



Board Highlights



BOARD MEMBERS

Photo: clockwise from top left

Bruce Beley

District 7 - Community Hospitals

Michael MacDougall

Government Appointee, West Vancouver

Allan Greene

District 3 - Vancouver Island/Coastal

John Scholtens

Government Appointee, Langley

John Hope (Vice-Chair)

District 6 - Urban Hospitals

Doug Kipp

District 4 - Kootenay/Okanagan

Randy Konrad (Chair)

District 1 - Metropolitan Vancouver

Chris Hunter

District 5 - Northern British Columbia

Margaret Cleaveley

Government Appointee, Kamloops

Penny Denton

Government Appointee, Prince Rupert

Bev Harris

District 2 - Fraser Valley

The Board of the College of Pharmacists of BC met for their regularly scheduled Board meeting at the College office in Vancouver, BC on January 29, 2010. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

Pharmacy Technician Observer Welcomed to the Board:

As per the Board's decision at the November 2009 Board meeting, a pharmacy technician, as appointed by the Pharmacy Technician Task Group, is invited to sit on the College Board as an observer, with full participation but no voting authority.

Given that the Pharmacy Technician Task Group did not have an opportunity to meet prior to the January 2010 Board meeting, a formal appointment had not been made. However in the interim, Bal Dhillon, Manager, Pharmacy Drug Distribution Centre for Fraser Health Authority and member of the Pharmacy Technician Task Group was invited and attended the January 2010 Board meeting. A formal appointment will be made at a later date.

Board Governance Handbook:

The Board approved the final draft of a revised Board Governance Handbook which is designed to provide new and existing Board Members with information and guidelines to assist them in understanding and fulfilling their role. The next step is for a Board Committee to review and revise the Board Governance Policies.

Feasibility Study to be Undertaken Regarding - Advanced Practice Pharmacist:

Following a presentation, by a team of Regional Directors of Pharmacy representing the BC Health Authorities, regarding a proposal to establish an Advanced Practice Pharmacist (APP) registrant for hospital practice, the Board directed the Registrar to develop a feasibility study regarding this initiative and report back to the Board at the June 2010 meeting.

Board Approves 2010/2011 Fiscal Budget:

The Board approved, as presented, a balanced budget for the 2010/2011 fiscal year which begins March 1, 2010. The budget does not include an increase in the annual fee for either pharmacies or pharmacists, marking the fifth consecutive year that pharmacist's annual registration fees have been maintained.

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OUR VISION

*As the medication experts,
pharmacists are professionals
who apply their full knowledge,
skills and abilities to their clinical
practice and continue to evolve
their scope of practice to provide
better healthcare outcomes.*

Our Mission

*To ensure British Columbia
pharmacists provide safe and
effective pharmacy care to help
people achieve better health.*

Follow-up to AGM Resolution – Loyalty Points:

As is customary, even though the resolution brought forward at the College AGM last November regarding the removal of incentives for prescription services is not binding on the Board (*as per HPA s.32*) and was defeated, the topic was discussed at the Board meeting.

The Board directed the Registrar to send a letter to the authors of the resolution reaffirming the Board approved (*November 2008*) position statement on loyalty programs (stated below) and advising that the topic of incentives is currently being considered as part of the review of the College's Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest documents.

Position Statement (Nov 2008):

*“In situations involving evidence of harm to individual patients as a result of participation in a loyalty program, proceed with case-by-case Inquiry Committee investigations based on breaches of the Code of Ethics Value 4, Obligation 1:
A pharmacist places concern for the well-being of the patient at the centre of professional practice, providing the best care that circumstances, education and experience permit.”*

Board Sets Date for Strategic Planning Session:

The Board agreed to conduct a full-day Strategic Planning session to coincide with their regularly scheduled June 18, 2010 Board meeting. The College's current 5-year Strategic Plan 2008 - 2013, which can be found on the College website at www.bcpharmacists.org, is reviewed and updated annually by the College Board.

Professional Practice Policy - 64 (PPP-64) – NAPRA Guidelines to Pharmacy Compounding:

Upon confirmation by College staff that the *NAPRA Guidelines to Pharmacy Compounding* are valid and consistent with Health Canada's Policy on Manufacturing and Compounding Drug Products in Canada (2009) the Board approved Professional Practice Policy 64:

PPP-64 - Policy Statement(s):

1. *The Board of the College of Pharmacists of BC adopts the NAPRA Guidelines to Pharmacy Compounding as the Standard of Practice.*