



# 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 Craigie

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

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 February 10, 2012. Due to Board involvement in the final interview process for the College Registrar's position the meeting was shortened from its normal full day to a half day meeting. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

#### College Renews PharmaNet Contract

The A/Registrar reported that the College had secured a 5-year agreement (through fiscal 2016-2017) for the renewal of the PharmaNet contract with the Ministry of Health. The contract provides the College with an administration fee for producing requested PharmaNet profiles, contributing revenues to the College's operating budget.

#### College Receives Additional Government Grant for MMT Training

Following on the success of the mandatory Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT) training program which was initiated last year as part of *Professional Practice Policy #66 – Methadone Maintenance Treatment* the College has received additional grant money from the federal government to support further education for pharmacists in this important practice area. The focus of the next wave of education will be to develop pharmacists' knowledge in the area of addiction medicine to enhance their clinical decision making and to support collaborative working relationships with methadone prescribers. A series of free 'live' sessions, scheduled throughout the province in the coming months, will be communicated shortly.

#### Board Member Expenses to be Posted on College Website

In the interest of full disclosure and transparency the Board approved the posting, on the College website, of individual Board members' expenses relating to their specific Board and Committee work within a fiscal year. The breakdown, which will be updated annually, will reflect the number of committees each Board member participated on and reference the community that they reside in to provide context for each Board members' relevant expenses.

#### Call for Volunteers for College Committees

Given the annual term expiry of committee members of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 the Board has directed the College to communicate a 'call for volunteers' in an effort to recruit registrants to volunteer their time to participate on a number of important College committees. A current listing of all committees and their specific Terms of Reference can be found on the College website. An eblast communication to all registrants, which will include an application form, will be sent out shortly.

#### Board to Seek Additional Legal Opinion Regarding Elimination of Loyalty Points

The Board is seeking an additional legal opinion regarding its authority to enact policy or legislation that would in affect eliminate the ability of pharmacies or registrants from offering loyalty points for the provision of pharmacy services.

#### College to Remind Registrants of Liability Insurance Criteria

The Board directed the College to utilize existing communication vehicles, such as ReadLinks, to remind registrants of the minimum criteria, as outlined in *Professional Practice Policy #60 (PPP60) – Professional Liability Insurance*, which must be included in registrants' liability insurance policies.