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For additional information on research projects or other Institute initiatives and events, see [http://www.abgaminginstitute.ualberta.ca](http://www.abgaminginstitute.ualberta.ca)
Making mental connections is our most crucial learning tool, the essence of human intelligence; to forge links; to go beyond the given; to see patterns, relationships, context.

-Marilyn Ferguson
I am very pleased, as Board Chair of the Alberta Gaming Research Institute, to present you with the 9th Annual Report of the Alberta Gaming Research Institute for the year ending March 31, 2009. In recognition of the number of research undertakings and events that rely on the talents and contributions of a range of expertise and participation of many investigators, we have selected the theme of ‘connectivity in research’ for this issue. Although this aspect of the Institute’s research activity is not unique to 2008/09, we consider that it is important to focus on the ‘value-added’ benefits of supporting and emphasizing tri-university, multi-researcher, interdisciplinary and large scope projects as we enter our tenth year.

A number of the projects that involved intricate connections between and among experts were either initiated or continued in 2008/09. The Institute’s ‘Leisure, Lifestyle, Lifecycle Project’ (LLLP) continued and a ‘second wave’ of data collection was well underway. It began in 2006 and is a comprehensive examination of gambling habits among five different age cohorts of Albertans across a five-year period. Several journal articles and conference presentations were produced describing preliminary findings thanks to the efforts of the project’s nine-member research team. The ‘Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Alberta’ (SEIGA) study also officially got underway in 2008/09 and initial phases of the investigation were completed. These included a preliminary prevalence study and beginning of the data collection to assess the impacts of gambling from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. This high priority topic relies on the expertise of four researchers as well as the input of external agencies. Both of these large projects, as well as many other smaller ones, were undertaken in response to comments and suggestions gathered at annual stakeholder meetings. These meetings continue to be an useful consultative mechanism to assist in identifying research priorities and sharing research findings.

Thank you for your support and advice as we work toward maximizing research connections in the field of gambling to enhance the research knowledge base for the benefit of all Albertans.

Nady el-Guebaly, MD
MESSAGE FROM
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In addition to focusing on our large strategic initiatives in 2008/09, the Institute was also involved in ‘connecting’ with affiliated organizations that realized the truism that ‘the whole is larger than the sum of its parts.’ Institute representatives presented and participated in a number of interprovincial, national and international deliberations that focused on the means by which collaborative and joint projects can maximize the benefits of research investments.

Due to the varying availability of the Banff Centre, our annual conference venue, two conferences occurred within the same fiscal year – in early April 2008, we held our seventh which was entitled ‘Gambling in Society: a Question of Balance’ and then in March 2009, the eighth one was themed ‘Internet Gambling.’ Both were very well received and brought together the foremost academic experts in their respective fields, policy makers, treatment specialists and international delegates – providing innumerable opportunities to make research connections.

I am confident that Institute sponsored research is making a significant contribution to the ever-growing scientific knowledge in the field. It is a tribute to the commitment and dedication of our steadily increasing number of exceptional and world-class academic researchers who contribute locally, nationally and internationally. I also wish to acknowledge the financial support received from the Alberta Lottery Fund which permits the university-based Institute to facilitate high quality academic research.

As previously, I extend my appreciation for your endorsement and support of the work of the Alberta Gaming Research Institute. In recognition of the confidence vested in me, once again, I re-affirm my commitment to ensuring that the highest standards of research excellence are maintained. I welcome your comments on this Annual Report and look forward to our continuing affiliation.

Vickii Williams
MAJOR GRANT FUNDING

The Institute contributes to the development of the knowledge base in gambling-related research in a number of ways. An annual ‘call for proposals’ is issued in May (with an end of June deadline) soliciting proposals from active researchers to address ‘investigator identified’ areas in need of research. The submissions are subjected to a rigorous peer review process which involves the critical review of proposals by external experts in related areas of research. This type of review process provides the most reliable means of ensuring that only the highest quality research submissions receive Institute funding.

