

# Meeting of the Council

November 26, 2004

**Present:**

President and District 1 Councillor Wayne Rubner, District 2 Councillor Amin Bardai, District 3 Councillor Howard Rose, District 4 Councillor Erica Gregory, District 5 Councillor Rita Thomson, District 6 Councillor John Hope, District 7 Councillor Carol Gee, Government Appointees Jo Ann Groves, Marina Ma, Peter Rubin and Michael MacDougall.

**Absent (with notice):**

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean Robert Sindelar.

**Staff (at various times):**

Registrar Linda Lytle, Deputy Registrar Brenda Osmond.

**Guests (at various times):**

Rosey Brenan, President, Rodon Communications; Janice Moshenko, Director, UBC Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Rubner called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

He stated the College mission statement:

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

**AGENDA AND TIMETABLE**

The agenda and timetable were approved as circulated.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the September 24, 2004 Council meeting were approved by consensus.

**OUTCOME DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

**Council Project 2004**

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## **OUTCOME DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

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The group reviewed the project's tangible benefits (new public brochures, display materials and presentation folders), as well as the intangible benefits (raising awareness of the role of the pharmacist, support for the government's HealthGuide program, media awareness of the College and its role). The challenges were identified as the resources required for event management and the difficulty of finding "captive" audiences of sufficient numbers interested in the presentation topics.

The Councillors developed the following plan for the future:

- Continue the project in 2005.
- Expand the trained presenters to include other pharmacists.
- Express formal support for the HealthGuide Program and the training component.
- Arrange presentation events for the coming months and report to the January Council meeting.
- Present the outreach presentation to pharmacists.
- Follow up with the Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development Regional Coordinators to invite their partnership with Councillors and other pharmacists making presentations at events.
- Create a PowerPoint version of the presentation materials (in addition to the existing overhead slides).

### **Internship Program**

Council reviewed the Board of Examiners' recommendation to adjust the College's current Internship Program requirements to recognize the enhanced experiential practice opportunities provided by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences' Structured Practice Education Program (SPEP). The Board proposed that the College's 160-hour post-graduate internship be eliminated for applicants for licensure who have received a university degree from a Canadian university program accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs. The change would be effective for the current fourth-year classes scheduled to graduate in May 2005.

Currently, UBC students are required to engage in 16 weeks of practical experience between their third and fourth years. Further enhancements to the SPEP will require that students engage in 20 weeks of practical experience starting in their second year and continuing through their third and fourth years.

Three provinces have shifted towards the SPEP model, requiring students to engage in 960 hours of practical experience throughout their university program. All other Canadian faculties of pharmacy also have an equivalent or greater practical experiential hour requirement.

*It was moved, seconded and carried:*

Council approves the Board of Examiners' recommendation to eliminate the College's 160-hour post-graduate internship program for applicants for licensure who have received a university degree from a Canadian university program accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs.

All other candidates applying for licensure in BC will continue to be required to meet the current practical training requirement of 160 hours of post-graduate internship with an approved preceptor.

### **English Language Fluency Assessment**

Council reviewed the Board of Examiners' recommendation to discontinue the use of the currently required English Language Proficiency assessment interview and to adopt the language fluency requirements outlined in the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities' national model licensing program.

All other provinces that have signed the Mutual Recognition Agreement follow the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities' model program guidelines, which require standardized language testing for entry-to-practice candidates unless the candidate has received a university degree from a Canadian or American program accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs or its US equivalent. The Councillors considered documentation demonstrating the high success rate (99 to 100 per cent) for UBC student candidates in the last two years' interviews, information about the Faculty's fluency requirements associated with its applicant oral interview process and the experience of other provinces with the use of the NAPRA model program.

*It was moved, seconded and carried:*

Council approves the Board of Examiners' recommendation to adopt the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities' model language fluency requirements.

### **Methamphetamine Precursors**

Dr. Brenda Osmond reported on her attendance at the Western Canadian Summit on Methamphetamine in Vancouver in mid-November. She recommended that pharmacists support MethWatch, a program that helps curtail theft and suspicious sales of methamphetamine precursors.

The Registrar reported that the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists has requested that all pharmacy managers move single-entity pseudoephedrine and ephedrine products into the no-self-selection dispensary area and limit the sale of multi-ingredient pseudoephedrine and ephedrine-containing products to 3600 mg pseudoephedrine and 400 mg ephedrine per single individual.

