



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 September 26th, 2008. The following council highlights summarize the key initiatives discussed. Council meeting minutes can be found at: www.bcpharmacists.org.

Council Appointments:

Council officially welcomed Penny Denton from Prince Rupert as the latest Government Appointee member to council, replacing Marina Ma whose term expired in July of this year. The President also announced the reappointment of Government Appointees: John Scholtens, for a term commencing November 8, 2008 and ending November 20, 2010 and Margaret Cleaveley for a term commencing November 2, 2008 and ending November 30, 2011.

In addition, following an in-camera session, council reaffirmed the results of the June 26th, 2008 president election which established councillor Michael MacDougall, a Government Appointee from West Vancouver, as the President-Elect.

Policy Governance Portfolio:

Over the next several council meetings council will review the current Policy Governance Portfolio with the intention of establishing clarity and providing feedback and recommendations for updates and changes.

Councillor Election Process:

Council accepted, with minor changes, a proposed election process brought forward by College staff at the request of council at the June meeting. The updated councillor election process will provide nominees with the opportunity to submit, for distribution by the College, a one-page profile sheet containing whatever information they would like to convey. In addition, the College will provide each nominee with the most current workplace contact information for registrants in their district for any additional campaigning they may wish to do.

Action: Registrants are reminded that they are obligated, through College bylaw, to ensure that the College has their most current contact information on file. Updated information can be provided via eServices on the College website: www.bcpharmacists.org

Annual General Meeting:

It was noted that the College's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be in conjunction with the AGM's of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the BC Pharmacy Association, will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue located at 580 West Hastings Street in Vancouver.

Action: Full details and registration is available on the College website: www.bcpharmacists.org

Fiscal 2009 – 2010 Budget (March 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010):

Council approved an amended version of the fiscal 2009 – 2010 budget which includes an increase in pharmacy fees but no increase in the fees of pharmacists. In accordance with legislation, the pharmacy fee increase will be submitted to government for approval and is anticipated to become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Blueprint for Pharmacy:

Council declared its support for the Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) *“Blueprint for Pharmacy – Vision of Pharmacy 2008”* and committed to work more collaboratively with the task force and working groups as they develop the implementation plan. Full details on the Blueprint for Pharmacy can be found on the CPhA website: www.pharmacists.ca

PDAP Evaluation Plan:

The Chair of the Board of Examiners (BOE) presented council with an overview of the plan and progress of the ongoing evaluation of the Professional Development and Assessment Program (PDAP). The overall objective of the evaluation, which has been part of the process since PDAP’s inception in 2003, is to conduct a comprehensive external evaluation of the programs principles, processes and tools and provide a recommendation to the BOE.

With the desire to include evaluation data from the current CE-Plus pilot, which is not scheduled for completion until August of 2009, council asked the BOE to bring a recommendation to the February 2009 council meeting regarding the potential ramifications this may have to the current PDAP timeline, which is scheduled to have Cycle 3, Phase 1 begin in September 2009.

Strategic Communication Plan:

Council accepted in concept the Strategic Communication Plan that was presented. The purpose of the plan is to address the College’s Strategic Objective #3 – *“The public, government, health care professionals, and registrants understand the role and value of the pharmacist”* and identified target audiences, key messages and outlined specific strategies, including a public awareness campaign.

With respect to the proposed media expense for the execution of the public awareness campaign, council asked staff to pursue potential financial support through partnerships with the BC Pharmacy Association and the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Based on the outcome of these conversations council will approve a budgeted amount for the campaign.