In 2008/09, two ‘new’ major proposals were approved:

- Trauma and female problem gambling: A qualitative grounded theory study (Research Grant #50)
- Evaluating the psychometric performance of the Four Es Scale: A cross-cultural comparison of factors related to gambling behavior and mental health in Canadian and American college students (#51)

During the same period, the following major projects were completed:

- CRAFT (Community Reinforcement and Family Training) with problem gambling (#42)
- The Alberta Lottery Fund and funding amateur arts, sports, recreation, and professional sports: A study of public awareness and willingness to support (#43)
- Exploring offender gambling from prison through re-entry: A cross-national investigation (#44)
- The effects of ethnicity, participation in gambling and other leisure activities, and leisure satisfaction, on quality of life (#45)

Other major projects that were ongoing in 2008/09 included:

- Culture and gambling: Research on ethno-cultural minorities’ involvement (#46)
- Acculturation and gambling: The case of mainland Chinese immigrants to Calgary, Alberta (#47)
- Risk and protective factors for problem gambling among urban aboriginals in Edmonton (#48)
- Conversations of change? Examining gamblers’ help-seeking and change-sustaining conversations (#49)
STRATEGIC GRANT FUNDING

A second funding program is related to high-priority research investigations. These large-scale strategic initiatives are identified by the Board in consultation with Institute stakeholders. Since the commencement of this program in 2003-04, the Institute has funded two major initiatives that are exclusively Alberta-based.

The *Leisure, Lifestyle, Lifecycle Project*, the largest ever sponsored by the Institute, was initiated in Spring 2006. Its primary aim is to discover the determinants of gambling and disordered gambling, what factors lead people to gamble in any form, and why some of them become problem gamblers. It is a five-year study that involves 1,808 Albertans. The second of a planned four data collection survey waves was completed in 2008/09.

The project’s large, multidisciplinary research team has indicated that the development of a comprehensive biopsychosocial model of gambling behavior will assist in addressing questions related to the impact of gambling availability, legislative initiatives, prevention programs and the development of problem and responsible gambling programs.

The *Social & Economic Impacts of Gambling in Alberta (SEIGA)*, a much-anticipated and high priority study was commenced on April 1, 2008. The primary purpose of the research investigation is to assess the costs and benefits of legalized gambling. Scientific evidence is expected to have utility in assisting provincial policy makers in their efforts to mitigate the negative impacts of gambling while maximizing its benefits.

As at March 31, 2009, the project was on schedule with background research and a population survey having been completed. Secondary data analysis is underway and additional primary data collection is being conducted. Three graduate students are employed on the project (Economics, Physical Education and Recreation, and Health Sciences) as well as a post-doctoral student in Economics.

The planned completion date for the project is July 31, 2010.

COMMUNICATING SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

The Institute encourages its funded investigators to share the research results from Institute-funded projects via publication in peer-reviewed scholarly journals and by presenting them at scholarly conferences.

Following is a list of related scholarly materials (articles, chapters and reports) published between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009:


Following is a list of the contents of the Institute newsletter published between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009:
The Institute engages a variety of programs and activities to ensure that existing research capability is best used, and equally as important, works to ensure that new expertise is fostered and developed. A major component of this endeavor is the annual allocation of ‘capacity-building’ funds to each of the three Institute universities. These monies are provided for the research-related purposes of position funding, research development and research administration. Each of the partner universities has a designated ‘node coordinator’, a senior researcher in a specific area of gambling-related research, who serves to promote the development and expansion of gambling-related research at their host university as well as to consult and liaise with the Institute’s administration and Board. On a rotational basis, node coordinators serve as program organizers for the Institute’s annual conference.

The three Alberta universities that comprise the Institute have coordinated their gambling research activities in order to build an effective and productive provincial research interface. This has allowed the Institute to take advantage of a range of existing expertise available at each university and maximize the value of research funding. Board members and node coordinators at each university work in partnership with their colleagues of the other universities and facilitate research activities and initiatives. Coordination of specific activities (e.g., administration, library services, etc.) takes place at a designated university.
Gambling research activities are coordinated by Dr. Garry Smith at the Faculty of Extension. Dr. Smith has an active gambling research program related to policy studies. There are an additional 13 faculty researchers and graduate students involved in current Institute-funded investigations. An Institute-supported Economics of Gaming Research Chair is held by Dr. Brad Humphreys in the Department of Economics. Dr. Humphreys is also a co-principal investigator for the Social & Economic Impacts of Gambling in Alberta (SEIGA) project.

The Institute’s administrative “hub” is also located at the University of Alberta. Executive Director Vickii Williams and Administrative Assistant Leena Vanhala handle research administration, coordination and communication functions.

