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*News from the CNPBC*



**June 23, 2022**

## **Welcome New and Reappointed Board Members**

This year we welcomed new and reappointed registrants to the CNPBC Board. We had only two nominations for our two vacant positions, so an election was not required. We know you would like to know more about these two registrant Board members so here is what they had to say about why they wanted to be on the Board.

### **Dr. Karen Parmar ND**

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself, and to thank you for your consideration in voting for me for a CNPBC Board position. My name is Karen Parmar, and I am a naturopathic doctor, business owner, wife, and mother of four boys. I have been a full-time practicing registrant here in BC since 2000. I am the co-founder and director of Integrated Health Clinic® where I have been practicing in the field of reproductive health for the last 22 years.

I ran for the Board because I know the job, having significant previous experience, and know that this is perhaps the best way for me to support our profession. I have served on the Board in the past in many different capacities. I was an elected Board Member from 2006-2010, and past president of the CNPBC Board from 2010-2014. During my tenure, I served and/or chaired many Committees - including the Registration, Pharmacopoeia and Diagnostic Referral (PDR), and Scope of Practice.

I've thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the CNPBC, and feel it is a good way to put my knowledge, and expertise to work. It takes time to learn our bylaws, regulations, and the

functions of the different committees. I feel my past Board experience makes me a strong candidate and would likely be beneficial to our regulatory body at this critical time.



Dr. Karen Parmar, ND

### **Dr. Alison Vandekerkhove, ND**

I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of British Columbia and then went on to study as a pioneer student at the Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine, graduating in 2004. I have always loved the continued learning and growth in my career and in my life. I have owned A New Leaf Naturopathic clinic for the last 18 years, started SIBO Canada, and am now the proud owner of Meditrine Naturopathic clinic too. Motivated typically by business, I was surprised that I have found a new interest in governance and enjoy the hurdles and challenges that it brings.

It has been an honor to be a Board member for the last 2 years, and I am hoping to be able to continue this work for an additional term. Besides being on the Board, I am also working on some committees including Governance and Discipline. I hope to continue this work in the upcoming term.



Dr. Alison Vandekerkhove, ND

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### **Have you Always Wanted to be on a Board Committee?**

If you haven't experienced involvement on a Board Committee, you should. It can be very fulfilling! Much of the Board's most important work is done by and through [Committees](#) focused on key areas of the College's mandate.

Committees inform Board decision-making and make recommendations for Board consideration. They are made up of both registrant and public members, taking advantage of the special skills, knowledge, and even personal interests of each. It's a great way to learn how the College functions, understand its mandate, put your skills and experience to good use, and meet colleagues.

Terms are for two years with the possibility of reappointment.

Take a look at the Terms of Reference for these three Committees, currently recruiting registrant members:

- [EXAM COMMITTEE](#)
- [PHARMACOPOEIA & DIAGNOSTIC REFERRAL COMMITTEE](#)
- [INQUIRY COMMITTEE](#)

Committee work is rewarding. If you think it might be for you, complete this brief [form](#) and send it, along with your resume, to [registrar@cnpsc.bc.ca](mailto:registrar@cnpsc.bc.ca) .



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### **Amended Order from the Provincial Health Officer**

On June 10, 2022, the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) issued an amended [Health Professionals COVID-19 Status Information Order](#).

This Order replaces the Order of March 7, 2022, and requires all BC health regulatory colleges, including the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC (CNPBC), to continue to

collect and retain the COVID-19 vaccination status of all registrants, and requires all registrants to provide information about their vaccination status to their regulatory college upon request.

If you have not already provided your vaccination status information to [CNPBC](#), please do so as soon as possible. See below for detailed instructions.

The June 10 Order also requires CNPBC to:

- provide information about the vaccination status of a registrant to a post-secondary institution upon request to aid them in determining if applicants to health science programs, residency programs and other postgraduate medical education programs are eligible to attend at places subject to the [Hospital and Community \(Health Care and Other Services\) COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures Order](#) and the [Residential Care COVID-19 Preventive Measures Order](#);
- continue to provide aggregate information about the vaccination status of our registrants to the PHO. The PHO will then be able to continue to make publicly available aggregate vaccination rates by profession;
- provide information to the PHO or medical health officer on request aggregate information concerning the location of all places where registrants work and the vaccination status of the registrants who work in each of the places, or respecting all places where an individual registrant works and the vaccination status of that registrant.

The PHO has advised she will not be ordering the publishing of the vaccination status of individual health professionals.

If you have questions regarding this letter or the options available to you, please contact [office@cnpbc.bc.ca](mailto:office@cnpbc.bc.ca) .

Thank you for your assistance in working with CNPBC to comply with this Order.

### **Instructions for Submitting Your Vaccination Status to CNPBC per the Order**

Please email a photo or screenshot of your “Proof of Vaccination” (photo identification

**AND** Government of Canada or a province of Canada issued vaccine card) to:

[validation@cnpbc.bc.ca](mailto:validation@cnpbc.bc.ca)

While there are other modes of proof available to registrants within the public health order, pictures of QR codes issued by the Government of Canada or a province of Canada **AND** pictures of BC driver licenses are the preferred method.

If you were vaccinated outside of Canada, and have not already provided your vaccination status to CNPBC, you must provide:

- proof in English, French, or a certified translation into English or French, whether electronic or in writing, issued by a government or a government body or by an organization that administered the vaccine for the purpose of showing proof of vaccination, which
  - is in the form of an official certificate, pass, card, receipt or confirmation showing the number of doses of vaccine received,
  - is not just a QR code,
  - includes in text
    - your name,
    - the name of the government or government body or organization that administered the vaccine,
    - the brand name or any other information that identifies the vaccine,
    - the date the vaccine was administered.

If you have an exemption, please email a photo or screenshot of your proof of “Exemption” from the health order as defined and photo identification, to: [validation@cnpbc.bc.ca](mailto:validation@cnpbc.bc.ca)

We will use the information provided to update vaccination status and then immediately delete the emails.

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## **New Requirement for Prescriptive Authority Certification**

NDs have been asking for access to Pharmanet for a number of years. It is now available to NDs and is an important step in providing safe care. All registrants with Prescriptive Authority Certification must be enrolled in PRIME by October 1, 2022 in order to maintain their certification. This date allows time for enrollment to occur prior to registration renewal when proof of enrollment will be required

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## **Stay in the Know**

Registrants are reminded that CNPBC uses email as the primary means of notifying you of important regulatory and other professional news and information. Please check your email regularly to ensure that important messages aren't missed.

Also, make sure that the email you have provided to the College is current. This is a requirement outlined in section 61 of the bylaws.

*“61. A registrant must immediately notify the registrar of any change of name, address, office or home telephone numbers, email address, web site address, or any other registration information previously provided to the registrar.”*

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### **A Note From the Registrar**

We often hear people say, "there is never enough time". I believe that one of the many learnings of the past two years will be that we value our time, whether doing work we love or spending time with those we love. We want to make sure there is enough time to do the things we value.

Resting and recharging is crucial to all of us, and now that summer may finally be here, take the time to be out in nature. We all benefit from time outdoors.

As well, in June, we commemorate National Indigenous History Month. Take the time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience, and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people across Canada.

Stay well.

Carina Herman

***We acknowledge with respect that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selílwitlh (Tseil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam) nations whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.***

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