



College of Pharmacists  
of British Columbia

## Board Highlights – November 20, 2015

### Board Chair and Vice-Chair Election Results

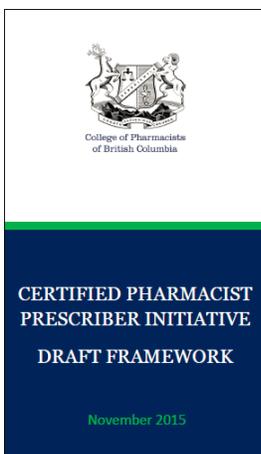
The College Board elections took place at the November meeting. Blake Reynolds, District 4 – Kootenay/Okanagan representative, was elected Board Chair by acclamation. Anar Dossa, District 6 – Urban Hospitals representative, was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

### Board Approves Policy Change for Annual CE Requirements

The Board approved a policy change to amend the annual continuing education learning requirements needed for registration renewal.

Previous	New
<p><i>A minimum of 15 hours of learning activities, documented on a minimum of 6 Learning Records with supporting documentation.</i></p> <p><i>a) All learning must have been completed within the 12 months prior to renewal date.</i></p> <p><i>b) CE-Plus Learning Records must be completed in English.</i></p>	<p><i>A minimum of 15 hours of learning activities, documented on a minimum of 6 Learning Records with supporting documentation.</i></p> <p><i>a) A <b>minimum of 5 hours</b> of the learning activities <b>must be accredited</b>.</i></p> <p><i>b) All learning activities must have been completed within the 12 months prior to renewal date.</i></p>

As the College operates in English, the decision was made to remove the requirement that all records be completed in English.



### Board Approves Draft Framework for Certified Pharmacist Prescriber Initiative

The Board approved the draft framework for the Certified Pharmacist Prescriber Initiative, pending recommended changes. The draft framework sets out the parameters of a pharmacist prescriber, including the registration and renewal requirements as well as the standards, limits and conditions of prescribing. It also focuses on case scenarios where the pharmacist prescriber would benefit from patient care. The College will begin conducting stakeholder engagement in 2016, which will inform the development of the final framework to be submitted to government.



### **Board Approves College 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The College of Pharmacists of BC will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. Board Member Ming Chang, Chair of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Group, presented the communications and engagement plan to the Board. The Board directed the College to host one signature gala next year to commemorate the milestone. Stay tuned for more details about the event!

### **Interprofessional Medication Review Workshops**

Dr. Aaron Tejani and Dr. Tom Perry delivered a presentation to the Board on the interprofessional medication review workshops that were conducted with pharmacists, physicians and nurse practitioners. The College funded the 12 workshops, which aimed to promote collaborative practices between health professions when completing medication reviews.

### **Board Approves Online Drug Information Library Subscription**

The Board approved funding for a 12-month pilot of RxFiles, an online reference providing objective, comparative drug information to clinicians. The program was built in 1997 as a service for Saskatoon family physicians, but has since grown to be a resource for clinicians across Canada. RxFiles will be offered free of cost to pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy students. Look out for more details on how to subscribe!

### **College Begins Work on 2017/18-2019/20 Strategic Plan**

The College has begun to shape its next three-year strategic plan. The first step of developing the College's 2017/18 – 2019/20 Strategic Plan is to engage with registrants. Stay tuned for details on how to contribute to the College's next strategic plan.

### **DrugSafeBC Public Awareness Campaign Update**

The College reported the impact to-date of the DrugSafeBC public awareness campaign with the Board. College Registrar Bob Nakagawa, Board Chair Anar Dossa and Vancouver Police Chief Constable Adam Palmer launched the DrugSafeBC campaign at a press conference in Vancouver on September 15, 2015. The public awareness campaign was designed to educate British Columbians about the enhanced security features in community pharmacies in an effort to deter pharmacy robberies. Elements of the public awareness campaign included standardized signage, advertisements in community newspapers, and public service announcements on television, radio and social media.





**The following informational agenda items were not presented at the Board meeting but were discussed as part of the Consent Agenda:**

### **CE Tools and Programs**

The College is conducting a learning needs assessment survey for all registrants in order to make the best recommendation to Board in February 2016 on the development of upcoming continuing education tools and programs. The survey was sent on Monday, November 16 – we strongly encourage you to participate!

### **Practice Support Line for Registrants**

The College has a dedicated email for questions related to the application of legislation and standards to everyday practice: [practicesupport@bcpharmacists.org](mailto:practicesupport@bcpharmacists.org). Sending questions by email is the preferred method of contact for the College as we can track the types of questions and gauge whether a particular topic needs further clarification or a possible reminder for all registrants through Readlinks or the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website.

There is also a Practice Support Line – **604-676-4246** or call **1-800-663-1940 x 246** – available to pharmacy professionals for the most immediate and pressing questions.

A College Compliance Officer – who is a registered pharmacist – will respond to Practice Support emails and calls within 1 business day.