Dr. David Hodgins from the Department of Psychology coordinates Institute-related activities. His research specialty relates to the treatment of gambling problems and involves a significant cadre of graduate students. In addition, there are 25 faculty researchers, research assistants and graduate students involved in current Institute-funded investigations.

Dr. David Casey is Coordinator of the Institute’s Leisure, Lifestyle, Lifecycle Project (LLLP) 5-year longitudinal study of gambling behaviours. He is based at the University of Calgary and works in partnership with faculty members, student assistants and external stakeholders at each of the Institute universities.

The coordinator of gambling research is Dr. Rob Williams in the Faculty of Health Sciences. He organized and planned the program of speakers for the Institute’s Conference 2009 on Internet gambling. Dr. Williams is involved in numerous gambling research investigations and is a co-principal investigator for the SEIGA Project. In total, there are a further 18 faculty researchers, research assistants and graduate students involved in current Institute-funded investigations.

Institute Library and website development activities are coordinated by Rhys Stevens at the University of Lethbridge Library. Funds are allocated to libraries at all three partner universities to purchase books, journals and e-resources in support of gambling research.
Rhys Stevens is principally responsible for planning, developing and overseeing the Institute’s library and information services. The administrative headquarters for these services is at the University of Lethbridge Library. His duties involve the selection and acquisition of materials published on gambling and gambling-related topics in an array of formats that include books, e-books, journals, government documents, audio-visual materials, graduate student theses & dissertations, and conference proceedings. Funds from the Institute Library collections budget are also shared with Libraries at the U. of Alberta and U. of Calgary in support of their gambling-related library collections.

The Institute Librarian also provides in-depth reference services to researchers and the general public. These services include responding to requests for information, the development of bibliographies, guides, newsletters, and literature reviews. Over the course of 2008/09, detailed responses were provided to 109 information requests. The Librarian also develops and maintains the Institute’s website, provides daily news summaries as well as other innovative online applications. The Institute website is a key location for the dissemination of information about the Institute and its events. Included on the site is a vast array of material related to finding and using scholarly gambling research.

### Scholarship Program

In an effort to foster young researcher involvement in gambling-related research, a two-tiered (doctoral and graduate level) scholarship program was adopted in 2008/09.

The following six scholarships were awarded:

- “Relationships between cultural identification, substance abuse and problem gambling among urban Aboriginals in Edmonton”, doctoral level scholarship, Cheryl Currie, School of Public Health, University of Alberta (Fall/Winter terms)
- “The efficiency of sports betting markets in Canada and Europe”, doctoral level scholarship, Brian Soebbing, Physical Education and Recreation, University of Alberta (Fall/Winter terms)
- “The impacts the gaming industry has had on First Nations communities in Canada”, graduate level scholarship, Josee Couture, Sociology, University of Calgary (Fall/Winter terms)
- “The use of casino gaming by Alberta non-profit organizations as a funding source”, Scott Henwood, graduate level scholarship, Sociology, University of Calgary (Fall/Winter terms)
- “Older women and gambling: An exploration of behaviours associated with gambling among women aged 45 and older”, Lena Rinquist, graduate level scholarship, Sociology, University of Calgary (Winter term)
- “Investigation of individual differences in risk-acceptance with a focus on special populations of high risk individuals” Sandeep Mishra, doctoral level scholarship, Psychology, University of Lethbridge (Fall/Winter terms)

### Small Grant Program

As a means of encouraging young investigators to undertake gambling-related research, the Institute awards ‘small grants’ research awards to a maximum of $10,000 with one-year maximum length. These awards support foundational efforts (e.g., pilot projects, literature reviews, small surveys, etc.) to prepare investigators to engage more fully in future gambling-related research programs.

The following small grant was completed within the 2008/09 fiscal year:

- Pathological gambling: A window into the addicted brain (Dr. Matthew Tata)

The following new small grant was awarded in 2008/09:

- Private stigma of disordered gambling (Ms. Jenny Horch)
The Institute collaborates, and forms research affiliations, with provincial, national, and international organizations and individual researchers to facilitate, conduct and promote gambling research. In some instances, inter-organizational and multi-jurisdictional initiatives have been jointly supported. In other cases, individual researchers are sought to enhance the scope and quality of Institute-sponsored projects. Other research affiliates are engaged to make topical presentations at the Institute’s annual thematic conferences.