The Councillors decided to continue with the monitoring approach currently being used in British Columbia.

### **Council Commentary Survey Results**

Further to the September Council meeting, Councillors reviewed remaining feedback from the July 2004 *Council Commentary* survey results. It was noted that with 67 responses from 3700 distributed surveys, the results are considered statistically insignificant. The Councillors expressed their desire to address the frequently reported concerns and requested that the Registrar develop a summary document for the January Council meeting.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **BCPhA Board/CPBC Council Session Agenda**

The Councillors reviewed the proposed agenda for a joint session with the BC Pharmacy Association Board of Directors later in the day. The topics included professional liability insurance, international pharmacy services, emergency contraception medication scheduling, advanced practitioner credentialing, scope of practice issues, medical marijuana, enforcement of provincial drug schedules regulation requirements, and working collaboratively.

*It was moved, seconded and carried:*

Council approves the BCPhA Board/CPBC Council session agenda as proposed.

## **MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

### **Registrar's Executive Report**

Registrar Lytle provided monitoring reports and updates on the following topics:

#### ***Stakeholder Relations***

Activities and events relating to stakeholder relations were provided for the information of the Councillors.

#### ***Practice standards: General***

Activities and events relating to practice standards: general was provided for the information of the Councillors.

#### ***Practice standards: Professional Development and Assessment Program***

Activities and events relating to practice standards: professional development and assessment program were provided and discussed for the information of the Councillors.

#### ***Professionalism***

Various activities relating to the promotion of professionalism were reported.

#### ***Professionalism (extension)***

Various activities relating to the promotion of professionalism (extension) were reported.

#### ***Access to Pharmacy Care***

The Registrar reported full compliance with this policy's requirements. She advised the Councillors that Mary McClelland has been employed as the Methadone Program Services Coordinator to further enhance patients' access to the treatment program.

### ***Pharmacist Empowerment and Autonomy***

Various activities relating to the promotion of pharmacist empowerment and autonomy were reported.

### ***Involving Pharmacists in Key Initiatives***

The Registrar reported full compliance with this policy's requirements.

### ***Financial Strategy***

The Registrar reported full compliance with this policy's requirements.

### ***Financial Health: College***

The Registrar reported her compliance with the requirements of Policy EC-3.

### ***Employee Salary and Perquisites***

The Registrar reported her compliance with the requirements of Policy EC-9a.

### ***Compensation: Contractors***

The Registrar reported full compliance with this policy's requirements.

### ***Reimbursement of Budgeted Expenses***

The Registrar reported full compliance with this policy's requirements.

### ***Committees***

Registrar Lytle informed Council that the Inquiry Committee requires the appointment of a new chair.

*It was moved, seconded and carried:*

Council appoints Linda Bryan as chair to the Inquiry Committee.

Mosaic Employment Programs has invited College participation on its Improving Access to Licensure by Internationally Trained Professionals Project Advisory Committee. The Registrar suggested that Doreen Leong be appointed.

*It was moved, seconded and carried:*

Council appoints Doreen Leong to the Improving Access to Licensure by Internationally Trained Professionals Project Advisory Committee.

### ***Code of Conduct***

The Registrar reported full compliance with this policy's requirements.

### ***Relationship with the Public and other Key Stakeholders***

Councillors' activities relating to outreach to the public and other key stakeholders were summarized.

### ***Council Meeting observer Policies***

The requirements of the Council policy on Council meeting observers have been met.

### ***District Meetings***

District meetings held in Districts 5, 6 and 7 were conducted in compliance with the policy requirements.

### ***Tobacco-Free Pharmacies***

Events related to the Council's tobacco-free pharmacy initiative were reported.

### **Resignation Announcement**

Registrar Lytle submitted her letter of resignation from the position of Registrar and from her employment with the College, effective June 30, 2005. She noted that her resignation date coincides with the completion of her 10th year as Registrar and 25 years of service to the College. She paid tribute to the talented and dedicated College staff who have played an integral part in her success, and she expressed her appreciation to the Councillors for their confidence in her management approach.

### **In Camera Session**

*It was moved, seconded and carried:*

Council convenes in camera to discuss staffing issues related to the Registrar's impending departure.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.