



Board Highlights



BOARD MEMBERS

Photo: clockwise from top left

Margaret Cleaveley

Government Appointee, Kamloops

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 November 19, 2010. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

Newly Elected and Appointed Board members take their Oath of Office

As prescribed by legislation, the College's November Board meeting began with the following newly elected and appointed or reappointed Board members affirming their Oath of Office which supports the College's mandate to serve and protect the public:

Penny Denton, Government Appointee	Bev Harris, District 2
John Scholtens, Government Appointee	Doug Kipp, District 4
Margaret Cleaveley, Government Appointee	John Hope, District 6
Jeff Slater, Government Appointee	

Board elects Chair and Vice Chair

As the November Board meeting marks the beginning of a new term, the Board held elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. Randy Konrad was re-elected as Board Chair and Allan Greene was elected Vice-Chair. Both will serve a one-year term.

2-year Balanced Budget approved by Board

Following a comprehensive review of the College's current and projected financials, the Board approved a 2-year balanced budget for the fiscal years 2011– 2012 and 2012 – 2013. The approved budget, which supports the continuation of the work outlined in the College's Strategic Plan (2008 – 2013), calls for an increase in all College fees of 5% for both years. The Board was reminded that pharmacist fees in British Columbia have not increased over the past 5 years and are among the lowest in the country.

The major factors impacting the budget are a significant decrease in revenue resulting from the renegotiation of a government contract and substantive increases in the area of complaints resolution due to more stringent legislative timelines and processes and the volume and complexity of complaints being brought before the College.

The new fee structure is expected to take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year which begins March 1, 2011 and registrants will receive further information in their renewal notice packages.

Board approves 2011 Meeting Schedule

The following Board meeting schedule for 2011 was approved by the Board:

- Friday, February 11, 2011 (Regular Board Meeting)
- Friday, April 15, 2011 (Regular Board Meeting)
- Friday, June 17, 2011 (Regular Board Meeting)
- Saturday, June 18, 2011 (Strategic Planning Session)
- Friday, September 23, 2011 (Regular Board Meeting)
- Thursday, November 24, 2011 (Orientation Session)
- Friday, November 25, 2011 (Regular Board Meeting)
- Saturday, November 26, 2011 (Annual General Meeting)

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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.

New Methadone Maintenance Treatment Policy (PPP-66) approved

Over the years, the provision of methadone maintenance treatment has grown with over 50% of community pharmacies across the province currently providing the service. The purpose of introducing *PPP-66 Methadone Maintenance Treatment* is to ensure that all pharmacy managers and all pharmacists providing this essential service are adhering to the same standards and guidelines.

Subsequently the College is in the final stages of developing a comprehensive Methadone Maintenance Treatment Policy Guide (2010) which has included extensive stakeholder consultation and feedback. As outlined in PPP-66, all pharmacy managers and staff pharmacists employed in a community pharmacy that provides services related to methadone maintenance treatment will be required to successfully complete a College training program based on the standards and guidelines outlined in the new Policy Guide.

The Board is keenly aware of the importance of ensuring continuity of care for patients, particularly in rural areas, as registrants upgrade their training to comply with this policy. As a result, the policy includes a transition period of over a year and the mandatory training program, which is free for registrants, will be available in 'live' sessions in as many as 20 communities throughout BC as well as 'online'. Further details will be communicated as the training becomes available early in the New Year. Funding for this initiative will be off-set by a grant received by the Federal government.

Revised Code of Ethics and accompanying documents approved by Board

The Board was reminded that the current Code of Ethics was over 15 years old and that this work, which was initiated well over a year ago, was done to ensure that the College's standards, with respect to professional and ethical conduct, were reflective of current pharmacy practice.

Representatives from the Ethics Working Group and Ethics Advisory Committee, provided the Board with a presentation outlining the foundational framework and comprehensive development of the recommended revised documents (Preamble to the Code, Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest Standards, Model for Ethical Decision Making and Pharmacy Oath) as well as an outline of the consultative process and feedback received.

The Board discussed each document at length, made revisions that they felt were necessary and ultimately approved the documents for submission, as required, to the Ministry of Health Services for final approval. It is only once these documents have received government approval that they will come into effect and will then be made available to registrants.

Given the significance of these documents as practice standards and a resource to support pharmacists in ethical decision making the Board approved a mandatory education program for all registrants.

Board introduces Policy related to Pharmacy Technology (PPP-67)

As technologies utilized within pharmacy practice continues to evolve, the Board felt it necessary to introduce *PPP-67 Pharmacy Technology* which is intended to ensure the appropriate selection and maintenance of technologies that support patient-centered, safe and effective pharmacy care.

The policy holds pharmacy managers responsible for evaluating the suitability and safety of all technologies utilized within their pharmacy systems and provides general guidelines and criteria that must be followed in this regard.