

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



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Vision 2006: A revitalized society...The influential voice for hospital pharmacy...Inspiring and supporting our members

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Membership Report



The BC Branch currently has 303 members for the 2006/7 membership year. We would like to welcome the following new members:

- Gurmandeep Aujla
- Arden Barry
- Maria Chan
- Tammy Langill
- Clifford Lo
- David Yemchuk

We currently have 16 student members. Students who register or renew their CSHP membership before Oct 15th will receive a \$10 rebate on their cost of their membership.

Congratulations to Glen Brown and Sandeep Gill who won the Membership Incentive Prizes! The prizes, \$400 in educational funding, were awarded by random draw of members who registered or renewed before June 15th.

Remember that encouraging a new member to join CSHP will earn you a \$10 coupon (\$5 for students) for CSHP events, publications, or next year's membership fees.

For more information on membership with the BC Branch, visit our website or contact your Membership Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kendrick
Memberships Chairperson
CSHP BC Branch

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Message from the President



During the whole year, I planned my newsletters to you. I felt sad, as I was about to compose my "last letter" as President. While I hate to leave the position because it's simply been fun to work with a bunch of dedicated executives who all have a fulltime job or school during the day, I know I'm passing on that responsibility to someone with fresh new ideas and a strong sense of leadership. Dr. Sue Corrigan, our incoming President, will lead the new team of executives.

As we embark towards the final few months, we are in full gear to plan for a successful AGM in November. This year, we will have a major change of guards for the executives. As you recall, one of my goals for the year was to recruit and promote executive positions. I am very grateful to see that nomination forms for the executive positions are already coming in.

I would like to thank the BC Branch executives for their personal time to serve on council. Many of our key persons on council are leaving this year. They include, Paul Cheng, our Past President, led us through the strategic planning, matching with those at the National office; Karen Tulloch, our Awards Chair, will conduct one more awards ceremony at the upcoming AGM and will step down after that to enjoy her motherhood; Kevin Mui, our Communication Officer, quietly accomplished so much for us in upgrading the website and putting on an on-line registration and payment for the Banff Seminar; Sharon Clark, our National Delegate, completed her 3 year term and have enriched all of us with her experience; Doson Chua, our Treasurer, did an amazing job in creating a financial report that matched the National requirements and balanced our budget for this year; Denise Sprague, our Secretary, dedicated many hours to writing the minutes; Harjinder Parwana, our Programs Chair, who we owe our CE events to for the entire year; and John Hope, our District 6/7 representative, who served as our College liaison for the past six years.

Our latest addition to council was a Fundraising Chair and Jing-Yi Ng will also be stepping down. Jing had spent many hours, in addition to attending the council meetings, in raising funds for the entire Lower Mainland and it's a fulltime job on top of a fulltime job she has during the day. The Branch's financial status resides with this position and she's the key person to our success. I cannot thank Jing enough for that. If anyone is interested in tackling that task, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

In addition, Trudy Arbo, our Fraser Valley Chapter Chair, has moved to the east coast and Ayesha Hassan, our Interior Chapter Chair, has stepped down after serving the members in the interior for two years.

The BC Branch Council provides us with an opportunity *to inspire* and *fortify* leaders who motivate others. This unique opportunity also provides a venue for *sharing* experience, knowledge, networking and training leaders of tomorrow. It provides skills such as teamwork and communication, a vital component to working in Health Care today. I would like to encourage all of you to take a moment and nominate someone, or yourself, to serve on council. It truly is an experience to gain.

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National Delegate's Report

2010 Strategic Plan

In August, prior to the AGM in Montreal, National Council and the Branch Presidents worked with a facilitator during an all-day workshop to draft the elements of CSHP's next Strategic Plan. This plan will be for 2007 – 2010. As background, the group reviewed an environmental scan of CSHP stakeholders; the results of the June CSHP Membership Survey and reference documents from ASHP and CPhA. There was full and, at times very lively, discussion about the role of CSHP in shaping the future of hospital pharmacy practice. During the meeting, we drafted or revised CSHP's Vision, Mission and developed four "pillars" for the strategic plan.