**CONFERENCE 2009**

On March, 27th and 28th, 2009 more than one hundred delegates arrived at The Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta to participate in the Institute’s 8th annual conference on gambling research. The theme of the conference was “Internet Gambling” and, over the course of two days, attendees heard presentations from a distinguished roster of academics and government officials from around the globe. In addition to presentations and poster sessions, the conference afforded a valuable opportunity to establish connections with other educators, policy makers, regulators, and researchers involved in aspects of gaming and gambling.

**Annie Gendron - Winner Best Conference Poster Award**

A research poster by Annie Gendron from the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières was judged as the best presented at Conference 2009. It was entitled, “Comparison of the profiles of young nongamblers, gamblers and Internet gamblers relative to psychological distress, severity of substances use and impulsiveness/risk taking.”

**CONFERENCE 2008**

The Institute’s 7th annual conference on gambling research was also held at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta on April 4th and 5th, 2008. Over the course of two days, a host of Canadian and international experts presented topics related to the conference theme of “Gambling in Society: A Question of Balance.” Attendees were exposed to a range of interesting and thought-provoking research material primarily related to understanding the connections between gambling and public policy.

**Conference Keynote: The Chase thirty years on: Reflections on the changing gambling scene**

The conference keynote address was delivered by gambling research pioneer Dr. Henry Lesieur who reflected on his earliest interactions with the problem gamblers he met while working alongside them as a youth in Rhode Island. These seminal experiences put Lesieur on a path toward pursuing a doctoral thesis related to the experience of the problem gambler. His PhD thesis was published as a book entitled *The Chase* which eventually became a foundational work in the field.

**Collaborative initiative that was completed in 2008/09:**

- Canadian Problem Gambling Instrument Phase III (formerly: Adolescent Problem Gambling Index)

**Collaborative initiative that continued in 2008/09:**

- Canadian Problem Gambling Index (CPGI) Phase II – an interprovincial, interorganizational project that aimed to assess the research reliability of the CPGI which was originally developed in 2001
The operations of the Institute are administered in a way that is effective, efficient and transparent. As in the previous fiscal years, cost accountability received continuous and serious attention and scrutiny. Only peer-reviewed and endorsed research projects were approved for funding. Bi-annual narrative and financial progress reports were required for each of the Institute-funded research grants as well as from the partner universities for the awarded capacity-building funds. Following review and approval by the Institute Board, current information on the status of the research projects was posted on the Institute website. The annual audit by the Office of the Auditor General (see enclosed ‘Report of the Auditor General’ and ‘Financial Statements’) further ensured the Alberta Gaming and Research Institute maintained sound systems of financial management and internal control over financial reporting.
ABOUT THE ALBERTA GAMING RESEARCH INSTITUTE:

VISION
An Institute that is internationally recognized for its contribution to the scientific knowledge base in gambling research

MISSION
To significantly improve Albertans’ knowledge of how gambling affects society

CORE PURPOSES
The focus of the Institute is to facilitate and support excellent academic research that guides the development of effective public policy and contributes to developing the depth and breadth of scientific knowledge.

The Institute’s core purposes are:
1. To expand the depth and breadth of scientific knowledge of gaming and gambling in the following four broad-based and overlapping domains:
   a) Biopsychological and health-care
   b) Sociocultural
   c) Economic
   d) Government and industry policy and practice
2. To promote or direct research in those priorities and areas identified as part of the Strategic Research plan
3. To sponsor peer-reviewed research of the highest academic quality and related to emergent gaming activities
4. To act as a clearing house for gaming research and as a gateway to research materials;
5. To act to facilitate the ready access to, and the development of, the applicable library collections of the Institute universities
6. To forge strong collaborative links with national and international scholars and organizations involved in gaming/gambling research and studies
7. To provide education about current knowledge through research publications and reporting of research results

The Alberta Gaming Research Institute partners with research-focused organizations and individuals for the purpose of improving knowledge about gambling and gaming practice. Its goals are achieved by improving research capacity at partner universities, facilitating knowledge transfer, and promoting strategic and collaborative initiatives. Multidisciplinary collaboration occurs within and between the Institute and Alberta’s partner universities (i.e., University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and University of Lethbridge) as well as with national and international partners. Varied arrangements allow for research expertise on specific projects and initiatives to be maximized. Research capacity is improved through conference sponsorship, support of focused research initiatives, and the dissemination of information through print and electronic media.

