

Annual General Meeting

Burnaby, British Columbia

November 27, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

College President Wayne Rubner called the 113th annual general meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia to order at 1:30 p.m. President Rubner welcomed pharmacists and guests to the meeting. He noted that the quorum requirement was met.

President Rubner presented the College's mission statement: To ensure British Columbia pharmacists provide safe and effective pharmacy care to help people achieve better health.

He introduced Registrar Linda Lytle, President-elect Rita Thomson and the College's auditor, Donna Diskos of Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants.

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The November 29, 2003 annual general meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Donna Diskos, Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountant, presented the College's 2003-2004 audited financial statements and offered to answer questions about the report. There were none. President Rubner noted that the audited financial statements had been reviewed and approved by both the Audit Committee and the Council and included in the 2003/2004 Annual Report booklet distributed to registrants.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rubner discussed the approach that Council followed over the past year. He noted that the focus was not on introducing new legislation, but on regulation reduction and member empowerment and autonomy.

President Rubner stated that Council's project for 2004 was an outreach program providing pharmacists to speak to groups in B.C. communities. The purpose of the presentations was to raise awareness of local resources people could access to help them make better health care decisions. The project entitled "Health & Yourself" was done in cooperation with the Ministry of Health Services to provide public education regarding the BC HealthGuide, BC NurseLine and Pharmacist Network information services.

The program also taught the public about what they could expect from their community and hospital pharmacists and the role of the College of Pharmacists of B.C. To date, eight workshops have been completed reaching over 170 members of the public.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar Lytle discussed the changes in the College and membership that she has witnessed during the last decade. She talked about how Council has been active in the area of policy governance ensuring that College outcomes are determined by the elected and appointed Council members, rather than College staff. In the late 1990's, national pharmacy practice standards and drug harmonization were achieved. This enabled the Mutual Recognition Agreement to be implemented, allowing pharmacists to move from province to province with minimal barriers. More recently, Registrar Lytle noted, prescribing authority for pharmacists had been granted. She also noted changes within the College such as the upgraded website, the improved communications program and newsletter enhancements. The College is now focusing on the Quality Outcomes Program, specifically on education and remediation.

Registrar Lytle informed the members in attendance that she had submitted her resignation to Council and the College on November 26, 2004 to be effective June 30, 2005. She thanked everyone and expressed her appreciation for their support over the years.

ANNUAL REPORT

President Rubner invited comments or questions regarding the 2003/2004 Annual Report, which had been mailed to registrants earlier. There were none.

REPORT OF COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections were held in District 2, 4 and 6. Amin Bardai and Erica Gregory were elected in Districts 2 and 4 respectively. John Hope was elected by acclamation in District 6.

President Rubner presented government appointee Michael MacDougall with a Councillor lapel pin.

The 2004 – 2005 Councillors were introduced to the annual general meeting participants:

Wayne Rubner	District 1
Amin Bardai	District 2
Howard Rose	District 3

Erica Gregory	District 4
Rita Thomson	District 5
John Hope	District 6
Carol Gee	District 7
Dr. Robert Sindelar	Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC
Marina Ma	Government Appointee
Peter Rubin	Government Appointee
Michael MacDougall	Government Appointee
Jo Ann Groves	Government Appointee

RESOLUTIONS

President Rubner explained that decisions made at the annual general meeting regarding resolutions are advisory in nature and that the College Council is not bound by the advice, due to its responsibilities to its primary stakeholder, the citizens of the province, and the potential for conflict with the interests of College registrants.

Resolution 1

Let it be resolved that Value VIII of the Code be amended as follows, so as to be aligned with the medical profession:

“A pharmacist will inform a client when his own moral/religious/ethical beliefs may influence his recommendations, so that the client may have the option and freedom to seek advice and or services elsewhere”.

Speakers made points for and against the resolution. The vote by a show of hands did not support the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rubner thanked the assembly for attending the meeting and participating in College affairs. He thanked the College staff for their contributions to the College’s successful operations. He then announced that there would be a brief meeting of Council immediately following the annual meeting and adjourned the 113th meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia at 2:25 p.m.