

# Meeting of the Council

7 July 2003 - Teleconference

**Present:**

President and District 4 Councillor Erica Gregory, District 1 Councillor Wayne Rubner, District 2 Councillor Amin Bardai, District 3 Councillor Caren Heughan, District 7 Councillor Carol Gee, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean Robert Sindelar and Government Appointee Peter Rubin.

**Regrets:**

District 5 Councillor Janice Reynolds, Government Appointees Gurmeet Gill, Jo Ann Groves and Marina Ma.

**Staff:**

Registrar Linda Lytle

**CALL TO ORDER**

Erica Gregory conducted a roll call, welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

**AGENDA AND TIMETABLE**

The Councillors agreed with the proposed agenda and timetable.

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Councillors reviewed the minutes of the 18 June 2003 meeting of the Audit Committee, in which the Audit Committee members, the audit team and senior management staff had examined all elements relating to the audit of the College's financial affairs for the 2002-03 fiscal year. The minutes detailed specific entries in Exhibits A through G, along with questions from committee members and responses from the auditors and staff.

There were no further questions from the Councillors on the contents of the audited financial statements.

*It was moved, seconded and carried*

Council approves the audited financial statements for the 1 March 2002 to 28 February 2003 fiscal year.

## **ELECTRONIC BANKING RESOLUTION**

Linda Lytle reported that she had discussed with the auditor the Council's concerns relating to the proposed resolution to permit electronic banking procedures by College staff. The auditor suggested several methods by which internal controls could be implemented, including establishing an upper limit threshold beyond which a transaction could not be executed, arranging for monitoring reports to be delivered to the College directly from the bank (rather than depending only on monitoring reports created by College staff), and arranging for the use of more than one password for the execution of certain transactions.

The Registrar indicated that she would investigate the possibility of implementing one or more of these options with bank personnel and would prepare a report for Council's further consideration at its September meeting.

## **BC TEACHERS' FEDERATION'S REQUEST REGARDING BILL 51**

The Councillors reviewed correspondence dated 28 May 2003 from BC Teachers' Federation President Neil Worboys, requesting that the College publicly support the BCTF's opposition to Bill 51 involving the restructuring of the BC College of Teachers' Board of Directors and the imposition of reporting requirements upon teachers.

Citing concerns relating to the College of Pharmacists' narrow mandate, the Councillors agreed not to provide the requested letter of support. The President will notify the BCTF of the Councillors' decision.

## **BOWL OF HYGEIA AWARD**

The Councillors received a report from the Bowl of Hygeia Award Selection Committee, advising that Janice Reynolds of Quesnel has been selected to receive the award for the current year. It was noted that, although the recipient is a member of the Council of the College, an independent selection process involving other candidates was conducted and the recipient did not participate in the Council meeting at which the decision was announced.

## **E-MAIL SPAMMING ACTIVITIES BY PHARMACISTS**

Several Councillors reported receiving messages from consumers who reported multiple e-mail messages (spamming) from a BC pharmacist involved with the delivery of international prescription services. The e-mail messages reportedly included prescription drug price advertising. The Registrar will examine the messages for compliance with the current drug advertising regulations, and the Ethics Advisory Committee will be asked to consider issues related to e-mail spamming.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.