



# Board Highlights



## BOARD MEMBERS

Photo: clockwise from top left

### Margaret Cleaveley

Government Appointee, Kamloops  
(retired effective February 12, 2011)

### John Scholtens

Government Appointee, Langley

### Penny Denton

Government Appointee, Prince Rupert

### John Hope

District 6 - Urban Hospitals

### Bal Dhillon

Pharmacy Technician Observer

### Randy Konrad (Chair)

District 1 - Metropolitan Vancouver

### Bev Harris

District 2 - Fraser Valley

### Doug Kipp

District 4 - Kootenay/Okanagan

### Bruce Beley

District 7 - Community Hospitals

### Jeff Slater

Government Appointee, Victoria

### Chris Hunter

District 5 - Northern British Columbia

### Allan Greene (Vice Chair)

District 3 - Vancouver Island/Coastal

The Board of the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC) met for their regularly scheduled Board meeting at the College office in Vancouver, BC on April 15, 2011. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

### College's Annual Audit Process presented to Board

The College's Audit Committee, in their report to the Board and following their preliminary meeting with the Board approved auditors, outlined this year's financial audit process for fiscal 2010 - 2011. As required by legislation, the plan calls for the audited financials to be submitted to government within 120 days of the fiscal year end, which was February 28, 2011. Consistent with previous years the audited financial statements will be published in the College's Annual Report and made available, via the website, to all registrants.

### Board approves re-appointments and new appointments of College committee members and committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

In compliance with the Board approved committee terms of reference, which were slightly modified for consistency, the Board accepted recommendations brought forward regarding all new and re-appointed committee members and the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. Committee terms of reference and a current listing of membership can be found on the College website under [About Us/Committees](#).

The Board also approved each of the Committee's annual reports to the Board which outlined the specific work engaged in by the various committees throughout fiscal 2010-2011. A summary of these reports will be included in the College's upcoming Annual Report.

### Date changed for Board's Strategic Planning Session in June

The Board's annual strategic planning session, originally scheduled for a full-day on Saturday, June 18th, has been rescheduled to a half-day session on Thursday, June 16th. This change was made to better accommodate the time and resources of Board members. The regular Board meeting remains unchanged and will be held on Friday, June 17th.

### Board acknowledges the BCPHA for their work with government on the introduction of Medication Review Services

Marnie Mitchell, CEO of the BC Pharmacy Association, in a presentation to the Board, outlined the new Medication Review Services which were developed in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical Services Division (PSD) of government and came into effect on April 1, 2011. These new clinical services allow pharmacists to engage with their patients in a comprehensive medications review designed, as a minimum, to improve the patient's understanding of their medications, including what medications they are taking, why they are being taken, and how best to take them. The Board thanked and acknowledged the Association for their work on this important initiative. More information on the Medication Review Services can be found in the March 25, 2011 issue of [BC PharmaCare Newsletter](#)

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACISTS  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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.*

### **Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT) training required by September 30, 2011**

The Board was provided an update regarding the mandatory training, required by September 30, 2011, for all pharmacy managers and pharmacists currently offering MMT services. Approximately 1200 pharmacists participated in the more than 25 'live' sessions which took place throughout the province in the month of March. Feedback from the sessions was very positive and the College will continue to work with all stakeholders, in particular the College of Physicians and Surgeons, to communicate the new requirements and recommendations outlined in the MMT Policy Guide.

With no more live sessions currently scheduled, pharmacists who have not yet fulfilled this commitment are being directed to the 'online' version of the training which is an audio led PowerPoint presentation, just over an hour in length and available 24/7 from any computer. Complete details, including access to the online training, is available on the College website under Key Initiatives – [Methadone Maintenance Training](#).

### **Board recommends maintaining the 'status quo' with respect to verbal prescriptions**

The Board reviewed and discussed a briefing note brought forward as requested at their February 2011 meeting, regarding the risks and benefits associated with the potential elimination of verbal prescriptions by all registrants. Although the Board agreed that the College needs to continue to remind registrants and other prescribing professions of the principles of safe verbal communications they felt that it was not appropriate, at this time, to make any changes to legislation regarding verbal prescribing. The Board also committed to reassess this position once e-prescribing had become widely established.

### **Board approved minor revisions to the College's Professional Practice Policies**

In light of recent legislative changes, in particular the inclusion of regulated pharmacy technicians, College staff reviewed the Professional Practice Policies (PPP's) and made a number of recommended revisions, which were approved by the Board, to ensure that the policies remain current and consistent with legislation.

In addition to the general legislative updates the Board also approved; the rescinding of PPP-39 *Responsibility of the Pharmacist when asked to Provide a Drug that may harm the Patient*, as it was considered to be outdated and the revision to PPP-66 *Methadone Maintenance Treatment* to direct pharmacists to keep their signed *Declaration of Completion and Understanding* form in their primary pharmacy of employment only and not to forward a copy to the College office. A current list of Professional Practice Policies can be found on the College website under [Legislation/Provincial/PPPs](#).