



Board Highlights



BOARD MEMBERS

Photo: clockwise from top left

Dennis Primmatt (Chair)
District 7 – Community Hospitals

Penny Denton
Government Appointee, Prince Rupert

Michael MacDougall
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 (Vice-Chair)
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 regularly scheduled Board meeting at the College office in Vancouver, BC on September 24, 2009. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

UBC Presentations to Board:

New Pharmaceutical Sciences Faculty Building at UBC:

Dr. David Fielding, Professor and Associate Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC provided the Board with a briefing on the announcement of the new 'state-of-the-art' Pharmaceutical Sciences Building which will increase under-graduate enrolment by 47% - adding 72 additional students in 2011. The new facility is expected to be complete in 2012 and has a total project cost of \$133.3 million with a commitment by the provincial government of \$86.4 million.

Board Chair Dennis Primmatt will forward a letter, on behalf of the College Board, congratulating Dr. Robert Sindelar, Dean of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC for his leadership in the realization of this monumental achievement and a letter of acknowledgment to Premier Gordon Campbell for the government's financial support and commitment.

Continuing Education Update:

Sheryl Peterson, Acting Director of UBC's Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development department provided the Board with an annual report summarizing the department's achievements with respect to providing continuing education resources to pharmacists throughout BC. The statistics presented indicate that there has been growth over the past year with respect to both the content and delivery mechanisms of programs being offered and in the overall number of pharmacists participating.

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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.

Authority to Administer Injections:

The Board 'approved in principle' the revised *HPA Bylaws* and recommended *Standards, Limits and Conditions*, pertaining to pharmacist's authority to administer injections.

The Board also, in an effort to ensure that qualified pharmacists would be in a position to assist with vaccinations for seasonal flu and H1N1 influenza, agreed to the addition of two extraordinary Board meetings over the next few weeks to allow for the final approvals necessary to confirm the College's authority to grant qualified pharmacists their authorization to administer injections.

Although qualified pharmacists are able to apply to the College now for their authorization, they are not able to administer injections until they have received their official notification from the College, which is expected to be available by the middle of October 2009.

Recognition Given to Exiting Board Members:

With the confirmation of the November 2009 election roster and given the reality that the 'new' Board will commence office at the beginning of the November 2009 Board Meeting this was the last 'full' Board meeting for four current Board Members who were recognized and thanked by the College for their years of service:

- Agnes Fridl Poljak (2007 – 2009) - District 1
- Barry Wilson (2005 – 2009) - District 3
- James Kim (2006 – 2009) - District 6
- Dennis Primmatt (2007 – 2009) - District 7