The Institute is located at the University of Alberta, where the Institute’s Executive Director and administrative staff coordinate the operations of the Institute. The Institute librarian is located at the University of Lethbridge.

CORE BUSINESSES
The Alberta Gaming Research Institute has four core businesses:
1. Develop and promote gambling-related research and disseminate results
2. Develop and sustain gambling-related research infrastructure
3. Establish and encourage national and international gambling-related research linkages
4. Establish and efficiently conduct gambling-related research governance and administration

INSTITUTE BOARD
The Institute is governed and managed by a seven member board consisting of two directors appointed by and from each partner university and an ‘external member’ appointed by the Alberta Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security. The Executive Director serves in an advisory role on the Board.
Alberta Gaming Research Institute
AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ALBERTA GAMING RESEARCH INSTITUTE

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Alberta Gaming Research Institute as at March 31, 2009 and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Institute’s management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Institute as at March 31, 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Edmonton, Alberta
August 20, 2009

Originally signed by
Fred J. Dunn, FCA
Auditor General

Note: The official version of this Report of the Auditor General, and the information the Report covers, is in printed form.
## Statement of Financial Position

### AS AT MARCH 31, 2009

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The accompanying notes and schedule are part of these financial statements.

Approved by the board:

Original signed by C. Hosgood 

Chair, Audit Committee  Date: Aug 27, 2009

Original signed by J. Fiske 

Board Member  Date: Aug 27, 2009
# Statement of Operations

**For the Year Ended March 31, 2009**

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<td>$ (135,566)</td>
<td>$ (286,711)</td>
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### ALBERTA GAMING RESEARCH INSTITUTE

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009**

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The accompanying notes and schedule are part of these financial statements.
Note 1  Authority and Reporting Entity

The Alberta Gaming Research Institute (the Institute) is an unincorporated organization. It is a research consortium comprised of the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, and the University of Lethbridge (the Institute Universities). Relations between the Institute and the Government of Alberta are defined in an Agreement between the Institute Universities and the Alberta Government dated April 1, 2006. The Institute is directed by a Board comprised of seven members including two appointees (senior administrators and researchers) from each of the three Institute Universities in addition to a representative who is appointed by the Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security.

As required under the Agreement, the Institute reporting entity for the purpose of these financial statements is that portion of Institute operations funded by the Department of Solicitor General and Public Security. The Institute Universities contribute certain services and supplies, including research and administrative personnel and services, to the consortium. The fair value of these contributions, and the cost of these services and supplies, is not reflected in these financial statements.

Note 2  Purpose

The purpose of the Institute is to:

- expand the breadth and depth of scientific knowledge into gambling;
- provide education about current knowledge through research publications and reporting of research results;
- provide research related to emergent gaming activities;
- act as a clearinghouse for literature related to gambling research; and,
- forge strong collaborative links with national and international scholars and organizations involved in gaming/gambling research and studies.

Note 3  Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

**Revenue**

All revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided by year end is recorded as deferred revenue and included in accounts payable.

**Expenses**

Grants are recorded as expenses when all the terms and conditions of eligibility have been met and the Institute has authorized payment of the grant.
**ASSETS**

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost less accumulated amortization. Capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:

- Furniture and equipment: 20%
- Computer equipment: 33 1/3%
- Leasehold improvements: Over lease term

**LIABILITIES**

Liabilities represent all financial claims payable by the Institute at the fiscal year end.

**NET ASSETS**

Net assets represent the difference between the book value of assets held by the Institute and its liabilities.

**FAIR VALUE**

Fair value is the amount of consideration agreed upon in an arm’s length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act. Due to their short-term nature, the fair values of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are estimated to approximate their book values.

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Intellectual property rights with respect to all research conducted with the financial support, or under the auspices, of the Institute are governed by the policies of the Institute University with which the researcher is affiliated. These rights do not accrue directly to the Institute and are not recognized in these financial statements. The Government of Alberta and the Institute Universities are entitled to freely use and copy, other than for commercial purposes, any intellectual property so created.

