



Board Highlights



BOARD MEMBERS

Photo: clockwise from top left

Jerry Casanova

District 7 – Community Hospitals

John Hope

District 6 – Urban Hospitals

Penny Denton

Government Appointee, Prince Rupert

Doug Kipp (Chair)

District 4 – Kootenay/Okanagan

Blair Tymchuk

District 3 – Vancouver Island/Coastal

Robert Craigie

District 5 – Northern British Columbia

Jeff Slater

Government Appointee, Victoria

Agnes Fridl Poljak

District 1 – Metropolitan Vancouver

Kris Gustavson

Government Appointee, Vancouver

Bev Harris (Vice-Chair)

District 2 – Fraser Valley

Onnolee Osbourne

District 8 – Pharmacy Technicians

John Scholtens

Government Appointee, Langley

The Board of the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC) met for their annual Board Orientation and regularly scheduled Board meeting at the College office in Vancouver, BC on November 17 and 18, 2011. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

Newly Elected and Appointed Board members take their Oath of Office

As prescribed by legislation, the College's November Board meeting began with the following newly elected and reappointed Board members affirming their Oath of Office which supports the College's mandate to serve and protect the public:

Jeff Slater, Government Appointee

Agnes Fridl Poljak, District 1

Blair Tymchuk, District 3

Robert Craigie, District 5

Jerry Casanova, District 7

Onnolee Osbourne, District 8

The Board also acknowledged and thanked outgoing Board members: Randy Konrad (Chair), Allan Greene (Vice-Chair), Chris Hunter and Bruce Beley.

Board elects Chair and Vice-Chair

As the November Board meeting marks the beginning of the new term, the Board held elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. Doug Kipp was elected as Board Chair and Bev Harris was elected as Vice-Chair. Both will serve a one-year term.

Audit Committee Recommendations

The Audit Committee, following a comprehensive review of the College's current financials and Board approved 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 budget, made a number of recommendations to the Board which were accepted. The highlights of which are listed here:

1. Cancel the budgeted 5% registration and licensure fee increase for fiscal 2012-2013
 - Although the Board had initially approved a 5% fee increase for both fiscal 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, based on the College's current positive financial position and with careful consideration of projected revenue and expenses for the next fiscal year, the Audit Committee felt confident that, even with the cancellation of the budgeted fee increase for next fiscal, the College expenses should not exceed those budgeted for 2012-2013.
2. Establish a contingency fund of up to \$500K for expenses related to disciplinary cases
 - Understanding that the costs related to disciplinary cases are escalating and that it is increasingly challenging, given the length of investigations and scheduling of legal counsel, to accurately budget for disciplinary cases, the Board approved the establishment of a contingency fund. The amount of the fund, which is to be established as part of the budgetary cycle, is to be determined based on estimated costs related to projected disciplinary cases and is not to exceed \$500K.

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACISTS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Safe and Effective Pharmacy Care

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.*

Board member expenses to be posted annually

In the interest of transparency the Board, whose members are compensated on a per diem and expense basis, agreed to post individual Board members' total expenditures annually on the College website starting with fiscal 2009-2010. Appreciating that expenses are reflective of travel as well as workload, the posting will identify the location of the Board member and reference all Board and Committee work that they were engaged in during the reporting period.

Board approved 2012 Meeting Schedule

The following Board meeting schedule was approved by the Board and has been posted on the College website:

Friday, February 10, 2012

Friday, April 13, 2012

Thursday, June 14, 2012

(Annual Strategic Planning Session)

Friday, June 15, 2012

Friday, September 21, 2012

Thursday, November 15, 2012

(Annual Board Orientation)

Friday, November 16, 2012

Saturday, November 17, 2012

(Annual General Meeting)

Registrar Search Update

Although the Board established Registrar Search Task Group had initially intended to bring forth their recommended candidate to this Board meeting, given that the Board composition, as a result of the recent elections, includes five new Board members, the Task Group felt that it was appropriate to reaffirm their composition and selection process with the new Board prior to proceeding.

Following an overview presentation of the process to date which identified that a total of six candidates have been 'long-listed' for consideration, and a thoughtful and comprehensive Board discussion, it was decided that the established Registrar Search Task Group will continue. The new process, however, is rather than bringing a final candidate forward to the Board, the Task Group will identify two or three 'short-listed' candidates. Once the Task Group presents their recommended 'short-list' to the Board, they will stand down, and the Board as a whole will conduct the final interview(s) and ultimately select the new Registrar.

In addition, in order to ensure that the selection and interview criteria are reflective of all Board members, new members will have an opportunity to provide input into the established candidate profile. The Board is hoping to have completed the selection process early in the New Year.

Board approves PPP-68 Cold Chain Management of Biologicals

In response to concerns raised by College inspectors regarding the lack of standardization regarding refrigerated pharmaceuticals, especially given the increased volume of vaccines stored at pharmacies, the Board approved Professional Practice Policy (PPP-68) – Cold Chain Management of Biologicals. The details of the policy which outlines the minimum equipment and temperature monitoring requirements are in line with BC Center for Disease Control (BCCDC) guidelines and will be communicated to all registrants, via email, over the coming weeks.