



Chronicle

College of Psychologists of British Columbia

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Fall 2013

Letter from the Chair of the Board

Colleagues

I am pleased to introduce you to the Fall issue of the *Chronicle* and to provide an update on matters currently before the College and the College Board. During the nine years I have served on the Board (including six years beginning with the very early days of the College under the *Health Professions Act*) I have had the opportunity to observe a number of very significant challenges, none more significant than those occurring now to psychology regulation and clinical practice. There are three major challenges of particular urgency I wish to draw your attention to: the legal requirement for collaborative care, the importance for registrants to be aware of public policy shifts and trends, and the demographics of our register.

Collaborative Care: In 2009 the Government of BC added an object to the *Health Professions Act*, for the Colleges to work together collaboratively:

(k) in the course of performing its duties and exercising its powers under this Act or other enactments, to promote and enhance the following:

(i) collaborative relations with other colleges established under this Act, regional health boards designated under the Health Authorities Act and other entities in the Provincial health system, post-secondary education institutions and the government;

(ii) interprofessional collaborative practice

between its registrants and persons practising another health profession;

(iii) the ability of its registrants to respond and adapt to changes in practice environments, advances in technology and other emerging issues.

This is a legal requirement and our College has responded to this new responsibility with active engagement. Included with this issue of the *Chronicle* is information on the public information campaign sponsored by the association of Health Regulators of BC (formerly known as the HRO – but now renamed as the Health Profession Regulators of BC, HPRBC), of which our College is a member. In fact, our Registrar serves along with the Registrars of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the College of Registered Nurses, and the College of Occupational Therapists, on the HPRBC Governance Committee, a group involved in spearheading policy development and organizational governance structure for the HPRBC organization. See the more detailed article on this Campaign in this edition of the *Chronicle*. This project represents a very meaningful understanding of the new legal obligation referenced above as demonstrating the high degree of collaboration and trust that has developed among healthcare regulators in BC. I am also very proud of the involvement of our Registrar in the HPRBC organization generally, as well as on many specific collaborative projects

such as this campaign. Our Deputy Registrar has also taken a leadership role with regard to collaborative engagement on continuing competency programs and quality assurance.

Public Policy Shifts: Registrants need to inform themselves about government priorities in health care and to engage meaningfully in how psychology can inform decision-makers in this regard. In addition to the required model of collaborative care, clearly government has decided that health care recipients – patients and clients – should have a wide selection of health care service providers from which to choose, in addition to increased access to complaining when such services are not satisfactory.

With our strong training in ethics and professional collaboration, and the substantial and substantive empirical literature on the efficacy and impact of psychological interventions in healthcare settings, our registrants should be at the forefront of efforts to integrate psychological services into primary care. I am not confident this is happening, and most of what I hear is at the level of psychologists lamenting and puzzled as to why things are changing around us. I call on registrants to inform themselves on public policy in healthcare, on government priorities in this regard, and to step up to the plate to ensure that decision-makers are well informed of the potential impact psychological services

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can have on healthcare sustainability and efficacy.

Further, government has signaled an increased interest in how regulators assess continuing competency of registrants, with an increasing emphasis on mid-career assessments and other means of assessing actual competence and functioning. In addition to our interest in how this College will meet the regulatory challenges of this expectation, our registrants should also be at the forefront of designing assessment tools and measures to assist in this regard.

Demographics: The third major challenge is the reality of the “maturity” of our professionals, with over half of our registrants over the age of 55. The Board has been actively reviewing the implications of this reality for the past several years and is working on several fronts to address the likely impact this will have on budget and functioning over the next five to ten years. In addition to the development of a contingency fund, intended to assist in buffering the impact of the retirement of a large number of registrants in any particular year, the Board has turned its attention to other means of addressing this impact.

Another aspect to the Register is the number of complaints we receive due to the nature of the work of our profession (especially with regard to assessments, and the proportion of these complaints that are taken by complainants to the Health Professions Review Board). This has a direct impact on our budget and work volume. I continue to marvel at the professional and efficient ways in which our College staff and committees manage the volume and stress this presents. Further, with labour mobility requirements imposed on the College, the processing of applications from reciprocal and foreign applicants has taken on a new complexity, further adding to the workload.

And of course, to manage the workload while staying within budget and without requiring a fee increase, is nothing short of impressive. The 2014 year will be the 12th year in a row for which there is no increase in renewal fees.

At this point my request of registrants is to be aware, to read public policy documents and government websites regarding public policy trends and directives, to engage collaboratively with colleagues and engage with the College on collaborative care initiatives, and to be sensitive to the excessive workload of our staff. In particular, by reading College publications, checking the website, and understanding your legal obligations under the *Health Professions Act* and the *Criminal Record Review Act*, we can each do our part in being better informed. This in turn will translate into lessening the workload of the staff, who spend a lot of time

explaining basic obligations to registrants.

Let me draw your attention to a few other features of this issue of the *Chronicle*.

Elections: Two positions on the Board are available as of January 1, 2014. John Carter is completing his second term and I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his significant contributions to the Board and the various committees on which he has served as member and Chair. His integrity and hard work is much appreciated. I am finishing a three year term, after having previously served on the Board for six years beginning in 2001. I have agreed to let my name stand for re-election. I also encourage fellow registrants with full registration status to consider becoming involved with the important work of the College as a Board member. Nomination forms are included with this *Chronicle*.

Continuing Competency Program: This *Chronicle* also includes a heads-up on some proposed changes to the Continuing Competency Program for which registrant feedback and comment is sought.

