



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

Vacant

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

Vacant

District 2 - Fraser Valley

Bal Dhillon (not pictured)

Pharmacy Technician Observer

The Board of the College of Pharmacists of BC met for their regularly scheduled Board meeting at the College office in Vancouver, BC on September 24, 2010. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

Board Recognizes Michael MacDougall for his Years of Service

Having completed the maximum 3 consecutive terms as a Board member (effective October 1, 2010) Michael MacDougall was acknowledged and thanked by the Board for his many years of dedicated service.

Michael, who joined the Board in 2004, was actively involved in a number of key initiatives throughout his tenure including; the College's transition to the *Health Professions Act (HPA)*, pharmacists' expanded scope of practice to adapt prescriptions and administer injections, and pharmacy technician regulation. Michael was also the first government appointee elected to the position of Board Chair and served on both the Audit and Discipline committees.

Board approves new Board Governance and Policy Handbooks

Following a very comprehensive review process the Board has approved a new Board Governance and Board Policy Handbook. These handbooks, which clearly define the roles and responsibilities of College Board members, will form the foundation for the mandatory orientation for all new and current Board members beginning this November.

EGM Resolution considered by Board

As stated in the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) ([click here](#)) held on July 13, 2010, the Board discussed the outcome of the resolution presented at that meeting which called on the Board to "*reconsider its decision to establish the profession of Regulated Pharmacy Technicians for community pharmacy . . .*"

Following due consideration of the concerns raised by registrants at the EGM the Board acknowledged that although further clarifying communication and managing change is necessary, the College's long standing initiative to regulate pharmacy technicians will continue. This direction was formalized with the following motion:

It was moved, seconded that:

In light of receiving the resolution from the EGM, the Board reaffirms its position relative to the commitment to register pharmacy technicians as registrants of the College of Pharmacists of BC.

The motion was CARRIED

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Bal Dhillon takes the Oath of Office

Being the first regularly scheduled Board meeting following her appointment by the Board to the position of Pharmacy Technician Observer (*full participation with no voting authority*), Bal Dhillon solemnly affirmed her Oath of Office. The Oath, which is a legislative requirement under the *Health Professions Act (HPA)*, ensures that all Board members understand and are committed to their duty to serve the public interest.

Board Approves Minor Revisions to College's Strategic Plan (2008 – 2013)

The College's 5-year Strategic Plan (2008 – 2013) ([click here](#)), which was recently reviewed by the Board, received some minor revisions to ensure that its Goals and Objectives continue to be aligned and are relevant with the College's Vision, Mission and Values. The Strategic Plan is a significant tool used by the Board to provide direction to the Registrar regarding key initiatives and work prioritization.

Mark Your Calendar – Board Elections (Districts 2 & 4) and College's AGM

Elections are being held this year in Districts 2 and 4 (*District 6 - John Hope was elected by acclamation*) and registrants in those districts are reminded that their mail-in ballots are due to the College office by **5pm on October 20, 2010**.

The College's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver on **Saturday, November 20, 2010** starting at 4:00pm. Notification of this meeting, which will include registration information and any resolutions received by the September 21st deadline, will be mailed to all registrants in the coming weeks.

Next Steps Approved for Consideration of Advanced Practice Pharmacist (APP) Role

As previously directed by the Board, a Feasibility Study undertaken by a diverse task group of stakeholders regarding the consideration of establishing an Advanced Practice Pharmacist (APP) role in British Columbia was presented to the Board.

Within the report, the task group recommended that the Board consider leveraging the experience(s) from Alberta's Prescriptive Authority Program as well as those from the recently announced BC Medication Management Project in any further development of the APP role.

It was moved, seconded that:

The Board accepts the Feasibility Study as presented and its recommendation that it becomes the basis for further development of a business case and discussion paper regarding the Advanced Practice Pharmacist role in BC.

The motion was CARRIED

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Ministerial Approval received regarding revised College HPA bylaws (inclusive of regulated pharmacy technicians) and revised Pharmacists Regulation (inclusive of restricted title for 'Pharmacy Technician')

It was noted that the final step in the approval process regarding the legislative authority to register pharmacy technicians as registrants of the College of Pharmacists of BC is now complete.

Ministerial approval regarding the revised HPA bylaws (inclusive of regulated pharmacy technicians) came into force on August 1, 2010 and ministerial approval for the amendment to the Pharmacists Regulation to include the restriction of the title 'pharmacy technician' was received on June 29, 2010 and will take effect January 1, 2011.

The updated legislation can be found on the College website ([click here](#)).

Board Approves Adoption in Principle of the NAPRA Standards of Practice

Currently the practice of pharmacy in BC is based on the College's Framework of Professional Practice (FPP) which was established in 2003. It has been identified that the FPP, which is the foundation for all College programs and initiatives, requires updating to reflect current practice and scope of practice enhancements.

Coincidentally, the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA), in March 2009, approved model Standards of Practice for Canadian Pharmacists which have since been adopted by all provincial regulatory Colleges with the exception of Quebec, Alberta and BC. In light of this information the Board put forward the following motion:

It was moved, seconded that:

The Board approves in principle the replacement of the existing Framework of Professional Practice with NAPRA's Standards of Practice for Canadian Pharmacists to define pharmacists' professional attributes, expertise and responsibilities and authorizes the establishment of a task group to develop BC-specific adaptations and/or additions for review by the Board at its January 2011 meeting.

The motion was CARRIED

It was understood that at such a time that the Board approves new Standards of Practice registrants will be given ample time to ensure that they are aware of and understand the new standards to which they will be held accountable to.

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UBC-CPPD provides Board with an update

Glenda MacDonald, Director, UBC Division of Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development provided the Board with an annual update of the programs and initiatives undertaken by the UBC-CPPD which support the goals and objectives of the College by providing ongoing professional development to College registrants.

The presentation, which included details regarding UBC-CPPD's role in the delivery of the Pharmacy Technicians Bridging Program, was favourably received by the Board.

Overview of BC Medication Management Project presented to Board

Parkash Ragsdale, Deputy CEO & Director Professional Services, BC Pharmacy Association (BCPhA) provided the Board with a comprehensive overview of the BC Medication Management Project which will run from September 2010 to January 2012.

The purpose of the project, which is a collaboration between the BCPhA and the Pharmaceutical Services Division of the BC Ministry of Health Services, is to improve patient care, drug therapy outcomes and sustainability of the healthcare system by having pharmacists provide medication management services in community settings.

Nearly 300 pharmacists in 120 pharmacies are participating in the project and the information generated will be used to inform future decision-making regarding the operational effectiveness of pharmacists providing medication management services in community pharmacies. More information on this initiative can be found on the BCPhA website ([click here](#)).

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