

# **2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Vancouver, British Columbia  
November 23, 2013**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

College Chair Doug Kipp called the 122<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia to order at 8:05 a.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:

The CPBC regulates the pharmacy profession in the public interest. We set and enforce standards and promote best practices for the delivery of pharmacy care in British Columbia.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - NOVEMBER 17, 2012**

The November 17, 2012 Annual General Meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

No questions

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Chair Kipp invited comments or questions regarding the 2012-2013 Report, which had been circulated to registrants earlier. There were none.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Kipp presented this report to you on behalf of the Board.

Chair Kipp welcomed newly re-elected Board members Agnes Fridl Poljak, Blair Tymchuk, and Bob Craigie; and also welcomed new Board member Aleisha Thornhill, in District 7. He also thanked Jeff Slater for his hard work as a government appointee on the Board and noted he looks forward to the appointment of a new government appointee to his position.

This past year, engagement and ensuring quality of service was a priority. The College took on several initiatives which include a proposal to ban incentives on prescription and pharmacy service purchases, enhancing pharmacist skills training to increase quality of service, and reducing registration fees just to name a few.

The decisions were not made without some controversy. The proposal to ban incentives was sent out for public consultation and the response that was received was overwhelming. More than 14,000 emails were sent to the College. Chair Kipp thanked everyone who provided their

feedback regarding the proposal. In some situations the College is required to make some contentious decisions, but the decisions are always in the interests of the health of the public and of maintaining the high ethics our profession is known for.

Chair Kipp is also pleased that the College is moving forward on implementing an Advanced Practice Pharmacist designation. The College hopes that this designation will allow the public to enjoy the benefits of collaborative practice and the convenience of their local pharmacy. While much work remains to be done for this vision to become a reality, the College is firm in its belief that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians can play an even more significant role in the healthcare system and this designation is one initiative that we believe will demonstrate this.

It is also exciting to note that there was financial opportunity for the College to reduce and streamline the fee structure. Both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians can expect a reduced registration fee, and student registration fees will now be eliminated. This fee reduction will occur on December 1, 2013.

Moving forward, the College has developed a new strategic plan. Quality of pharmacy services to optimize patient outcomes will be the focus of this plan, which the registrar will introduce at the session beginning at the conclusion of this AGM.

Chair Kipp thanked to the Board and staff again for their hard work and dedication in governing the pharmacy profession over the last year.

## **REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

The College has been busy with a number of initiatives over the last year. There have been ongoing discussions regarding how practice review could replace the knowledge assessment, a reduction in fees that will occur on December 1, the prohibition on incentives that will come into force on December 2nd, and the launch of our new strategic plan focusing on quality enhancement.

As noted in the annual report, the College had a significant increase in the number of technicians registered with the College. It went from 61 last year to 325 by the end of the reporting year, with over 512 to date. In addition, has over 1000 pre-registered pharmacy technicians and it's anticipated that most of them will be registered by the 2015 deadline. It is interesting to note that in certain US states, there are as many pharmacy technicians registered as there are pharmacists.

In addition to the pharmacy technicians, an increase in the number of pharmacists and pharmacies in the province for each of the last 6 years has been noted. It has been a productive and active year for the College.

Registrar Nakagawa thanked staff for their support and dedication in ensuring the College continues to move forward with its important work.

## **STATISTICAL REPORT** as Taken From the College's Annual Report

Community Pharmacies: 60 opened / 45 closed

Hospital: 2 opened / 1 closed

TOTAL: 1133 community pharmacies and 69 hospital pharmacies

### Registered Pharmacists

5,207 in 2011-12 a net increase of 190 over the 5017 in 2011-2012 of the 190 "new" pharmacists, 146 are UBC graduates.

### Pharmacy Technicians

325 pharmacy technicians were registered, 1202 were pre-registered.

## **REPORT OF BOARD ELECTIONS**

Registrar Nakagawa reported that elections were held this Fall in Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7. The elected members were:

Agnes Fridl Poljak was re-elected in District 1

Blair Tymchuk was re-elected in District 3

Bob Craigue was elected in District 5

Aleisha Thornhill was appointed in District 7

The term of office is 2 years.

Registrar Nakagawa also noted that Doug Kipp and Bev Harris were also re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

## **AWARDS**

### **Volunteer of the Year – Kathy McInnes**

Each year the College awards an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession through volunteering on College committees. Chair Kipp presented Kathy McInnes of with the Volunteer of the Year award.

Ms. McInnes is a Drug & Poison Information Pharmacist with the BC Drug and Poison Information Centre, in Vancouver, BC, as well as a Clinical Instructor at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia. From 2000 to 2006, Ms. McInnes served as Assistant Coordinator of the BC Regional Adverse Reaction Centre and has extensive experience as an instructor in drug safety (Pharmacy Students – UBC), optimal prescribing (Family Practice Medical Residents – UBC), and drug safety in lactation (International Pharmacy Graduate program). She is a registered pharmacist in BC, a Certified Poison Information Specialist with the American Association of Poison Control Centres, and has completed a Specialty Residency in Drug & Poison Information.

Since 1994 Ms. McInnes has served on numerous College of Pharmacists of BC Committees. Over the past 9 years Ms. McInnes has volunteered for the Quality Assurance Committee, Board of Examiners Committee, and the Registration Committee. From 2001-2008 Ms. McInnes also served as the College of Pharmacists of BC representative to the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada.

Ms. McInnes has generously donated her time to help the College ensure all British Columbians receive safe and effective pharmacy care. The College would like to recognize Ms. McInnes' devotion to the profession by honouring her with the Volunteer of the Year

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Chair Kipp advised that no resolutions had been submitted to the College.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kipp thanked the assembly for attending the meeting and adjourned the 122<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia at 8:28 a.m.