

Annual General Meeting

Vancouver, British Columbia
November 19, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

College Chair Doug Kipp called the 120th Annual General Meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia to order at 4:04 p.m. Chair Kipp welcomed pharmacists and guests to the meeting. He noted that the quorum requirement was met.

Chair Kipp 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.

He introduced A/Registrar Suzanne Solven and College Auditor Donna Diskos of Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants.

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The November 20, 2010 Annual General Meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Donna Diskos, Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountant, presented the College's 2010-2011 audited financial statements and offered to answer questions about the report. There were none.

CHAIR'S REPORT

College Chair Doug Kipp, having just assumed his position as Chair a few days earlier, rather than providing a Chair's Report directed attendees to reference the previous Chair's message found in the 2010-2011 Annual Report which was included in attendees AGM registration package.

ANNUAL REPORT

Chair Kipp invited comments or questions regarding the 2010-2011 Annual Report, which had been circulated to registrants earlier. There were none.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The A/Registrar began by thanking the Board for the opportunity to assume the role of Acting Registrar during this transition period and recognized College staff for their ongoing support and contributions to the College's successful operations.

The A/Registrar then pointed out some of the key statistics from the 2010-2011 Annual Report. She noted that there was a net increase of 17 licensed pharmacies in the past fiscal year with 31 closures and 48 openings resulting in a total of 1,149 licensed pharmacies at the end of February 2011.

The net increase in pharmacists in the fiscal year was 264, bringing the total of registered pharmacists at the end of February 2011 to 4,835. Of the approximately 350 “new” pharmacists that registered with the College in the fiscal year only about 155 were UBC graduates. This is consistent with previous years.

Finally, she noted that 416 pharmacy technician pre-registration applications had been processed in fiscal 2010-2011.

REPORT OF BOARD ELECTIONS

The A/Registrar reported on the recent Board elections explaining that elections had been held this Fall in Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, for pharmacists and that for the first time ever, for pharmacy technicians in the newly formed District 8. It was noted that the newly elected Board members will serve for a 2-year term ending at the beginning of the November 2013 Board meeting.

The 2011 – 2013 Board members were introduced to the AGM participants and asked to stand to be recognized:

Agnes Fridl Poljak, District 1 Board Member
Blair Tymchuk, District 3 Board Member
Robert Craigue, District 5 Board Member
Jerry Casanova, District 7 Board Member
Onnolee Osbourne, District 8 Board Member

The remaining College Board members including government appointees were then introduced to the AGM participants and asked to stand to be recognized:

Bev Harris, District 2 Board Member (Vice-Chair)
Doug Kipp, District 4 Board Member (Chair)
John Hope, District 6 Board Member (not in attendance)
Jeff Slater, Government Appointee
Penny Denton, Government Appointee
Kris Gustavson, Government Appointee
John Scholtens, Government Appointee

AWARDS

Chair Plaques

The A/Registrar presented past Chair Randy Konrad with a plaque for his service as Chair of the College of Pharmacists from November 2010 to November 2011 and was thanked for his many contributions.

Volunteer Honour Roll – Gold Certificate

Chair Kipp then presented the Gold Certificate(s) explaining that Gold Certificates are awarded each year to the College volunteer(s) who made an outstanding contribution to the profession during the year as a result of their volunteering. He then acknowledged this year’s recipients Bal Dhillon and Ray Jang and asked them to come forward to receive their certificate.

Bal was recognized for her service as a member of the College Pharmacy Technician Task Group and in particular for her contribution as the Pharmacy Technician Observer to the College Board.

Ray was recognized for his service as a member of the Board of Examiners, the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada, and in particular for his contributions as Chair of the Registration Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Chair Kipp advised that two resolutions had been submitted to the College and circulated to registrants on October 7, 2011. No late resolutions were received by the deadline of 5:00pm on September 16, 2011 and no resolutions are accepted from the floor at the AGM.

Chair Kipp invited Lori DeCou, Communications Director to explain the voting process, including information on how to vote online which was new this year to the process. It was explained that an audio recording of the presentation and discussion on each of the resolutions would be done and following the AGM an email would be sent to all registrants who had not voted 'live' during the AGM inviting them to listen to the audio file and vote online. Following the online voting a tally of the online votes and live ballot votes would be done with the results emailed to all registrants.

Chair Kipp 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.

As none of the registrants who submitted resolution #1 were in attendance at the AGM Chair Kipp introduced the resolution and invited comments.

Resolution 1

Submitted by Janna Dzuris, Duncan Mackay, Stuart Howes

BE IT RESOLVED:

All registrants of the College of Pharmacists should be allowed to vote by the following means: in person, by proxy, by telephone, by fax with information for and against the resolutions.

Following a discussion on the resolution, the vote was called and Chair Kipp directed attendees to mark their individualized ballot that they had received in their AGM registration package.

Chair Kipp invited Corrine Wilson, one of the registrants who had submitted resolution 2, to present the resolution.

Resolution 2

Submitted by Corrine Wilson, Louise Dynna, Steven Robinson

BE IT RESOLVED:

That exempted codeine products (8mg codeine, 3 active ingredient total) in solid dosage exceeding 50 tablets be sold only upon direct consultation with pharmacist concluding with entry on PharmaNet with pharmacist as the prescriber.

Following a discussion on the resolution, the vote was called and Chair Kipp directed attendees to mark their individualized ballot that they had received in their AGM registration package.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning the meeting Chair Kipp invited the Vice-Chair, Bev Harris, to say a few words before making closing remarks himself.

Vice-Chair Harris, while reminding registrants of her long-standing agenda regarding the removal of tobacco from pharmacies, expressed that she had been elected to represent the professional interests of practicing community pharmacists, not their personal or financial interests. She commented that she would like to see advances in practice initiated by actively practicing pharmacists, rather than academia or bureaucracy and urged all actively practicing pharmacists to volunteer for College committees.

Chair Kipp commented that community pharmacists had voted overwhelmingly in Board elections for actively practicing pharmacists who promised change. He promised to review the matters of tobacco sales in pharmacies and loyalty points along with pharmacist and pharmacy license fees. Chair Kipp also assured attendees that the Board would give due consideration to resolutions brought forward and promised overall transparency, accountability and fiscal responsibility.

Chair Kipp thanked the assembly for attending the meeting and acknowledged College staff for their contributions to the College's successful operations. The 120th meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.