**Note 4  Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents is held in trust by the University of Alberta and consists of short-term investments comprised primarily of certificates of deposit, guaranteed investment certificates, government treasury bills and commercial paper with a maturity between 90 days and one year. Interest earned on the Institute’s cash balance is credited to the Institute and is reflected in these statements. For the 2009 fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, the average effective yield was 1.19% (2008: 3.02%). Due to the short-term nature of the investments, the carrying value approximates fair value.

**Note 5  Accounts Receivable**

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<tr>
<td>Airfare overcharge</td>
<td>$28</td>
<td>$75</td>
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<td>Conference sponsorship</td>
<td>750</td>
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<td>Stationery credit</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>1,063</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$815</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,138</strong></td>
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### Note 6  Capital Assets

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<th>2009</th>
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<tr>
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<td>Cost</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computer equipment</td>
<td>$ 2,396</td>
<td>$ 1,664</td>
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<td>Furniture and equipment</td>
<td>1,222</td>
<td>1,222</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leasehold improvements</td>
<td>9,566</td>
<td>9,566</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$ 13,184</td>
<td>$ 12,452</td>
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</table>

### Note 7  Grants to Institute Universities

Grants are provided to the Institute Universities for capacity building, nodal research development, library and collections, and research node administration for gaming related operations. The following table provides an accounting for the grant funds received, and amounts spent by the Institute Universities, to the year-end. Any unspent funds held by an Institute University at the conclusion of these programs or activities will be returned to the Institute.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>2009</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>University of Alberta</td>
<td>University of Calgary</td>
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<tr>
<td>Opening balance</td>
<td>$ 318,694</td>
<td>$ 158,995</td>
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<tr>
<td>Funding</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capacity building</td>
<td>100,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Economics position</td>
<td>85,000</td>
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<td>Nodal research</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>30,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>development</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Library and collections</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Research node</td>
<td>15,000</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>administration</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>230,000</td>
<td>145,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Funding</strong></td>
<td>548,694</td>
<td>303,995</td>
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<td><strong>Actual Expenditures</strong></td>
<td>(150,151)</td>
<td>(110,113)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Unexpended Funds</strong></td>
<td>$ 398,543</td>
<td>$ 193,882</td>
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The balance of unexpended funds represents funding for new and continuing projects.
Note 8  Commitments

The Institute has the following commitments:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Research Grants(a)</th>
<th>Lease (b)</th>
<th>Economics position(c)</th>
<th>Scholarships(d)</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>$ 498,156</td>
<td>$ 12,818</td>
<td>$ 85,000</td>
<td>$ 30,500</td>
<td>$ 626,474</td>
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<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>99,204</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>85,000</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$ 184,204</td>
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<tr>
<td>2012 and after</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>276,250</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$ 276,250</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$ 597,360</td>
<td>$ 12,818</td>
<td>$ 446,250</td>
<td>$ 30,500</td>
<td>$ 1,086,928</td>
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(A) RESEARCH GRANTS

The Institute has three types of granting programs. In response to an annual call for proposals for major grants (maximum of $80,000/annum for up to three years to total of $160,000) and open application period for small (developmental) grants (maximum of $10,000 for up to one year), the Board approves researcher identified initiatives. Upon approval of a major or small research grant and receipt of confirmation of any necessary ethics or other approvals from the host Institute University’s Research Services Office, the Institute authorizes payment of 80% of the first year approved award. The remaining 20% is withheld pending satisfactory interim reporting by the principal investigator/researcher. For these types of awards extending beyond one year, authorization of subsequent period amounts is subject to satisfactory reporting and funding availability. Commitments for these awards include the balance of the approved grant awards, subsequent period amounts, and any other approved grant requests for which the researcher has not yet met all of the eligibility criteria.

(B) LEASE

The Institute entered into a lease with the University of Alberta for the period July 1, 2003 to March 31, 2006. To increase accessibility and accommodate the increased business activity of the Institute, effective April 1, 2004, the lease was transferred (with no penalty) to a new campus location ($12,818/annum payable at $1,068/month with first and last month of lease due on April 1, 2004). The Letter of Understanding regarding this move was signed on January 22, 2004 and necessary space improvements and computer technical changes were contracted. The Institute renewed the lease for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 (with a renewal option).