Draft Mission

CSHP is the national voice of pharmacists committed to advancement of safe, effective medication use and patient-care in hospitals and related health-care settings

Draft Vision

- A dynamic Society
- The influential voice of hospital pharmacy
- Inspiring practice excellence
- Fostering leadership and professional growth

Draft Strategic Goals (Pillars)

Advocacy

CSHP will advocate on behalf of hospital pharmacists in a timely manner

Organizational Effectiveness

CSHP will ensure organizational sustainability and effectiveness

Member Services

CSHP will improve member and membership services

Practice Excellence

CSHP will advance practice excellence through CSHP 2015

There is much work yet to be done on the specific objectives, indicators, timeline and outcome measures; however, National Council would like your general feedback on the work done so far. As Delegate, I'll collate and submit all of the BC feedback. Please provide me with your comments via email to Sharon_Clark@shaw.ca by Oct 30th, 2006. Here are the questions that National has put forward:

1. Do you think that CSHP is heading in the right direction for 2007-2010?
2. Do the new mission and vision, and the strategic objectives of this plan support this direction?
3. Can you suggest specific priorities or objectives for each / any of the strategies (pillars)?

Governance – Relationship Between National and the Branches

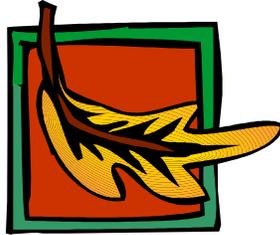
At the August Council Meetings, President Emily Musing reported that a number of the recommendations from the Governance Task Force Phase II report have been implemented. For example, National

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Message from the President-Elect



Hello fellow BC Branch members. We are nearing November and the AGM is just around the corner. I thought I would write about some of the activities I've been involved in during my term as President-Elect.

As part of my External Liaison portfolio I serve as the BC Branch link to the undergraduate pharmacy students and CAPSI. I helped to coordinate the Lunchtime Lecture Series, an initiative by BC Branch at UBC to promote hospital pharmacy practice to pharmacy students. We have guest speakers describe a typical day of work in their practice setting, provide a patient case example and have a Q&A session for the students. We also provide lunch for the "starving students". This program has continued to be successful due in large part to the hard work of our Student Membership Coordinators, Katherine Wu and now Framin Mark.

In February of this year, Ms. Brandi Newby was our guest speaker and she described her role as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Pediatrics and Neonatal Medicine at Surrey Memorial Hospital. In March, Ms. Harjinder Parwana presented and described her role as a Clinical Pharmacist in Respiratory and Palliative Care Medicine at Vancouver General Hospital. Both events had excellent turnouts and received very positive feedback from the students. It is great to see interest in hospital practice expressed by the students as they represent our future. Thanks very much Brandi and Harjinder!!

In August, I was fortunate to be able to join our National Delegate Ms. Sharon Clark at the CSHP National Council meetings and Strategic Planning session in Montreal. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues from across the country and discuss common issues we are facing at our Branches and in hospital practice. It was a very busy three days of meetings and Sharon's National Delegate report will provide the highlights.

My experiences thus far with the BC Branch Executive and Programs Committee have certainly highlighted the wonderful dedication of our volunteers that continue to make our branch successful. I encourage anyone who may be considering volunteering for a position to do so – it will be a rewarding experience! Contact your branch executive via the website for more information <http://www.cshp-bc.com>.

Sincerely,

Sue Corrigan
President-Elect
CSHP BC Branch



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Programs Committee 2006 Continuing Education Events

It's that time of year again! After a very successful Clinical Symposium, the programs committee is busily planning our Annual General meeting.

Held on a beautiful sunny day on Saturday September 16th at the University of British Columbia, the Clinical Symposium was a huge success this year, well received by all those in attendance. Although, none of us went to tee off, we did have some excellent hits by our speakers! Dr. Elaine Lum started the day with a general approach to HIV for the everyday pharmacist. Carla Ambrosini, from the Fraser Health Authority Medication Management Program gave us a great insight into the role of pharmacist in seamless care initiatives. Our guest speaker of the day was Dr. Mark Hull who delivered a stirring discussion on community acquired MRSA. Our very own president elect, Dr. Sue Corrigan had us all in a stir about atypical antipsychotics in acute delirium and Dr. Wendy Gordon finished the day with an update in advances in antithrombotic therapies. Thanks to all of our speakers who all did a fantastic job! And a very special thanks to the residency group for encouraging our upcoming generation of pharmacists. They sponsored 13 of our faculty's undergraduate students to attend this year's Clinical Symposium! Thank you to everyone, in particular the programs committee, for making the day a great success.

