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Safe and Effective Pharmacy Care

Council Highlights

January 9, 2009 – Special Council Meeting Review and Approval of College Draft Bylaws

The council of the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC) met at the College office in Vancouver, BC on January 9th, 2009 for a special meeting to review and approve the draft Bylaws required for transition to the Health Professions Act (HPA) scheduled by government for April 1st, 2009. The following council highlights summarize the main points discussed with complete details available in the council meeting minutes available online at:

[http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/A-About Us/A-4 Council/Council Meeting Minutes-Jan9-09.pdf](http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/A-About%20Us/A-4%20Council/Council%20Meeting%20Minutes-Jan9-09.pdf)

The agenda for the meeting included further clarification by government representatives on the HPA transition process along with the presentation of a Bylaw Review Report, done on council's request, by an independent 3rd party.

The result of the all-day session was council's approval of the draft Bylaws with a few changes including:

- the removal of any reference to 'regulated pharmacy technician' at this time pending further discussion by council (it has been included as an agenda item for February 6, 2009)
- the inclusion of a bylaw, in support of the November 2008 AGM resolution, specifying that the election of both the council President and Vice President be restricted to a pharmacist

Note: all motioned changes are reflected in the Council Meeting Minutes

Also at this meeting council discussed creating draft Bylaws to address current strategic objectives, specifically the removal of non-medicinal nicotine from pharmacies and loyalty programs, but agreed that this was not a viable option at this time and would continue to pursue other strategies to achieve these objectives.

As the next step in this process the council approved Bylaws will be posted on the College website for public comment. Registrants will be notified, via email and through ReadLinks, once the timeline has been determined.