



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 April 9, 2010. The following highlights, which were approved by the Board, summarize the key initiatives discussed.

Board Removes Annual Renewal Fee for Injection Authority:

Following a preliminary review of all College fees and in consideration of a letter received from the BC Pharmacy Association, the Board voted to remove the \$30 annual renewal fee that had initially been set for pharmacists who have received their authorization to administer injections.

The application fee of \$100, which reflects cost recovery to review and process pharmacist's applications for authorization, will remain. The Board also committed to taking a more comprehensive look at all fees and the College's philosophies for establishing them at the June 2010 Board meeting.

College Committee Members Approved by the Board:

As a number of College committee member's terms expired at the end of March 2010, updated recommended lists of committee members were presented to the Board for their approval.

The committee membership lists, which were approved as presented, were compiled following a call for volunteers from registrants, which resulted in more than 30 applicants and were based on the following criteria:

- Compliance with the Committee's Terms of Reference
- Previous committee or related experience
- Limit of 2 College committees per registrant
- Consideration that overall make up of the committee appropriately reflects pharmacy practice in BC (i.e., membership with varying practice experience: length, type and location)

There continues to be a number of 'public' committee member openings and the College is committed to filling these as quickly as possible.

An updated list of all College committee members will be posted shortly on the College website (www.bcpharmacists.org).

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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.

Regulatory Colleges in the Western Provinces form Partnership:

Building on the success of the existing partnership agreement (November 2007) between the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC) and the Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP), the Board approved the expansion of the partnership to include the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists (SCP).

It is expected that the addition of SCP will bring additional economies of scale and consistency across provinces.

Regulation of Pharmacy Technicians Update:

Board member Chris Hunter, who chairs the Pharmacy Technician Task Group, updated the Board on the most recent details and timelines regarding the regulation of pharmacy technicians, which came out of the Task Group's meeting held on March 26, 2010.

- A process and criteria has been established regarding the official recruitment and appointment of a pharmacy technician observer to the College Board and it is expected that this position will be filled by the June 2010 Board meeting.
- The 4 required Bridging Program modules, which will ultimately be offered both in-class and on-line, are all in various stages of development and once a module is ready, it will be made available. The tentative schedule is that the first module will be offered in May 2010 with the others becoming available in subsequent months.
- In order to provide clarity to the Task Group, the Board passed a motion that: "approves that regulated technicians in BC will have full scope of practice, as per NAPRA, which includes the receiving of verbal orders".

Public Posting of Bylaws Available until April 30, 2010:

The public posting period of the College draft bylaws, which include the revisions pertaining to the regulation of pharmacy technicians, will conclude on Friday April 30th. As per the required process, any public comments will then be reviewed by the Ministry and College with final draft bylaws expected to be presented to the Board for final approval at the June 2010 Board meeting.