Annual General Meeting, Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel

Friday November 24 to Saturday November 25, 2006

Our next event is our largest of the year. Mark your calendars everyone, because our Annual General Meeting is November 24th and 25th this year to be held at Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel. We have lined up a great program this year and registration is now open. From the Friday night's discussion on medication reconciliation to Saturday's research forum, to what's hot and what's not: the year in review by Dr. Mike Legal. Dr. Peter Loewen will be challenging us with "For lovers, HOPErs, and DREAMers, a faith based approach to Diabetes." Visit our upcoming events section for a full outline of the program. We look forward to a great weekend full of educational sessions, satellite symposia, pharmaceutical manufacturer displays, and our business meeting. Don't forget to register prior to November 17th to qualify for the early bird price. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

As always, AGM also means opportunities to get involved in your branch. The position of Programs Chairperson will be opening up this November. If you are interested and wish to discuss any details, feel free to contact myself at parwana@interchange.ubc.ca. For those of you with any suggestions for a presentation topic or if you are aware of any speakers that may be interested in presenting at our events, please feel free to contact me at the above email. We are always searching for new and dynamic presenters.

Mark your calendars and I hope to see you at our Continuing Education events!

Harjinder Parwana BScPharm, ACPR
Programs Committee Chairperson
CSHP - BC Branch

For the latest information on our events, visit <http://www.cshp-bc.com/events/index.html>



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Fundraising Update

Wow, what to say...first off, it has been an extraordinary year serving as the Fundraising Chair. This position was an appointed one, beginning over a year ago. As with any change, there is a transition period. So, it is natural, of course to have had some growing pains. Having said that, it has been a pleasure working on council. I've worked closely with the Programs Chair, Treasurer, Awards Chair and Communications officer, in addition to all three Presidential Officers.

Council has provided many services to the members during this past year, all the while watching the almighty purse strings. Of course, it is with the generous contributions of our Corporate Sponsors that allow us to provide these services, such as our high quality continuing education events. So, on behalf of CSHP BC Branch, I thank the following Corporate Sponsors whose contributions were received by 22Sept2006:

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Our year to date totals a whopping \$41,000! Monies promised include \$3,500. With the Annual General Meeting, our largest event of the year just around the corner, I am actively marketing our Manufacturer Display Booths, which all Major Benefactors receive as a part of their benefits package. More than 150 companies have been approached.

Jing-Yi Ng
Fundraising Chair
CSHP BC Branch



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Please consider running for the following elected positions.

President-Elect (Vision Portfolio)
Programs Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
National Delegate

And if you are not running, nominate someone else.

It certainly has been a privilege to be able to serve the BC Branch members and I would like to thank you all for your support during my presidency year. I hope you are happy with our progress. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions or feedback and I hope to see you all at the AGM in November.

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is making a concerted effort to improve communications with the Branches. A good example of this is seen above, in the call for feedback on the Strategic Plan for 2007-2010.

However, there are some ongoing concerns that the Governance Task Force did not adequately address the role of National and the Branches. Ironically, the improved communication flow has also pointed out many differences and inconsistencies amongst the Branches and how they operate. Some of the issues noted in the discussion included:

- inconsistent fee policies, baseline services and Council structures amongst Branches
- varying Branch strategic plans which may or may not align with National's strategic goals
- different advocacy efforts at the National and provincial levels

These issues will be brought forward for discussion at the Midterm Council in Feb 2007 for further discussion and resolution. The Bylaws may need to be amended to create a more formal framework to define the structure and function of the Branches.

The AGM 2006 Council meeting agenda was very full and I will report on further details in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, if you would like further information or background on National CSHP issues or agenda items, please contact me by email at Sharon_Clark@shaw.ca

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Clark
National Delegate
CSHP BC Branch



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Canadian Adverse Reaction Monitoring

The Regional Adverse Reaction Centre, previously located at the BC Drug & Poison Information Centre at St. Paul's Hospital, has been relocated to Health Canada's Health Products and Food Regional Office, effective April 01, 2006.

Adverse reaction reporting mechanisms within Health Canada remain the same. To report an adverse reaction, request a copy of the adverse reaction reporting form or to obtain information about the program, health professionals and consumers may use our toll-free phone or fax lines:

Tel: 1-866-234-2345

Fax: 1-866-678-6789

Calls will automatically be routed to the appropriate regional AR monitoring office, based on area code of the caller. Adverse reaction reports can also be mailed to the regional AR monitoring office at the address listed below.

*Canadian Adverse Reaction Monitoring - BC and Yukon
400 - 4595 Canada Way,
Burnaby, BC V5G 1J9
British_Columbia_AR@hc-sc.gc.ca*

In addition, as of July 27, 2006, Health Canada has launched the MedEffect Online Form for reporting suspected adverse reactions to health products marketed in Canada. This will allow users to complete and submit their report electronically via the Internet.

The Health Canada website is a valuable source of adverse reaction information. To download a copy of the adverse reaction reporting form, or to join Health Canada's MedEffect e-notice and receive the Canadian Adverse Reaction Newsletter and health product advisories free by e-mail, go to <http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect>.

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