(C) ECONOMICS CHAIR

Subject to specific conditions being met, on March 24, 2004, the Board approved a total of $595,000 payable at the rate of $85,000/annum for seven years to support the establishment of a research position in the Department of Economics at the University of Alberta. An appointment was made on July 1, 2007.

(D) SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH ALLOWANCE AWARDS

In the interest of enhancing new research capacity, the Board implemented a two-level scholarship and research allowance award program effective September 2008 for the Fall 2008/Winter 2009 terms. Graduate level scholarship awards are in the amount of $13,000 with an additional or separate research allowance award of
$3,000. Doctoral students receive an annual maximum scholarship of $20,000 with a research award allowance of $5,000.

**Note 9  Economic Dependence**

The Institute receives its principal funding from the Department of Solicitor General and Public Security. The five year agreement between the Alberta Government and the Institute which expires March 31, 2011 provides funding of $1,500,000 per annum. The Institute’s ability to maintain viable operations is dependent upon continued support from the Alberta Government. Permission has been obtained from the Department of Solicitor General and Public Security to continue the trust account until March 31, 2011.

**Note 10 Related Party Transactions**

During the year, there were no related party transactions.

**Note 11 Budget**

The 2008/2009 budget was approved by the Institute’s Board of Directors on December 11, 2007.
### Schedule of Expenses

**For the Year Ended March 31, 2009**

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<th>2009 Budget</th>
<th>2009 Actual</th>
<th>2008 Actual</th>
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<td><strong>Research</strong></td>
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<td>Grant competition/strategic research (1)</td>
<td>$864,920</td>
<td>$647,008</td>
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<tr>
<td>Position and developmental funding (2)</td>
<td>496,000</td>
<td>425,947</td>
<td>363,750</td>
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<td>Nodal research development (3)</td>
<td>90,000</td>
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<td>90,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total Research</strong></td>
<td>$1,450,920</td>
<td>$1,162,955</td>
<td>$1,384,864</td>
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<td><strong>Infrastructure and Library</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Library and collections (4)</td>
<td>150,000</td>
<td>150,000</td>
<td>149,931</td>
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<td>Events, colloquia (5)</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>31,236</td>
<td>11,864</td>
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<td>Research nodes (6)</td>
<td>45,000</td>
<td>45,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total Infrastructure and Library</strong></td>
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<td>226,236</td>
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<td><strong>Research Linkages</strong></td>
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<td>Communications (7)</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>20,073</td>
<td>32,546</td>
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<td>Exchanges (8)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Research Linkages</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Research Administration</strong></td>
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<td>Personnel costs (9)</td>
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<td>204,020</td>
<td>161,572</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contract services (10)</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administrative hub (11)</td>
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<td>71,517</td>
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<td><strong>Total Research Administration</strong></td>
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<td>250,284</td>
<td>233,089</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td>$1,970,920</td>
<td>$1,663,127</td>
<td>$1,857,294</td>
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**Note 1** Includes annual research grant competition and Board identified areas of strategic, interjurisdictional, and interorganizational collaborative research.

**Note 2** Grants to Institute Universities ($100,000/university/year) to attract research scholars, small grant developmental funding, scholarship and research allowance awards and support ($85,000 held centrally) for targeted position (economics).

**Note 3** Grants to Institute Universities ($30,000/university/year) to develop internal research expertise.

**Note 4** Grant to the University of Lethbridge to build and maintain a special collection of gambling publications at the consortium universities. The grant also provides funding for specialized information services to interested parties on gambling and gaming matters, development and maintenance of the Institute website, and funding for a junior grade professional librarian.

**Note 5** Supports program of formative and summative learning events and forums. Includes cost of an annual conference bringing together Institute associates, topical experts, and other interested persons.

**Note 6** Costs associated with administering node operations including local/rotating board meetings, internal and administrative support.

**Note 7** Includes print materials and promotional broadcasts, annual report development, writing, and production costs, and conference attendance by Institute representatives to facilitate information dissemination.

**Note 8** Includes support for Alberta scholars and experts to travel to other locales to investigate gambling-related matters as well as the travel of national and foreign scholars and experts to Alberta to assist with Institute research.

