



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 June 17, 2011. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

Board recognizes the College's first pharmacy technician registrants

At a celebration event that was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, the BC Pharmacy Association, UBC's Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development division and College staff, the Board recognized the College's inaugural group of 21 (14 of which were in attendance) pharmacy technician registrants.

Each of the technicians recognized are current technicians from community and hospital practice throughout BC. They have successfully completed all of the required regulation components including the four educational bridging programs and the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada's (PEBC) Qualifying Exam.

In the press release that followed the event, the College acknowledged that the process for regulating pharmacy technicians, which is on a voluntary basis, will continue to be a gradual one with up to 100 technician registrants expected this year and 100 to 200 more next year.

Fiscal 2010/2011 Audited Financial Statements approved by Board

Following a report by the Audit Committee, and presentation of the financial statements by College staff, the Board approved the audited financials for the fiscal year 2010/2011 as presented. The statements, which reflect a favourable financial position, will be included in the College's Annual Report and filed, as required by legislation, with the Ministry of Health and posted on the College website by June 28, 2011.

Survey of Registrants' interest in attending AGM, coming this summer

In response to a resolution brought forward at the College's November 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM), asking for the Board to consider allowing registrants to participate in the meeting through electronic means, the Board has approved that a survey of registrants be conducted to gauge their interest.

The brief online survey will be emailed to all registrants in the coming months and the information provided will help guide the Board in their decision regarding registrants' ability to participate in this year's AGM, scheduled for Saturday November 19, 2011 at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver.

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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.

Upcoming Board member election schedule confirmed

The Board was reminded that elections will be held this fall for pharmacists in all odd numbered districts (1, 3, 5 & 7) and, for the first time, for a pharmacy technician registrant from district 8, which includes the entire province. Each of the Board members will be elected to a two-year term commencing at the beginning of the Board's regularly scheduled November 2011 Board meeting.

August 5, 2011	Nomination ballots mailed to all eligible registrants in each of the electoral districts. Nominations deadline August 29, 2011.
September 12, 2011	Nominee biographies and mail-in voting ballots sent to all eligible registrants in each of the electoral districts. Ballot deadline October 19, 2011.
October 21, 2011	Election tally conducted. All nominees are contacted and informed of election results by October 24. Board Chair declares election results at the November 18, 2011 Board meeting.

Board to respond to Ministry's recent announcement regarding funding of smoking cessation products

Although supportive of the government's announcement regarding public funding for nicotine replacement therapies or smoking cessation prescription medications, the Board will forward a letter to the Premier acknowledging this as a positive step but reaffirm the College's long standing position calling for the removal of the sale of tobacco from pharmacies and indicating the College's willingness to work together with the Ministry to realize this goal.

Professional Practice Policy (PPP-29) – Triazolam Dispensing Guidelines rescinded by Board

Responding to a monograph change supported by Health Canada, and with confirmation from manufacturers that the higher strength tablets (0.5mg and 1.0mg) have been discontinued, the Board approved rescinding *PPP-29 Triazolam Dispensing Guidelines* effective immediately.

Board establishes Task Group to lead search for new College Registrar

Having officially accepted, on May 25th, the resignation of College Registrar Marshall Moleschi, who has accepted the position of Registrar for the Ontario College of Pharmacists effective September 1st, the Board, following an in-camera session, established the membership for the Registrar Search Task Group and the group's Terms of Reference.