



Board Highlights



BOARD MEMBERS

Photo: clockwise from top left

Jerry Casanova

District 7 – Community Hospitals

John Hope

District 6 – Urban Hospitals

Penny Denton

Government Appointee, Prince Rupert

Doug Kipp (Chair)

District 4 – Kootenay/Okanagan

Blair Tymchuk

District 3 – Vancouver Island/Coastal

Robert Craigue

District 5 – Northern British Columbia

Jeff Slater

Government Appointee, Victoria

Agnes Fridl Poljak

District 1 – Metropolitan Vancouver

Kris Gustavson

Government Appointee, Vancouver

Bev Harris (Vice-Chair)

District 2 – Fraser Valley

Onnolee Osbourne

District 8 – Pharmacy Technicians

John Scholtens

Government Appointee, Langley

Staff to review voting process

The Board has requested a review of the voting process for the election of members to the College Board. This review will include a revamped call for nominations for those who wish to serve on the Board, and the outsourcing of the receipt, counting, and tabulation of ballots to an independent, neutral, third party. The College will also assess the possibility of electronic voting beginning in 2013.

Committees are extended to June 2012

Due to the massive interest in the call for volunteers to serve on College committees that was sent in mid-March, the Board has decided to extend the terms for existing committee members until the end of June. A number of interim appointments were made for those committees where public representation needed to be maintained at 1/3 to keep the College in compliance with public representation requirements on committees.

Staff will create criteria for volunteers' selection for committees

In order to ensure that committees are resourced with the expertise necessary to effectively carry out their work in the public interest, volunteer applicants will be assessed based on the requirements of the committee while ensuring a good mix of geographic, gender, age, and practice setting experience. This new process will allow the Board to ensure that those volunteers that are selected will be well-suited for the work they will be expected to perform. The College thanks all volunteer applicants for their dedication to their profession and to the protection of the public.

Board member Robert Craigue appointed as BC's NAPRA representative

Board member Robert Craigue (District 5 – Northern British Columbia) has been appointed as the Board's representative to NAPRA for a three-year term. Mr. Craigue will be responsible for articulating the Board's collective view on the various issues discussed at the national level, and for reporting back to the College. Mr. Craigue will serve a three-year term at the pleasure of the Board, deemed appropriate given the need for the development of institutional knowledge and the steep learning curve for new members to the NAPRA Board. The College also thanks Alan Greene, outgoing BC NAPRA Board representative for his service.

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Safe and Effective Pharmacy Care

OUR VISION

As the medication experts, registrants are professionals who apply their full knowledge, skills and abilities to achieve the best possible healthcare results through patient-centered care.

Our Mission

To protect the public by ensuring that College registrants provide safe and effective pharmacy care to help people achieve better health.

College to review how AGM resolutions are handled at the Board level

During the most recent AGM last November, a number of resolutions were proposed and defeated. While these were also not passed as official motions at the Board level, it was felt appropriate that the Board review the process for AGM resolutions and put in place a revised system for bringing registrant concerns forward to the Board.

Changes to PPP-54 approved

Professional Practice Policy 54 (Identifying Patients for PharmaNet Purposes) was revised to give greater clarity to the steps to positively identify a patient, patient's representative, registrant or a practitioner before providing any pharmacy service. These services include, but are not limited to, establishing, viewing, or printing a copy of the patient's record, updating a patient's clinical information, establishing or making changes to a patient's keyword, or answering questions regarding the existence or content of a patient's record.

Board votes against creation of an executive committee

The Board discussed the possibility of the creation of an executive committee for the purposes of making decisions on emergency Board matters when the Board could not be called together in short order. The Board voted down the proposal, feeling confident that the Board could be convened via teleconference or other electronic means. It was also felt that an executive committee was not required given that the board only has twelve members.

BC recommendation on changes to BC Regulation 9/98

The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee to permit the scheduling of ibuprofen and its salts. The recommendation moves ibuprofen and its salts containing 400 mg or less per oral dosage unit, when sold in package sizes exceeding 18,000 mg, to schedule 3 from unscheduled. The change comes following a review by NDSAC of nonprescription nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) available on the Canadian market. NDSAC indicates that potential for inappropriate use of NSAIDs exists and that the public could benefit from the availability of a healthcare practitioner, in particular a pharmacist, to seek advice from. No action is required until government enacts changes to the regulation.