The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia announces 2015 Elected Officers and Executive Committee

VANCOUVER, BC: The Board of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia is pleased to announce its 2015 elected officers and members of its Executive Committee effective July 1, 2015. The Executive Committee is appointed by the Board and is comprised of six members who are physicians and non-physician public representatives.

Gerry Vaughan, MD (Nanaimo) will serve as president of the College for 2015/16. For more than 25 years, Dr. Vaughan has served the College on various committees, and most recently held the position of vice-president of the Board. He has served as chair of the Vancouver Island Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee, chief of staff at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, and currently runs a full-service family practice in Nanaimo.

Anne Clarke, MD, FRCPC (White Rock) is the College’s new vice-president, and previously served as treasurer. Dr. Clarke has held a number of leadership positions in the medical community, including medical director for Peace Arch Hospital, and program medical director of the emergency program at Fraser Health. She currently practises emergency medicine at Peace Arch Hospital.

Patrick Rowe, MD, CCFP(EM), FCFP (Prince George) is the newest member of the Executive Committee and will serve as treasurer in 2015/16. Dr. Rowe became a board member in 2013, and has sat on the College’s Inquiry Committee since 2008. He has practised as an emergency physician in Prince George since 1998.

Duncan Etches, MD, CCFP, FCFP (Vancouver) has served as a board member since 2011. Dr. Etches has been practising family medicine for more than 35 years, and previously was a clinical professor at the University of British Columbia’s department of family practice. In 2015, Dr. Etches received the College of Family Physicians of Canada Award of Excellence.

Lori Charvat, LLM (Vancouver) is a public member of the Board who has extensive knowledge and experience in human rights and employment law. From 2006-2009, Ms. Charvat served as the associate dean of equity at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. Currently, she is the principal of Sandbox Consulting, which advises on human resources planning, strategies and actions.

Michelle Corfield, DM (Nanaimo) has been a public member of the Board since 2010. She holds a doctor of management and organizational leadership from the University of Phoenix, and a master of arts in conflict analysis and dispute resolution from Royal Roads University. Dr. Corfield is the executive
director of Corfield & Associates, which provides consulting and project management services to First Nations, individuals, and organizations working with and for First Nations.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons is the licensing and regulatory body for all physicians and surgeons in the province. Governed by provincial legislation, the College’s role is to protect the public by establishing, monitoring and enforcing high standards of qualification and ethical practice across the province.

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