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The following Council Highlights are from the April 21, 2006 CPBC Council Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting are posted on the website at http://www.bcpharmacists.org/resources/councilcommittees/pdf/21_Apr 2006 Council meeting minutes draft.pdf

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PDAP update

Staff provided an overview and update on the college's Professional Development and Accreditation Program. This included an executive summary of a PDAP cycle 1 participant survey, and information on the current round of PDAP information sessions, held to prepare registrants selected for PDAP cycle 2, which gets underway this fall. Orientation session dates and locations are posted on the college's website.

Pharmacy technician white paper

Council reviewed this document, which it commissioned to provide background on the accreditation and regulation of pharmacy technicians in other provinces and countries, with recommendations for the CPBC to pursue. The document, which is posted on the college's website in the resources section, contained five accreditation/regulation options. Council approved the white paper's recommendation to pursue regulation of pharmacy technicians within the CPBC. The registrar was directed to report back on the financial and human resources necessary for this initiative.

Strategic planning

Strategic planning sessions for the college were held on April 20 and 21, and were facilitated by council member Marina Ma. Councillors, staff, and invited B.C. pharmacy stakeholders met to discuss and refine five previously determined strategic planning goals. One-year plans to develop initiatives related to each goal were put forth, and the registrar will provide council at its June 2006 meeting with a one-year business plan to achieve the goal initiatives

Council election update

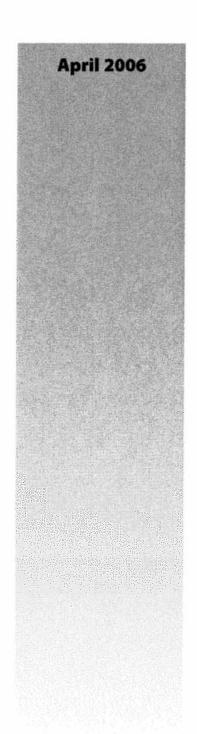
President John Hope reminded councillors of the upcoming elections in Districts 2, 4 and 6. He reviewed the deadlines and noted the election date of May 26, 2006.

Future 2006 council meeting dates

Council selected the following dates for its fall 2006 meetings: September 22 November 25 November 26 (AGM)

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Drug scheduling recommendations

Council approved a recommendation to amend the B.C. Drug Schedule to delete nicotine and its salts (when sold in a form to be administered orally by means of an inhalation device delivering 4 mg or less of nicotine per dosage unit).

Telepharmacy practice policy

Council approved the following change to the Professional Practice Policy telepharmacy section: statement number 1, "Telepharmacy prescription processing can only occur in licensed pharmacies" was replaced with "Telepharmacy prescription processing can only occur in conjunction with a licensed central pharmacy."

This recommendation is necessary to correspond with statement number 4: "The pharmacy technician at the remote site is responsible for receiving and processing the prescription. All patient questions regarding drug therapy or questions regarding over-the-counter products shall be answered by a pharmacist at the central site."

Committees

Council approved the following appointments: Amin Bardai and John Hope (audit committee); Melanie Johnson (board of examiners, replacing Caroline Chin). Registrar Moleschi informed council that the executive committee is inactive.

Councillors

Registrar Moleschi reminded council that effective June 15, 2006, Jo Ann Groves' term as councillor will end, and thanks were extended to Jo Ann for her contributions. A new government appointee will be selected and his or her name will be circulated as soon as it is available.

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