CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD

College Chair Blake Reynolds called the 124th Annual General Meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia to order at 9:50 a.m. Chair Reynolds welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced himself as the new Chair.

The College’s vision, and mission were read aloud by Chair Reynolds:

Vision:
“Better health through excellence in pharmacy”

Mission:
The CPBC regulates the pharmacy profession in the public interest. We set and enforce standards and promote best practices for the delivery of pharmacy care in British Columbia.

Chair Reynolds introduced Board members in attendance, College Registrar Bob Nakagawa, Deputy Registrar Suzanne Solven, and other College staff in attendance.

Chair Reynolds noted that notice of the AGM was sent out on October 19, 2015, thus meeting the three week bylaw requirement. He also confirmed that the required quorum of 25 registrants had been met, and the meeting was duly convened.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – NOVEMBER 22, 2014

The November 22, 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes were approved by consensus.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR’S REPORT

Chair Reynolds reminded registrants that the audited and Board approved financial statements were available for review on the College website and asked if there were any comments or questions pertaining to them. Hearing no questions, Chair Reynolds noted the financial statements will be placed on file.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Reynolds read the following report on behalf of Past Chair, Anar Dossa who was unable to attend:

Anar would like to thank the outgoing Board members and welcome the four new Board members who will no doubt bring new perspectives to the team.

The College has been busy at work this past year, building upon many of the initiatives set out in its strategic plan. These initiatives include promoting interdisciplinary relationships within the pharmacy and across the larger health care team.

To that end, the College offered a series of free online collaborative practice modules in partnership with the UBC College of Health Disciplines. More than 350 pharmacy professionals have enrolled, and many attended the full-day workshops that were held in February.
The College also partnered with the Canadian Pharmacists Association to provide BC registrants with free access to e-Therapeutics Complete now known as RxTx, an evidence-based, reliable Canadian drug and therapeutic online database.

The College also launched the Practice Review Program in community practice and will now be visiting pharmacies in person to review each practice setting and each pharmacy professional that works there.

Compliance Officers will ensure that pharmacies meet College standards and that pharmacy professionals are appropriately applying their knowledge, skills, and abilities to deliver safe and effective pharmacy care.

The year ahead promises to be a busy one. There is renewed interest in the Pharmacist Prescriber initiative and Anar looks forward to help move this initiative forward.

Anar would like to acknowledge those of you who volunteer your time on many of our committees.

Committees accomplish very important work, and the College recently established two new committees to meet the changing needs of pharmacy practice, the Technology Advisory Committee, and the Interdisciplinary Relationships Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your dedication to the profession and your hard work.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT

There continues to be a lot happening in pharmacy practice, and this has a huge impact on the College. It doesn’t seem to matter how bad the economy is, or what the pressures are on the professions, the number of pharmacies and pharmacy professionals continues to increase.

The leadership of our dynamic and action-oriented Board, the dedication of College staff, and the hard work of registrants across the province have allowed us to accomplish much this year. We are all dedicated to providing better health through excellence in pharmacy.

I’m proud of what the College was able to accomplish this year:

* Practice Review Program
  * Launch of Phase I; over 400 pharmacy professional reviews and over 180 pharmacy reviews conducted
  * Began development of Phase II
* Methadone Maintenance Treatment
  * Board approved a four year action plan to address serious issues and concerns as identified by the College’s complaints resolution department, recent media reports, the College’s MMT patient liaison working group, and Ministry of Health findings
* Grant awarded to PainBC towards Chronic Pain Management Education for Community Pharmacy Professionals
* The College also provided a clinical skills grant to PainBC towards the development of a new continuing education program for community pharmacists to better evaluate and manage long-term pain
* Launch of DrugSafeBC
  * Includes security measures such as the use of time-delay lock safes and displaying standardized signage in all community pharmacies in BC,
  * Media launch event included TV, radio and newspaper ads, digital marketing and social media.
• **Growth**
  - 55 new community pharmacies,
  - Over 5700 registered pharmacists,
  - Almost 1000 registered pharmacy technicians, and
  - Over 3400 pharmacists authorized to administer injections.

• **125-Year Anniversary**
  - A working group has been established to plan a celebration of the 125 years that the College has been working with registrants to provide safe and effective pharmacy care across BC.

• **Strategic Planning**
  - The College will be engaging with registrants for input on pharmacy care in BC early next year to help inform our next strategic plan for 2017/18 – 2020/21.

I look forward to working together with registrants and the Board in the year ahead. Please continue to share your ideas and feedback with us. It is an honour and a privilege to serve as Registrar of the College. I would also like to thank my staff who were introduced earlier for their support and dedication in ensuring the College continues to move forward with its important work.

Registrar Nakagawa noted the following statistics from the College’s Annual Report:

- **Community Pharmacies:** 75 opened / 17 closed
  - **Hospital:** 0 opened / 0 closed
  - **TOTAL:** 1202 community pharmacies and 69 hospital pharmacies

- **Registered Pharmacists**
  - 5,434 in 2013-14 a net increase over the previous year.
  - * Due to change in reporting statistics based on payment date, there are variances between previous fiscal year end count and current fiscal year begin count.

- **Pharmacy Technicians**
  - 661 pharmacy technicians were registered, 1179 were pre-registered.

**REPORT OF BOARD ELECTIONS**

Registrar Nakagawa reported the results for the elections held in the fall:

- Mona Kwong was elected in District 1
- Tara Oxford was elected in District 3
- Frank Lucarelli was elected in District 5
- Arden Barry was acclaimed in District 7

At the November 20, 2015 Board meeting Blake Reynolds was elected as Chair and Anar Dossa was elected as Vice-Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Reynolds thanked the assembly for attending the meeting and adjourned the 124th meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia at 10:19 a.m.