



2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes Vancouver, British Columbia November 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

College Chair Hopp called the 132nd Annual General Meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia to order at 3:35pm. Chair Hopp welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced himself as the Board Chair.

On behalf of the College of Pharmacists of BC, Chair Hopp acknowledged and thanked the Coast Salish Peoples, specifically the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and Musqueam Nations on whose unceded lands he was speaking from.

As the College Board is comprised of members from different locations across BC, Chair Hopp also acknowledged that the Indigenous Peoples are the stewards of the lands and waters from where we each live, work and play every day.

Chair Hopp further asked all attendees to learn about the First Peoples' territory and to acknowledge and reflect on the meaning behind it and its importance to them individually.

OPENING PRAYER

The Board was honoured to welcome Sulksun, a respected guest and Elder of the Musqueam Nation, to open this AGM in a good way.

Sulksun is a Knowledge Keeper and Elder with strong Indigenous worldviews, ancestral knowledge, and traditional teachings. He is widely respected and acknowledged for the level of service, work and energy he continues to commit to his community and to all people.

Sulksun has been sharing his wisdom with the Board over the past few years as the Board continues their journey in learning about the experiences of Indigenous Peoples in BC and how they can help shape a better health care system. The College was grateful to listen and learn from him during the 132nd AGM.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Hopp acknowledged Sulksun's ongoing patience and grace in supporting the Board on its journey to address and eliminate Indigenous-specific racism in health care settings. His wisdom and guidance has helped the College better understand their role as regulators in creating safer spaces for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples as they seek pharmacy care in this province.

The Board is committed to enhancing the experiences of Indigenous Peoples who engage with the College and welcome the instruction and correction that is so necessary as they navigate this path. Chair Hopp thanked, Sulksun, for walking beside the College on this journey, and for bringing Thee-eet the truth to all of them to hear.



BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hopp introduced Board members in attendance, College Registrar and CEO Suzanne Solven, and other College staff in attendance.

Chair Hopp noted that notice of the AGM was sent out on October 26, 2023, thus meeting the three-week bylaw requirement. He also confirmed that the required quorum of 25 registrants had been met, and the meeting was duly convened.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Chair Hopp opened the floor to comments related to the draft November 17, 2022, Minutes. As no comments were brought forward, Chair Hopp announced that the November 17, 2022, Annual General Meeting Minutes were approved, as circulated.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chair Hopp informed registrants that the audited and Board approved financial statements were available for review on the College website.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hopp started by thanking his fellow Board members, as well as all the College staff for their hard work that enabled them to continue to fulfill their mandate to protect the public through the regulation of pharmacy practice.

He stated that he was proud of everything the College had accomplished in the past fiscal year, which ran from March of 2022 through February of 2023 and for which this AGM reports out on.

He highlighted the following key accomplishments: Indigenous Cultural Safety, Humility and Anti-Racism Practice Standard, Expansion of Pharmacy Services in BC, Pharmacist Prescribing for Minor Ailments and Contraception, new College logo, Commitment Statement, Values, and Strategic Plan, and the Board Composition Matrix.

Closing Remarks

The Chair expressed pride in being a part of the many achievements in service of public health and safety for all British Columbians. A shift will begin towards planning for the implementation of the new *Health Professions and Occupations Act* for the remainder of 2023 and will continue throughout 2024.

The Chair thanked the College and looks forward to sharing more progress with the public in the future.

Adjournment

The Chair thanked all attendees for being present that afternoon and adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.