**Note 9** Salary and benefits compensation (Executive Director and administrative support).

**Note 10** Special project consulting (eg. document drafting, graphic design work).

**Note 11** Includes business and board members meeting travel, hub operational requirements.
el-Guebaly, Dr. Nady

Nady el-Guebaly is Professor and Head, Addictions Division, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Calgary. He is past founding Medical Director the Addictions Program, Calgary Health Region. His introduction to mental health and addiction medicine dates back to 1969. Currently, he is Chair, Addiction Psychiatry Section of the World Psychiatric Association and Executive Medical Director and Past-Founding President of the International Society of Addiction Medicine. He has served on the Institute’s Board since it was established in 1999 and as its Board Chair since July 2002.

Elio, Dr. Renee

Renee Elio is Associate Vice-President (Research) and Professor of Computing Science at the University of Alberta. She joined the faculty at the University of Alberta in 1985. She currently serves on the Board of the University of Alberta Health Law Institute, the IBM-UofA Centre for Advanced Studies, and the Pacific Institute for Mathematical Sciences. She previously served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Alberta Research Council and for the Government of Alberta’s Information and Communication Technologies Institute. Her research concerns computational models of higher-level human cognitive behavior, such as learning, reasoning, and planning. Dr. Elio replaced Dan Mason on the Institute Board as of May 14, 2008.

Fiske, Dr. Jo-Anne

Jo-Anne Fiske serves as Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of Lethbridge. An anthropologist, she researches broad issues of social policy and political economy with a particular focus on impacts of structural inequities and women. Her research has been funded by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, BC Centre of Excellence on Women’s Health, Status of Women Canada and the National Network of Aboriginal Mental Health Researchers. Her current research addresses links between social stigma in childhood and family gambling patterns. She has served on the Institute Board since April 2007.

Gibbs van Brunschot, Dr. Erin

Erin Gibbs van Brunschot is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and is Associate Dean, Academic Programs, in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Calgary. Her research interests include crime and deviance, with a particular interest in the study of security and risk at both the individual and institutional levels. She has served on the Institute Board since August 2007.

Hosgood, Dr. Christopher (Chris)

Chris Hosgood is Dean of the School of Health Sciences at the University of Lethbridge and a member of the Department of History. His research has focused on consumerism and popular culture in Victorian Britain and, more recently in Canada, the social history of gambling in Alberta. He has served on the Institute Board since December 2001.

Mason, Dr. Daniel (Dan)

Dan Mason is an associate professor with the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation and an adjunct professor with the School of Business at the University of Alberta. Dr. Mason’s research takes a multi-disciplinary approach and focuses on the business of leisure and sport and the relationships between its stakeholders, including all levels of government, sports teams and leagues, the communities that host teams, agents and players’ associations. His research has been funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Alberta Gaming Research Institute and he has authored over 30 refereed publications. Dan served on the Institute Board until mid-May 2008 at which time he was replaced by Renee Elio.

Murphy, Mrs. Sheila

Mrs. Sheila Murphy is appointed to the Institute Board by the Alberta provincial government as an external member. She has
previously served on the University of Calgary Senate (1990-1996) as well as the Air Cadet League of Canada and Cubs and Scouts of Canada Society. She owned and operated the Henderson Colleges of Business from 1972 to 1997. She has served on the Institute Board since 1999.

**Plourde, Dr. Andre**

Andre Plourde was the Chair of the Department of Economics at the University of Alberta (until June 2009). He joined the University of Alberta in 1998. He has served on numerous adjudication committees for granting agencies and in advisory capacities to government departments. In 2007, he was President of the International Association for Energy Economics. He has served on the Institute Board since December 2007.

**Williams, Ms. Vickii**

Vickii Williams has served as the Executive Director of the Alberta Gaming Research Institute since its inception and serves in an ex officio advisory capacity on the Institute Board. She represents the Institute on a number of inter-organizational and inter-jurisdictional planning bodies for collaborative research initiatives.

Back Row: (left to right) Chris Hosgood, Board Member, U of L; Erin Gibbs van Brunschot, Board Member, U of C

Middle Row: Andre Plourde, Board Member, U of A; Leena Vanhala, Administrative Assistant, AGRI; Nady el-Guebaly, Board Chair, U of C

Front Row: Rhys Stevens, Institute Librarian and Information Specialist; Vickii Williams, Executive Director; Sheila Murphy, Board Member, External Member; Jo-Anne Fiske, Board Member, U of L;

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