

Board Highlights



Our Vision:

*Better health through excellence
in pharmacy.*

Our Mission:

*The College 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.*

Electronic Board Elections Results

The College administered this year's Board elections electronically for the first time with great success. Over 24.9% of eligible registrants participated in the elections in Districts 2, 4, and 8. The successful candidates will receive an orientation and begin their terms at the November 21, 2014 Board meeting.

For a list of the election results, please visit the [College website](#).

Volunteer of the Year Award Decision

In the past, the College has awarded a Volunteer of the Year Award to recognize outstanding commitment by a volunteer to College committee work. The College recognizes that the work it does would not be possible without the tireless efforts and expertise of our volunteers. As such, the Board has asked the Registrar to explore enhanced volunteer recruitment and recognition strategies to better reflect best practices that will replace the historical award.

Survey Results Show Patients Value Medication Reviews

Dr. Karen Sullivan, Director, Pharmacy Professional Affairs, Western Canada at Shoppers Drug Mart, gave the Board a presentation on a customer satisfaction survey on medication reviews. The results highlighted the value that patients associate with a medication review they receive from their pharmacist.

Free HIV Tests Pilot Presentation

The Board received an update from Bob Rai, pharmacist and owner of the 2 Medicine Shoppe locations where free HIV tests were piloted in July 2014. More than 200 tests have been completed since the launch.

The pilot program began as part of the [Treatment as Prevention](#) initiative.

Kidney Disease Screening Pilots

Karen Philp of the Kidney Foundation of Canada and Rodger Secombe of HealthTab gave the Board a presentation of the free kidney disease screening test pilot that is also taking place at the Medicine Shoppe locations owned by Bob Rai.

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CORE Survey Results

The Board received an update from the CORE team at UBC, led by Dr. Larry Lynd. This presentation further stratified the surveyed groups into corporate chain community pharmacists and independent community pharmacists, and examined workplace satisfaction.

Standing Committee on Health's Call for Submission

The Board passed a motion to submit a proposal to the Standing Committee on Health that relates to cost-effective collaborative health care practices. The submission will be drafted in consultation with CORE, and will include feedback from a focus group of pharmacists that work in interdisciplinary teams. The submission is due December 31, 2014.

CPBC Discussion on the Provision of Malpractice Insurance

The Board discussed methods of ensuring pharmacists and pharmacy technicians acquire necessary malpractice insurance. While no decision was made at this time, registrants are reminded that it is their responsibility to carry valid insurance at all times.

Norman Thomas Memorial Bursary

The Board passed a motion to name the College of Pharmacists of BC Bursary after former Registrar Norman Thomas who passed away this year. The bursary is distributed by UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Interdisciplinary Relationships Presentation

Dr. Aaron Tejani made a presentation to the Board on the topic of physicians and pharmacists collaboratively monitoring adverse drug related problems.

Bylaw Changes Approved

The Board approved the draft changes made to Bylaws. These changes amend the requirements of a prescription to better reflect current practice and provide clarity to practitioners, support the implementation of the Practice Review Program, and update pharmacy licence requirements and the responsibilities of owners and directors.

Robbery Prevention Working Group Update

Vice-Chair Harris updated the Board on the Robbery Prevention Working Group. The group is working on the development of required security standards as well as a responsive map-based application that will enable real time reporting and notification of pharmacy robberies in British Columbia.