



# Board Highlights



## BOARD MEMBERS

Photo: from left to right

### **Robert Crague**

District 5 – Northern British Columbia

### **Kris Gustavson**

Government Appointee

### **Jeremy Walden**

Government Appointee

### **Bal Dhillon**

District 8 – Pharmacy Technicians

### **Doug Kipp (Chair)**

District 4 – Kootenay/Okanagan

### **Jeff Slater**

Government Appointee

### **Jerry Casanova**

District 7 – Community Hospitals

### **Blair Tymchuk**

District 3 – Vancouver Island/Coastal

### **Bev Harris (Vice-Chair)**

District 2 – Fraser Valley

### **Agnes Fridl Poljak**

District 1 – Metropolitan Vancouver

### **Anar Dossa**

District 6 – Urban Hospitals

### **Ryan Hoag**

Government Appointee

*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 November 16, 2012. The following highlights, which were approved by the board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.*

### **New members join the Board**

The College is pleased to announce that Doug Kipp was acclaimed as Chair and Bev Harris as Vice-Chair for a second one-year term. The College also welcomed Anar Dossa as the new Board member from District 6 (Urban Hospitals) and Bal Dhillon from District 8 (Pharmacy Technicians). In addition, Ryan Hoag and Jeremy Walden were welcomed as new government appointees to the Board and Kris Gustavson was re-appointed as a government appointee to a 3-year term. The College also thanks John Hope, Onnolee Osbourne, Penny Denton, and John Scholtens for their service.

### **Board approves budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year**

The Board passed a budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year which maintains the fee at current levels. The College is holding the line on spending while targeting funds at key priority areas identified in the College's strategic plan. Additional resources have been dedicated to the inquiry and discipline processes to ensure that the College is able to meet its mandate to serve and protect the public and proceed with a number of increasingly complex inquiry and discipline cases that are already in process. In addition, the return to the PST on April 1, 2013 means that the College will no longer be able to recover the 7% provincial portion of the sales tax and will become simply a cost of doing business. The College will absorb a nearly \$240,000 hit as a result of this change.

### **Developing alternatives to the Knowledge Assessment exam**

Working with the Quality Assurance Committee, the College will investigate options for alternatives to the assessment component of PDAP. While the current exam is still in its volunteer phase, the Board would like to see what other options are available should they decide to make modifications to the program. Quality assurance programs are put in place to ensure that the public has confidence that professionals are competent and up to date in the work that they do. The College is required to have a robust quality assurance program in place which includes both assessment and continuing education components. This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

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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.*

### **Prescribing authority for immunizations to be reviewed**

The Board has asked the Injection Drug Advisory Committee to review the potential for pharmacists to prescribe vaccinations which they are currently permitted to inject. This review will be presented back to the Board with recommendations for any changes required.

### **Moving forward on Advanced Practice Pharmacist authorizations**

The Board approved the terms of reference for a task group which will make recommendations regarding an Advanced Practice Pharmacist authorization. This task group will consider what standards, limits and conditions will be put in place for pharmacists receiving this authorization. While no decisions have been made or appropriate stakeholder engagement conducted, an advanced practice pharmacist authorization could allow an authorized pharmacist to initiate certain drug therapies, perform screenings and monitor lab tests and administer medications and immunizations.

### **College to ensure compounding continues to meet the highest safety standard**

Recent events related to a compounding pharmacy in Massachusetts have been cause for the College to pay close attention to any potential issue surrounding compounding in British Columbia. The US is now facing the reality that a number of deaths may have been caused by an outbreak of fungal meningitis due to sterility problems in a compounding facility. The College wants to ensure that the practice of compounding in BC pharmacies remains safe and the public remains confident in the ability of pharmacists to do this work safely and effectively. The Board has requested that the Community Pharmacy Practice Advisory Committee review the current status of compounding in this province and provide recommendations if there are any additional steps we can take to enhance public safety.

### **Board meetings scheduled for next year**

Board meetings are open to the public and are held at the College's office at 200-1765 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Vancouver.

Board meetings will be held on the following dates next year:

- Friday, February 15, 2013
- Friday, April 19, 2013
- Friday, June 21, 2013
- Friday September 20, 2013
- Friday, November 22, 2013

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, November 23