



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

Kris Gustavson *(not pictured)*

Government Appointee, Vancouver

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 September 23, 2011. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

Board welcomed newest Board member Kris Gustavson

Replacing retired Government Appointee Board member Margaret Cleaveley, the Board officially welcomed, by witnessing her sworn Oath of Office, Kris Gustavson to her first official Board meeting. Ms. Gustavson, who holds both a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Science in Nursing from UBC, is currently the Corporate Director, Accreditation and Patient Experience for the Provincial Health Services Authority, and an Adjunct Professor for the School of Nursing at UBC. Her vast knowledge and experience will no doubt serve her well as she works with her fellow Board members to uphold the mandate of the College, to serve and protect the public.

Board recognized and thanked Bal Dhillon for her years of service to the Board as the first Pharmacy Technician Observer

In light of the upcoming Board elections on October 21 in which registrants, for the first time, will elect a pharmacy technician registrant to the College Board, this past Board meeting marked the last official meeting for Bal Dhillon who has served as the Board appointed pharmacy technician observer for the past two years. Bal's vast experience as a technician has proved to be invaluable to the Board who acknowledged her contribution with a Certificate of Appreciation and extended their sincere thanks and gratitude for her years of service.

Minor revisions made to the College's 5-year Strategic Plan (2008- 2013)

Having had College staff make the minor and non-substantive revisions to the College's current Strategic Plan, which came out of the Board's annual Strategic Planning Session held on June 16, 2011, the Board approved the updated plan which is now posted on the College website (www.bcpharmacists.org).

College registrants will be given the opportunity to vote electronically on any resolutions brought forward to the Board, beginning with this upcoming AGM

In response to a resolution brought forward to the Board at the 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and in light of the results of a recent registrant survey in which 50% of respondents indicated a desire to vote on resolutions by electronic means, the Board passed the following motion:

In response to a resolution brought forward at the 2010 AGM and subsequent registrant survey, commencing with the 2011 AGM, College registrants will be given an opportunity to vote electronically on any resolution brought forward. In an effort to ensure that all registrants are able to make an informed decision, embedded in the online voting process, registrants will access an audio file containing an unedited recording, from the AGM, of the presentation and discussion on the resolution(s). Registrants will also be reminded that due to the fact that the resolution(s) may not align with the College's sole mandate of protecting the public the outcome of the resolution(s) is not binding on the College Board but will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following the AGM. This new process will be a pilot which will be evaluated by the Board.

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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.*

The 2011 AGM will be held at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver on Saturday November 19th, 2011 beginning at 4pm. Electronic online voting on any resolutions brought forward at this AGM will take place for a period of several days subsequent to the meeting. Full details regarding the process will be communicated to all registrants in the official mailing of the AGM notification, scheduled for the first week of October, and in the upcoming ReadLinks newsletter.

Mail-in Ballots for Board Elections due October 19, 2011

The Board was reminded that the mail-in ballots for the upcoming elections for pharmacy registrants in Districts 1, 3, 5 & 7 and for the first time, for a pharmacy technician registrant from District 8, must be received at the College office by 5pm on Wednesday October 19th, with the election tally being conducted on Friday October 21st .

Ray Jang and Bal Dhillon to be recognized with Volunteer of the Year awards

Accepting the recommendation brought forward by College staff the Board agreed to acknowledge both Ray Jang and Bal Dhillon with the Volunteer of the Year award which recognizes individuals who have been outstanding with respect to volunteering their time and expertise to College initiatives. These awards will be presented at the upcoming AGM.

Professional Practice Policy (PPP-56) – Standards for Pharmacy Assistant Verification of Non-Sterile Products in Hospital Pharmacy Practice and (PPP-57) – Standards for Pharmacy Assistant Verification of Sterile Products in Hospital Pharmacy Practice have been revised

Accepting the recommendation brought forward by the Hospital Pharmacy Advisory Committee the Board has revised PPP-56 and PPP-57 to ensure the continuation of the tech-check-tech function in hospital pharmacy practice during this transition period as pharmacy assistants become regulated. The revised PPP's are now posted on the College website (www.bcpharmacists.org).

UBC-CPPD provided their Annual Report to the Board

The Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development division of UBC, which receives funding from the College, outlined for the Board the many educational offerings provided over this past year to both pharmacy technicians, through their delivery of the required Bridging Program, and to pharmacists through the offering of continuing education programs. A focus for the coming year will be on the development and delivery of programs that support registrants in the delivery of clinical services.

Professional Development and Assessment Program (PDAP) - On track

The Board was provided an update presentation by College staff on the launch of PDAP explaining that the annual Continuing Education (CE) component, which will have a staggered start as it is tied directly to registrant's annual Registration Renewal cycle, launched in August 2011. The mandatory Assessment component, which calls on registrants to sit a Knowledge Assessment (KA) exam once every ten years will begin as scheduled with the 2012 calendar year. The first year of the program will rely on volunteer participants, rather than the random selection of 10% of registrants, in order to properly test the new computerized delivery of the exam. More details will be available in the upcoming issue of the ReadLinks newsletter.