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Annual General Meeting and Election Reminder

Just a reminder that the Annual General Meeting takes place 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, online via Zoom webcast. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. This format has worked very well the last two years and we anticipate another engaging AGM.

The AGM will be followed by an education session from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The education session will feature Kelly Fujibayashi, Board Chair; Michelle Payne, Regulatory Practice Consultant; and Carina Herman, Registrar/CEO. They will be presenting new Standards of Practice for Naturopathic Physicians and how to apply them to practice.

Attendees will be eligible for 3 hours of continuing education credits for attending both the AGM and the education session. Credits can be applied towards Category A - AGM or Category G – Ethics, Professionals and Cultural Safety. Please use your discretion as to how to allocate the hours. The College will **not** be issuing certificates of attendance but will maintain a list of registrants who attended the AGM for its own record keeping purposes.

Here is the [Agenda for the AGM](#).

The [2021 Annual Report](#) is now available.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Refund Clarification

The College has received questions from several registrants recently regarding its policy on refunding registrants who elect to change their registration status mid-year, as opposed to during annual registration renewal.

Partial Refund: Practising to non-practising from July 1st to December 31st

A full practising registrant who moves to non-practising status between July 1st to December 31st in a calendar year will be reimbursed for 50% of practising registration, certification and specialty renewal fees paid.

Reimbursement is subject to the registrant delivering their application for non-practising registration to the registrar on or before May 31st of the calendar year.

Section 56(10) of the College Bylaws sets out the basis for this reimbursement:

A full registrant who becomes a non-practising registrant from July 1st to December 31st in a calendar year must be reimbursed 50% of the registration, certification and specialty

renewal fee(s) paid, if the application for non-practising registration for that period is delivered to the registrar on or before May 31st of the calendar year.

No Refund: Practising to non-practising from January 1st to June 30th

A full practicing registrant who moves to non-practising between January 1st to June 30th in a calendar year will not be reimbursed for any fees paid. The College's Bylaws do not provide for reimbursement in this circumstance. The College appreciates that in the past there may have been some confusion on this issue but there is no reimbursement available under the current Bylaws.

No Refund: Cancelling of practicing or non-practising license

A practicing or non-practising registrant who cancels their license after payment will not be reimbursed for any fees paid. The College's Bylaws on reimbursements are balanced between supporting registrants and recognizing that the College is a registrant-funded non-profit regulatory body with extensive operational requirements.



Notice re Tramadol

Registrants are reminded that as of March 31, 2022, Tramadol is part of Schedule 1 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and is therefore no longer authorized for use by naturopathic doctors in BC. Per the College's Standards, Limits and Conditions for Prescribing, Dispensing and Compounding Drugs, Appendix E, CDSA scheduled substances are not permitted for use by registrants.

New Drugs Update

The College's Pharmacopoeia and Diagnostics Referral Committee ("PDR") reviews new prescription drugs which become available on the Canadian market on an ongoing basis, and makes periodic recommendations to the Board regarding which drugs should be included or excluded from scope. The Board recently approved the PDR's recommendations for new drugs that came on the market up to the end of 2021, and the Scope of Practice for Naturopathic Physicians: Standards, Limits and Conditions for Prescribing, Dispensing and Compounding Drugs (the "Prescribing Standards") have been updated to reflect this.

The current version of the Prescribing Standards can be found at this link:

https://cnpbc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Updated-2022-04-26-SLC-for-PDC-Drugs_.pdf

Registrants are reminded to check the Prescribing Standards if they are ever unsure about whether a drug is within their scope of practice. Registrants who continue to have questions about prescribing and scope of practice after checking the Prescribing Standards are encouraged to contact the College directly.



A Note From the Registrar

It has been a hectic month for everyone at the College, with preparations for the AGM, evolving PHO and MOH directives, and the regular work of the College to be done.

I want to thank the staff for their hard work during this hectic time.

The last few years have shown all of us that there is more than one way to work, and it clearly shows the adaptability of humans and the upside of connectivity. We can all stay in touch, get work done, and not miss a beat.

To all registrants, I hope that most of you will be able to join us at the AGM and, while it's not in person, it is still such a valuable get-together.

See you on May 4th.

Carina Herman

We acknowledge with respect that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - s̓k̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓ílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and x̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm (Musqueam) nations whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



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