



Board Highlights



BOARD MEMBERS

Photo: clockwise from top left

Dennis Primmitt

District 7 – Community Hospitals

Penny Denton

Government Appointee, Prince Rupert

Michael MacDougall (Chair)

Government Appointee, West Vancouver

John Scholtens

Government Appointee, Langley

Chris Hunter

District 5 – Northern BC

James Kim

District 6 – Urban Hospitals

Doug Kipp

District 4 – Kootenay/Okanagan

Margaret Cleaveley

Government Appointee, Kamloops

Bev Harris

District 2 – Fraser Valley

Agnes Fridl Poljak

District 1 – Metropolitan Vancouver

Barry Wilson

District 3 – Vancouver Island/Coastal

The Board of the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC) met for their inaugural board meeting at the CPBC office in Vancouver, BC on March 27th, 2009. Prior to the board meeting, which followed the final meeting of the College Council, members participated in an Oath of Office Ceremony which formalized their transition to the *Health Professions Act (HPA)*. The main item on the board agenda was to approve the repeal of the existing *Pharmacists Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling (PPODS)* bylaws and approve the new *HPA and Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act (PODSA)* bylaws which took effect April 1st, 2009. (*note: more details regarding the college's transition to the HPA and PODSA legislation can be found on the college website: www.bcpharmacists.org*)

Approval of HPA and PODSA bylaws:

Although the government made a number of changes to the draft *HPA* and *PODSA* bylaws which were presented to the Board for approval in January the majority of changes did not change the intent of the bylaw but rather had been done to provide consistency with the governments' new 'model' bylaws. There were however two changes made by government that did change the intent of the bylaw:

- **Chair and Vice-Chair (HPA bylaw: section 12 (2)):**
 - the CPBC submitted draft bylaws stated: "the Chair is elected for a 1 year term by the board from among the elected pharmacist board members" and "the Vice-Chair is elected for a 1-year term by the board from among the elected pharmacist board members" – the restriction to be from among 'elected pharmacy board members' was removed by the government.
- **Quality Assurance Program (HPA bylaw: section 52 (2)):**
 - the CPBC submitted draft bylaws stated: "The program consists of 2 components and applies to all full pharmacists and applicants for reinstatement and registration renewal: (a) a continuing education option, and/or (b) the assessment option described in subsection (3) to (9) of this bylaw" – the 'and/or' was removed by the government resulting in the need for both a continuing education and an assessment component to be included in the college's quality assurance program.

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACISTS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Safe and Effective Pharmacy Care

OUR VISION

As the medication experts, pharmacists are professionals who apply their full knowledge, skills and abilities to their clinical practice and continue to evolve their scope of practice to provide better healthcare outcomes.

Our Mission

To ensure British Columbia pharmacists provide safe and effective pharmacy care to help people achieve better health.

Governments' rationale for these changes was explained by Craig Knight, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Policy, Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations and Daryl Beckett, Director Professional Regulation, Legislation and Professional Regulation who were in attendance to address any questions:

- With respect to the position of Board Chair and Vice-Chair it was explained that this was done to be consistent with all other healthcare professions under the *HPA* and that the government was firm on this point.
- With respect to the Quality Assurance program (ie; PDAP) it was explained that given the need for all healthcare professions to practice to their full scope and in light of recent expanded scope granted to various healthcare professions (ie; pharmacist's authority to adapt prescriptions) government was committed to enhancing all regulatory college's quality assurance programs by requiring an assessment component.

After some further discussion and clarification the draft *HPA* and *PODSA* bylaws were approved by the Board.

First Election of Board:

The previous election process involved the rotation each year of different districts – one year even numbered districts and the next year odd numbered districts would be required to run for re-election.

As a result of the transition to the *HPA* however all elected board members will be required to run for re-election in this first election which is scheduled to be held on Friday October 23, 2009. In this initial election odd numbered districts (1, 3, 5 & 7) will be elected for a two-year term and even numbered districts (2, 4 & 6) for a one-year term which will result in a rotating schedule again in 2010.

Further details and call for nominations will be mailed to all registrants August 7th, 2009.