson, Senior Operation Officer, GRH, representing Capital Health attended and brought greetings.



Brain Injury Association of Alberta's President, Meloni Lyon with NABIS' Ginny Gillen at the 2007 AGM

I would like to formally welcome Fran Zinger onto the board, and to welcome back Dr. Marty Marazik from a leave of absence. Other directors who have been elected for another two year term are Craig DeCecco, Tom Baxter, Lydia Kawun, Owen Lewis, Dr. Gail Matzow and Dr. Marty Marazik.

At both the Kick-off Breakfast and the AGM, Mufty Mathewson's new and powerful slide show "Ripples" was shown. This production graphically displays the

ripple effect of the number of people impacted by, and professionally involved, after a pedestrian is hit



by a car whose driver is distracted by talking on a cell phone. Great job Mufty!

**Prevention Tip:
Shut off the phone!!**

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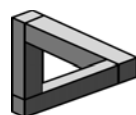
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