

Annual General Meeting

Surrey, British Columbia

November 29, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

College President Erica Gregory called the 112th annual general meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia to order at 1:15 p.m. President Gregory welcomed pharmacists and guests to the meeting. She noted that the quorum requirement was not met and asked the voting registrants if they would like to continue with the proceedings on an informational basis only. There was agreement by consensus to do so.

President Gregory presented the College's mission statement ("To ensure British Columbia pharmacists provide safe and effective pharmacy care to help people achieve better health."), as well as her presidential mission statement ("To positively support the pharmacists of BC in achieving safe and effective pharmacy practice outcomes for the people of British Columbia").

She introduced Registrar Linda Lytle, President-elect Wayne Rubner, the College's auditor, Tony Crerar of Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants, and Sheldon Heyland of Whitehall Robins.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - NOVEMBER 23, 2002

The November 23, 2002 annual general meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Tony Crerar, Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants, presented the College's 2002-2003 audited financial statements and offered to answer questions about the report. There were none. President Gregory noted that the audited financial statements had been reviewed and approved by both the Audit Committee and the Council and included in the 2002 / 2003 Annual Report booklet distributed to registrants.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gregory reflected on the November 2000 annual general meeting and how there were no problems achieving a quorum due to the issues of the day. She noted that the College has since incorporated changes based on pharmacist and stakeholder suggestions and feedback.

Pharmacists indicated that they wanted changes in support, communication and decision-making procedures. Pharmacists now have access to the OnCall Pharmacist Information Line, which has received over 2000 calls this year. The format of the *Bulletin* was changed and the FYI publication was added for more detailed information on topics of importance to pharmacists. Input on policies such as medical marijuana was requested, with a very successful response rate. Specialty committees have been established through the Advanced Practitioner Credentialing Committee. Council initiated the TechWise project as a way to support busy pharmacists. A new and simplified Professional Development and Assessment Program is underway, and more than 1000 pharmacists attended orientation sessions around the province to learn more about the program details.

President Gregory noted that the College has achieved much over the past year and she looks forward to offering her support as a past president.

REGISTRAR'S STATISTICAL REPORT

Registrar Lytle reviewed portions of her statistical report, noting that there was a net increase of seven licensed pharmacies with 24 closures and 31 openings. At the end of February 2003, there was a total of 879 licensed pharmacies, of which 75 were hospital pharmacies and 804 were community pharmacies. There were 3523 registered pharmacists (including five Honourary Members) at the end of February 2003. There were 74 pharmacists registered in BC under the terms of the Mutual Recognition Agreement, and 62 foreign-trained and 11 pharmacists from other provinces and territories also registered in the province during the fiscal year.

A moment of silence was observed for registrants and former registrants who had passed away during the year since the last annual general meeting.

Registrar Lytle recognized the Honourary Members, Leroy Fevang, Dr. Finlay Morrison, Dr. Bernard Riedel, Norman Thomas and Norman Zacharias, none of whom were able to attend the meeting.

She also recognized staff that work with her at the College and thanked them for their contributions to the College's successful operations.

ANNUAL REPORT

President Gregory invited comments or questions regarding the 2002/2003 Annual Report, which had been mailed to registrants earlier.

REPORT OF COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections were held in District 1, 3, 5 and 7. Wayne Rubner and Howard Rose were elected in Districts 1 and 3 respectively. Carol Gee was elected by acclamation in District 7. No nominations were received in either of the two calls for election in District 5. Another call for nominations will be put forward to district 5 in early January 2004.

President Gregory presented District 3 Councillor Howard Rose and government appointees Gurmeet Gill and Jo Ann Groves with Councillor lapel pins.

The 2003 – 2004 Councillors were introduced to the annual general meeting participants:

Wayne Rubner	District 1
Amin Bardai	District 2
Howard Rose	District 3
Erica Gregory	District 4
John Hope	District 6
Carol Gee	District 7
Dr. Robert Sindelar	Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC
Marina Ma	Government Appointee
Peter Rubin	Government Appointee
Gurmeet Gill	Government Appointee
Jo Ann Groves	Government Appointee

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

President Gregory presented Caren Heughan and Janice Reynolds with Certificate of Recognition awards for their terms as Councillors for the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia.

BOWL OF HYGEIA

Sheldon Heyland was in attendance to present Janice Reynolds with the Bowl of Hygeia award. He gave a brief summary of her achievements in her community, workplace and with her family. Janice expressed her appreciation and honour for being recognized to receive this award.

FIFTY-YEAR PRACTICE AWARDS

President Gregory recognized 19 individuals who qualified for the Fifty-Year Practice Award to honour their long-term service to the profession and to the public. The Registrar noted that this year the award was granted for 45 to 50 years of registration as a pharmacist, due to the Council's plans to restructure the awards program and develop a different type of award for long-term service. She then highlighted their careers and contributions of the three award recipients who were present (William Creighton, Leslie Ramsey and Gordon Wrightman). The other recipients (some of whom received their awards at the BC Pharmacy Conference in Penticton) were:

Donald K. Cameron
William E. Commons
Douglas H. Fraser
Abraham Klassen
Carl A. Knutson
Doreen M. Knutson
Gerald D. Morris
Blake E. Morrow
Lloyd H. Nordlund
Alvin J.I. Ragosin
Clifford A. Rock
Eric W.K. Seto
Harold E. Stathers
Hendry M. Sutherland
Norman S. Thomas
Jack W.S. Wong

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

President Gregory recognized the following individuals with the Certificate of Merit and thanked them for their service and contributions:

Betty Nielsen (*present*)
Allen Jang (*present*)
Barbara Thompson (*received at BCPhA conference*)

RESOLUTIONS

President Gregory explained that decisions made at the annual general meeting regarding resolutions are advisory in nature, and that the College Council is not bound by the advice, due to its responsibilities to its primary stakeholder, the citizens of the province, and the potential for conflict with the interests of College registrants.

Resolution 1

Resolved that the College of Pharmacists of BC removes the clause "conflict with moral beliefs" in Value IX of the current Code of Ethics, so as to read "A pharmacist ensures continuity of care in the event of job action and pharmacy closure."

Speakers made points for and against the resolution. The meeting participants did not support the resolution.

Resolution 2

Resolved that the Council of the College of Pharmacists of BC pursue the PharmaNet to include access to on-line editions of tools for pharmacists. (AHFS, Drugdex, Drug Interaction Facts, or similar tools)

Speakers made points for and against the motion. The meeting participants supported the resolution.

Resolution 3

Resolved that the Council of the College of Pharmacists of BC implement a legal framework by which a referendum could be held for all registered pharmacists to vote on a specific College policy, program or bylaw to initiate change if there is majority support.

Speakers made points for and against the motion. The meeting participants did not support the resolution.

Resolution 4

Resolved that calculators and other handheld electronic devices such as personal digital assistants (PDAs) be permitted to be used by pharmacists who choose to participate in the Knowledge assessment (KA) option of the Professional Development and Assessment Program.

Speakers made points for and against the motion. The meeting participants did not support the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

President Gregory thanked the assembly for attending the meeting and participating in College affairs. She then announced that there would be a brief meeting of Council immediately following the annual meeting and adjourned the 112th meeting of the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia at 2:45 p.m.