



# Board Highlights



## BOARD MEMBERS

Photo: from left to right

### **Robert Craigue**

District 5 – Northern British Columbia

### **Kris Gustavson**

Government Appointee

### **Jeremy Walden**

Government Appointee

### **Bal Dhillon**

District 8 – Pharmacy Technicians

### **Doug Kipp (Chair)**

District 4 – Kootenay/Okanagan

### **Jeff Slater**

Government Appointee

### **Jerry Casanova**

District 7 – Community Hospitals

### **Blair Tymchuk**

District 3 – Vancouver Island/Coastal

### **Bev Harris (Vice-Chair)**

District 2 – Fraser Valley

### **Agnes Fridl Poljak**

District 1 – Metropolitan Vancouver

### **Anar Dossa**

District 6 – Urban Hospitals

### **Ryan Hoag**

Government Appointee

**The first meeting of the Board for this year was held November 22, 2013.**

### **Chair and Vice Chair Acclaimed**

At the first meeting of the new Board, Doug Kipp was acclaimed as Chair and Bev Harris was acclaimed as Vice Chair for a one year term after a call for nominations at the Board table. This will be the third consecutive year they have served in those positions.

### **Aleisha Thornhill Appointed as District 7 Board Member**

The College is pleased to announce the appointment of Aleisha Thornhill as the Board Member for District 7 (Community Hospitals) to serve until the end of the term in 2015. Ms. Thornhill is a hospital pharmacist at University Hospital of Northern BC in Prince George.

*This seat had been left vacant after the deadline for nominations passed without a single nomination from District 7 – Community Hospitals. As a result, no election could be held and the seat was declared vacant. At the November meeting, Ms. Thornhill was appointed after the Board decided to exercise its authority under the Health Professions Act to make an appointment to the vacant seat.*

### **Survey on Working Conditions Summarized**

The Collaboration in Research and Evaluation Team (CORE) at the UBC School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has now completed its survey on working conditions in BC pharmacies on behalf of the College and is now in the process of developing the final report. At the November meeting, Dr. Larry Lynd presented some preliminary observations about some of the information that was collected from nearly 1200 pharmacists across the province. Dr. Lynd also took the time to identify some parallels between what he was seeing in the BC data and what could be seen in the Oregon study that this survey mirrored.

More information will be made available after the completion and submission of the final report to the College. This information will be used to help draft new standards of practice to enhance pharmacy practice.

### **Revised Strategic Plan**

The Board has approved a new strategic plan that will come into effect starting in March 2014. At its November meeting the Board approved a series of initiatives that will allow the College to achieve the goals and associated objectives that were approved at the previous meeting in September. The College has drafted a 3 year plan for each strategic goal outlining initiatives in the following areas:

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- Public Expectations
- Interdisciplinary Relationships
- Scope of Practice
- Standards
- Technology

Watch for more information on the strategic plan starting this Spring as initiatives begin to be announced.

## OUR VISION

*As the medication experts, registrants are professionals who apply their full knowledge, skills and abilities to achieve the best possible healthcare results through patient-centered care.*

## Our Mission

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

### **A tradition returns: Moving Back to the Coat of Arms**

With the launch of the College's new strategic plan, the College will also begin to move back to a symbol of quality that reaches back all the way to the very early days of pharmacy regulation in British Columbia. Starting next year, the Coat of Arms will begin to appear again as the focal point of the College's visual identity on all types of products or communications that come from the College. The transition will be phased in gradually to ensure that there is no wasting of existing printed supplies. Watch for more information and new colours and the refreshed Coat of Arms early next Spring.

### **Robbery Prevention Task Force**

After a request from police, the College is now in the process of assembling its Robbery Prevention Task Force. This task force will review the current security recommendations for community pharmacies. The task force will also examine current trends and engage with relevant stakeholders in dealing with the issue. Recommendations from the committee are expected during 2014.

### **Board Meeting Schedule**

Board meetings for the upcoming year have officially been set:

February 21, 2014 - Board Meeting  
 April 25, 2014 - Board Meeting  
 May 8, 2014 – Board Meeting (Teleconference)  
 June 20, 2014 - Board Meeting  
 September 26, 2014 - Board Meeting  
 November 21, 2014 - Board Meeting  
 November 22, 2014 - Annual General Meeting