

Annual General Meeting

Vancouver, British Columbia
November 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

College President Erica Gregory called the 117th annual general meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia to order at 4:31 p.m. President Gregory welcomed pharmacists and guests to the meeting. She noted that the quorum requirement was met.

President Gregory presented the college's mission statement:

To ensure British Columbia pharmacists provide safe and effective pharmacy care to help people achieve better health.

She introduced Registrar Marshall Moleschi, President-elect Michael MacDougall and college auditor Donna Diskos of Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - NOVEMBER 24, 2007

The November 24, 2007 annual general meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Donna Diskos, Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountant, presented the College's 2007-2008 audited financial statements and offered to answer questions about the report. There were none. President Gregory noted that the audited financial statements had been reviewed and approved by both the Audit Committee and the council and were included in the 2007/2008 annual report booklet distributed to registrants.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gregory noted that the council of the College of Pharmacists of BC is committed to its strategic plan which focuses on safety, quality and accountability. Council has established objectives and key performance indicators to guide the registrar and his staff in their implantation of the council's goals. Much of council's time over the past year was dedicated to monitoring the progress of the objectives and assessing the achievement of key performance indicators.

Council is pleased with the rapid development of the medication management initiative and the government's throne speech support of pharmacist-authorized prescription renewals. Extensive consultation efforts demonstrated widespread support for enhanced roles for pharmacists and the college has been able to address major stakeholder concerns by adjusting the policy framework and related pharmacist orientation materials.

The college is responding to requests from pharmacists to develop a regulatory framework for pharmacy technicians. Working with regulated pharmacy technicians will enable pharmacists to focus on identifying and resolving drug-related problems, while technicians focus on all aspects of drug distribution.

President Gregory noted one of the highlights of her term as President was the White Coat Ceremony at UBC. She was touched to have the opportunity to act as Cloaker and experience the excitement and eagerness of the new graduates.

President Gregory acknowledged her fellow council members and thanked them for their hard work over the past year. President Gregory personally thanked the Registrar and the skilled and dedicated staff for their commitment to the College's public protection mandate and the council's strategic plans.

REGISTRAR'S STATISTICAL REPORT

The registrar reviewed portions of his statistical report, noting that there was a net increase of 40 licensed pharmacies with 11 closures and 51 openings. At the end of February 2008, there were 1,050 licensed pharmacies, of which 69 were hospital pharmacies and 981 were community pharmacies. There were 4,219 registered pharmacists at the end of February 2008. Eighty-one pharmacists registered in BC under the terms of the Mutual Recognition Agreement, 60 registered as pharmacists from outside of Canada and 11 pharmacists from other provinces and territories also registered in the province during the fiscal year.

He also recognized staff that work with him at the college and thanked them for their contributions to the college's successful operations.

ANNUAL REPORT

President Gregory invited comments or questions regarding the 2007/2008 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.
- Bev Harris was re-elected in District 2.
- Doug Kipp was elected to District 4
- James Kim, District 6, won by acclamation.

President Gregory presented District 4 councillor-elect Doug Kipp and government appointee Penny Denton with councillor lapel pins.

The 2008 – 2009 councillors were introduced to the annual general meeting participants:

Agnes Fridl Poljak	District 1
Bev Harris	District 2
Barry Wilson	District 3
Doug Kipp	District 4
Chris Hunter	District 5
James Kim	District 6
Dennis Primmatt	District 7
Dr. Robert Sindelar	Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC
Margaret Cleaveley	Government Appointee
Penny Denton	Government Appointee
Michael MacDougall, President	Government Appointee
John Scholtens	Government Appointee

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

President Gregory was recognized with a Certificate of Recognition award for her term as councillor for the College of Pharmacists.

AWARDS

Volunteer Honour Roll – Gold Certificate

One Gold Certificate is awarded each year to a College volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession during the year as a result of their volunteering.

- Erica Gregory was presented the Volunteer Honour Roll Gold Certificate.

Past President's Plaque

President-elect Michael MacDougall presented President Erica Gregory with the Past President's Plaque.

RESOLUTIONS

President Gregory explained that decisions made at the meeting regarding resolution(s) are advisory in nature and that the college council is not bound by the outcome, due to its responsibilities to its primary stakeholder (the citizens of the province) and the potential for conflict with the interests of college registrants. The resolution will be an agenda item for the next council meeting in February of 2009.

Resolution 1

MOTION:

"That the College Council be respectfully requested to consider amending its Rules to restrict the eligibility for election of the President-elect to the elected members of Council".

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President Gregory thanked the assembly for attending the meeting and participating in college affairs. She thanked the college staff for their contributions to the college's successful operations. She then announced that there would be a brief meeting of council immediately following the annual meeting and adjourned the 116th meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia at 5:10 p.m.