

Council Highlights

The council of the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC) met for their regularly scheduled council meeting at the College office in Vancouver, BC on November 21, 2008 and on November 22, 2008 the College held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver, BC. The following council highlights summarize the key initiatives discussed at both of these meetings. Council meeting minutes and AGM minutes can be found at: www.bcpharmacists.org.

November 21st, 2008 – Council Meeting

Council Appointment:

Although his term didn't officially begin until the conclusion of the AGM the following day council welcomed council-elect Doug Kipp by inviting him to join the council meeting as an observer. Doug replaces Erica Gregory from District 4 – Kootenay/Okanagan. A full list of current College council members, including their contact information, can be found on the College website www.bcpharmacists.org.

Professional Liability Insurance:

As a result of requests from pharmacists for further clarity regarding the mandatory "personal professional liability" requirement for pharmacists adapting prescriptions College staff engaged in additional research which resulted in revised minimum liability insurance criteria being presented to council:

- The policy provides a minimum of \$2 million coverage, and
- The policy provides occurrence-based coverage or claims-made coverage with an extended reporting period of at least three years, and
- If not issued in the pharmacist's name, the group policy covers the pharmacist as an individual.

Council approved the three-point criteria for professional liability insurance coverage for PPP-58 activities which takes effect January 1, 2009 and for the new bylaw requirement for professional liability insurance that will come into effect in April 2009 for all pharmacists under the Health Professions Act (HPA).

Action: This new information will be communicated to all pharmacists through a number of College communications including the website and ReadLinks.

November 22nd, 2008 - Annual General Meeting

Financial Statements:

A representative from Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants presented an overview of the fiscal year 2007 – 2008 audited financial statements, which had already been reviewed and approved by both the Audit Committee and council. A complete copy of the College's financial statements is included in the Annual Report which is available on the College website www.bcpharmacists.org.

President's Report:

In the President's message Erica Gregory highlighted work done by the College on a number of key strategic plan objectives including PPP-58 (Adapting a Prescription) and the regulation of pharmacy technicians. As outgoing president Erica also acknowledged her fellow council members and thanked them for their hard work over the past year and thanked the Registrar and College staff for their commitment to the College's public protection mandate and the council's strategic plan.

Registrar's Report:

The registrar's report included reference to a number of key statistics featured in the Annual Report including a net increase of 40 licensed pharmacies bringing the total at the end of the fiscal year to 981 and an increase of 153 registered pharmacists bringing the total at the end of the year to 4,219.

Report of Council Elections:

President Gregory presented the newest council members – District 4 councillor-elect Doug Kipp and government appointee Penny Denton – with councillor lapel pins.

Volunteer Honour Roll – Gold Certificate Award:

This year's Gold Certificate award which is awarded each year to a College volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession during the year as a result of their volunteering was presented by president-elect Michael MacDougall to Erica Gregory.

Resolution:

There was one resolution on the AGM agenda:

Motion: *“That the College Council be respectfully requested to consider amending its Rules to restrict the eligibility of election of the President-elect to the elected members of Council” – Motioned Carried.*

Reminder: Decisions made at the AGM regarding resolutions are advisory in nature and College council is not bound by the outcome. The resolution will be an agenda item for the next council meeting in February 2009 and the outcome will be reflected in the council minutes.