

Annual General Meeting

**Vancouver, British Columbia
November 20, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

College Chair Randy Konrad called the 119th Annual General Meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia to order at 4:06 p.m. Chair Konrad welcomed pharmacists and guests to the meeting. He noted that the quorum requirement was met.

Chair Konrad presented the College's mission statement:

To protect the public by ensuring that College registrants provide safe and effective pharmacy care to help people achieve better health.

Chair Konrad introduced Registrar Marshall Moleschi and College Auditor Jannet Taruc of Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants. He then referred the audience to the meeting agenda and briefly reviewed the Rules of Order for the meeting.

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The November 21, 2009 Annual General Meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jannet Taruc, Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountant, presented the College's 2009-2010 audited financial statements and offered to answer questions about the report. Two comments were raised.

A registrant asked where the expenses for advertising could be found within the financial statements and was informed that they are included in communication expenses. A non-registrant commented as to whether or not the College, given the time between the end of the fiscal year (February) and the Annual General Meeting (November), were in fact required to provide registrants with an interim financial statement at the Annual General Meeting. The College responded that they are confident that the current process, which has been in place for several years now, of presenting the audited annual financial statements at the AGM was in accordance with relevant legislation.

Chair Konrad noted that the audited financial statements had been reviewed and approved by both the Audit Committee and the Board and were included in the 2009-2010 Annual Report which had been distributed, via email, to registrants and is posted on the College website.

CHAIR'S REPORT

College Chair Randy Konrad provided the audience with a brief recap of the initiatives and activities of the Board over the past year or so. His report acknowledged the increased demand for healthcare resources in BC and the need for pharmacists, as medication experts, to play an even greater role as vital members of their patient's primary healthcare team.

He reminded attendees that the transition to clinical services requires support for pharmacists to practice to their full scope while protecting patient safety and pointed out that the College, in this regard, has taken on several initiatives including; Adapting Prescriptions, Administering Injections, Medication Management, Methadone Maintenance, and the Regulation of Pharmacy Technicians.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The Registrar began his report by recognizing College staff and thanking them for their contributions to the College's successful operations. He then reviewed some key statistics from the Annual Report, noting that there was a net increase of 45 licensed pharmacies in the past fiscal year with 8 closures and 53 openings resulting in a total of 1,132 licensed pharmacies at the end of February 2010.

The net increase in pharmacists in the fiscal year was 192, bringing the total of registered pharmacists at the end of February 2010 to 4,571. It was pointed out that of the approximately 300 "new" pharmacists that registered with the College in the fiscal year, only about 140 were UBC graduates. This is consistent with previous years.

ANNUAL REPORT

Chair Konrad invited comments or questions regarding the 2009-2010 Annual Report, which had been circulated to registrants earlier. There were none.

REPORT OF BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections were held this Fall in Districts 2, 4, and 6. The newly elected members who will each serve a 2-year term were introduced to the AGM participants:

Bev Harris, District 2 Board Member
Doug Kipp, District 4 Board Member
John Hope, District 6 Board Member (by acclamation)

In addition to the Board elections, all government appointee Board members' term of office expired on October 1, 2010. The newly appointed and reappointed government appointee Board members were introduced to the AGM participants:

Margaret Cleaveley of Kamloops (reappointed to a two year term)
Penny Denton of Prince Rupert (reappointed to a two year term)
John Scholtens of Langley (reappointed to a two year term)
Jeff Slater of Victoria (newly appointed to a one year term)

All remaining Board members were then introduced to the AGM participants:

Randy Konrad, Chair (District 1)
Allan Greene, Vice Chair (District 3)
Chris Hunter (District 5)
Bruce Beley (District 7)
Bal Dhillon (Pharmacy Technician Observer)

AWARDS

Past Chair Plaques

Chair Konrad was presented with a plaque for his service as Chair of the College of Pharmacists from November 2009 to November 2010.

Volunteer Honour Roll – Gold Certificate

Gold Certificates are awarded each year to the College volunteers who made an outstanding contribution to the profession during the year as a result of their volunteering. Chair Konrad acknowledged this year's recipients Gordon Eddy and Sandi Huty. Gordon was recognized for his service as a member of the Inquiry Committee and in particular for his contributions during the transition to the Health Professions Act. Sandi was recognized for her service as a member of the Quality Assurance Committee and in particular for her contributions as Chair of the CE-Plus Development Task Group.

RESOLUTIONS

Chair Konrad advised that three resolutions had been submitted to the College and circulated to registrants on October 8, 2010. No late resolutions were received by the deadline of noon on September 21, 2010 and no resolutions are accepted from the floor at the AGM.

Before inviting one of the registrants (or a delegate) who submitted the resolution to speak to the resolution and open the floor up for comments, Chair Konrad reminded registrants that while the College Board will give careful consideration, at their next scheduled Board meeting, to resolutions brought forward at an AGM, the Board cannot be bound by the outcome of the resolution(s) due to the potential for conflict with the Board's overriding duty to serve and protect the public.

Resolution 1

Submitted by Agnes Fridl Poljak, Paul Danganan, Stephen Yee

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia consider eliminating the taking of verbal prescriptions from practitioners and also the elimination of the final check of the filled prescriptions from the community pharmacy technicians' scope of practice.

Following a diverse and respectful debate on the resolution, the vote was called.

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Resolution 2

Submitted by John Douglas Kipp, Alicia Shanks, Laura Kipp

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia Board consider amending the policy of restricting consideration and voting on matters at general meetings only to registrants attending in person, and instead open general meetings to all registrants including those attending at a distance through electronic means.

Following a diverse and respectful debate on the resolution, the vote was called.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 3

Submitted by Sayeeda Nathoo, Eling Chow, Bev Harris

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia consider establishing policy whereby the College would indemnify a pharmacist involved in such a situation, when he or she is working with a regulated pharmacy tech.

Following a diverse and respectful debate on the resolution, the vote was called.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Konrad thanked the assembly for attending the meeting and acknowledged College staff for their contributions to coordinating a successful AGM. The 119th meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.