

The council of the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC) met for their regularly scheduled council meeting at the college's office in Vancouver, BC on June 26th and 27th, 2008. The following council highlights summarize the key initiatives discussed. Council meeting minutes can be found at: www.bcpharmacists.org.

Medication Management:

It's been almost one year since council approved the development of Professional Practice Policy #58 (*PPP-58 – Protocol for Medication Management: Adapting a Prescription*) designed to guide pharmacists in the safe and effective process of adapting prescriptions. Now in its final stage of development the update to council included the roll-out plan which calls for the distribution of the *PPP-58 Orientation Guide*, via mail and posted online. With distribution scheduled for early September the expectation is that all registrants will have read and understood the policy by December 31, 2008.

Although pharmacists can independently complete the orientation, given the significance and complexity of the policy, the college will be offering live orientation sessions throughout the province this fall. A tentative schedule and registration information will be featured in the July/August issue of *ReadLinks* which will be distributed the week of July 21st.

As has always been outlined in PPP-58, pharmacists will have the choice as to whether or not they wish to adapt a prescription for a patient but should they choose to adapt it is mandatory that they have completed the orientation. In addition, given that by adapting a prescription a pharmacist assumes accountability and responsibility, following a proposal to council, it was moved, seconded and carried that:

- *In order to utilize PPP-58 pharmacists must complete the orientation process and possess personal professional liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$2 million*

CE-Plus Option to PDAP:

Following a presentation by a representative from the Board of Examiners (BOE) and the CE-Plus working group, which concluded that the results of a preliminary field test to the CE-Plus tool were favourable, it was moved, seconded and carried that:

- *Council accepts the Board of Examiners CE-Plus tool as presented for implementation in Cycle 2, Phase 2, September 2008*

The result of this is that registrants who will be entering Phase 2 this September will now have the option of selecting from any one of the following tools: CE-Plus, Knowledge Assessment (KA), Learning and Practice Portfolio (LPP), Practice Audit or Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) to fulfill their PDAP requirement.

The CE-Plus tool, which has been in development for the past year, was initiated in the fall of 2007

when council, in response to a request from BC pharmacists, asked that a Continuing Education (CE) based option be developed to add to the PDAP.

Council elections and appointments:

In adherence with the college's council electoral process, District 2 (Fraser Valley), District 4 (Kootenay/Okanagan) and District 6 (Urban Hospitals) were recently up for re-election. The results, which were completed on May 22, 2008 were acknowledged at the council meeting and are as follows:

- **District 2 – Re-Elected: Bev Harris**
- **District 4 – Elected: (John) Doug Kipp**
- **District 6 – Re-Elected (by acclamation): James Kim**

Also in conjunction with the electoral process the council, at the June 26th meeting, elected a new council president – congratulations to President-elect: **Michael MacDougall**. Michael, a government appointee from West Vancouver, has been a member of council since 2004. Re-appointments and newly elected council appointments, including the term of president, are effective following the college's Annual General Meeting to be held on November 22, 2008.

Council also said goodbye and thanked government appointee councillor, **Marina Ma**, who will complete her six-year term on July 26th, 2008 and accepted and welcomed her replacement, **Penny Denton**. Penny, who will serve a one-year term, is a retired Critical Care Registered Nurse and a Certified Healing Touch Practitioner who was appointed to the Board of Governors of Northwest Community College in February 2002 and is presently their outgoing chair.

Strategic Planning Session:

The second day of the council meeting, June 27th, was spent in a facilitated session by Sierra Systems, who conducted a scheduled annual review of the college's five-year strategic plan (2007 – 2012). With pre-input gathered from all councillors Sierra led the group through each section of the strategic plan (vision, mission, values, goals and objectives) where the group either retained or modified the content.

An updated version of the strategic plan will be posted on the college website shortly, key highlights included; the removal of the desired outcomes as they were felt to be captured within the objectives, the development of a new vision which focuses on the role of the pharmacist - *As the medication experts, pharmacists are professionals who apply their full knowledge, skills, abilities and clinical practice and continue to evolve their scope of practice to provide better health outcomes* and the addition of objective 5 to goal 1 – *Develop a plan to remove non-medicinal nicotine products and complete a review of pharmacy loyalty programs.*

Following the session it was moved, seconded and carried that:

- ***Council accepts the changes as noted during the meeting and incorporate them into the strategic plan. Staff is to review the timelines outlined in the plan and if required suggest revisions.***