Code of Conduct: The *Code of Conduct* draft has been posted on the website for some months. Very little feedback was received on changes to existing standards or to new standards. Interestingly there has been some feedback on the standards that have not changed, including a request to change Standard 9.7 such that the College allow a wider array of designations to be allowed in proximity to the R.Psych. designation. It is the decision of the Board to introduce a further change to the *Code of Conduct* that only the R.Psych. designation will be allowed in the signature line. The College is not in a position to be vetting the wide variety of other designations available to registrants. Registrants will remain free to describe these other designations elsewhere on business cards and stationery. Registrants are free to provide any feedback to the proposed *Code*, which remains posted on the website, via the email address established for this purpose, CodeofConductfeedback@collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca. More information on other changes is included elsewhere in this edition of the *Chronicle*.

Minimizing paper: The Board has endorsed a move towards becoming paperless where appropriate and has directed the Registrar as follows:

Further to the overwhelming endorsement of online renewal, the Board will require all renewals to be completed online for 2014 renewal, with support provided to any registrant who needs assistance in this regard.

The Annual Report will be paperless on a go forward basis.

This will be the last printed *Chronicle*, which will be available in print and online. Future editions will be available online only.

Comments on these changes are invited from registrants to feedback@collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca

Workshops: See information elsewhere in the *Chronicle* on the exciting workshop by Dr. Peter Jaffe on family violence in the context of assessments, coming up on November 21, 2013. This workshop is specifically intended to inform registrants about assessment of family violence generally, and in particular in the context of the new *Family Law Act* in March of 2013. We are pleased to be co-sponsoring this workshop with BCPA, the BC College of Social Workers and the BC Association of Social Workers.

The College continues its work on the development of the workshop which will be available to all registrants in 2014 with its tripartite objective of ensuring registrants are aware of regulatory documents and obligations, enhancing registrant understanding of changes in clinical practice in the context of collaborative care and the current healthcare climate; and sharing the cumulative wisdom of the Inquiry Committee and translating that wisdom into best practice.

Future meeting dates: Please also see the announcements of dates for upcoming information meetings for November and December 2013 and the Board meeting schedule for 2014. Groups of ten or more registrants wanting an information meeting continue to be invited to make that request of the College.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Harder, Ed.D., R.Psych.
Board Chair 2013

ONLINE RENEWAL



Renew and pay online.

Renewal instructions will be sent to all registrants for online renewal and payment. **No paper renewal forms will be available this year.**

The renewal deadline is December 31, 2013.

Please contact the College or consult the website if you have not received your renewal instructions by November 22, 2013.

Proposed Change to the Continuing Competency Program – “Planning for Continuing Competency Activities”

In this past audit, the Quality Assurance Committee noted several instances where registrants had difficulty describing the relevance of certain continuing competency activities to the practice of psychology. While it was possible for registrants to describe the application of the learning to their individual practice, the continuing competency activities themselves were often not within the context of a professional development workshop or conference and appeared to be more incidental and unplanned.

The Committee considered this issue and determined that planning continuing competency activities in the context of a

careful review of one’s practice activities may assist in ensuring that activities are relevant with the intended outcome of enhancing practice.

To optimize the value of continuing competency activities, registrants should proceed in a thoughtful and self-reflective manner. To that end, the Committee has under consideration a new requirement for registrants to create a continuing competency plan at the beginning of each renewal cycle.

As presently conceptualized, the plan would be informed by a combination of self-reflection on one’s own practice experience, input from peers and mentorship groups and

developments reported in the professional and research literature. It would include areas of focus as defined by a registrant’s current area(s) of practice/service as well as any contemplated expansions to practice/service. This plan would then form part of the continuing competency log and would be reviewed in conjunction with activities at audit.

The Quality Assurance Committee is interested in hearing from registrants regarding this proposed revision to the Continuing Competency Program. Those who wish to provide feedback may do so by post, fax or email (feedback@collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca)

Paperless Renewal 2013

In 2012, over 96% of registrants renewed using the online system. Given this high rate of participation and as announced in the Spring, the College will phase out the paper renewal option altogether this year. All renewing registrants must submit an online renewal form. No paper forms will be made available.

We’d like to take this time to offer a few reminders for the upcoming renewal cycle. We remind all registrants that in order for your renewal to be complete we require **both** payment and online form. Also, many of the reasons people gave for wanting a paper form reflected a misunderstanding of the online renewal process (e.g., needing a paper record, not wishing to send credit card information over the internet, wanting to submit a cheque). The completed online form can be printed, by you, for your records. The College does not accept credit card payments, however, if you do not wish to pay online through your bank you may still submit a cheque which we will then match to your submitted online form.

We look forward to a paperless renewal for the 2014 practice year. Your online form and payment must be received by the College on or before December 31, 2013.

Renewal instructions and fee invoice will be mailed by the third week in November. If you have not received your instructions for renewal by November 22, 2013, please consult the College website for instructions or call the College office.

Changes to the Code of Conduct

We would like to draw your attention to two new items related to the proposed changes to the *Code of Conduct*.

Standard 5.26

This standard was shortened in order to enhance clarity and the draft now reads:

5.26 Avoiding harm

A registrant must take steps to avoid harming any individual with whom he or she works or has any form of professional relationship. This obligation includes taking steps to avoid foreseeable harm caused by acts of commission and to avoid foreseeable harm caused by a failure to take appropriate action.

Standard 9.7(d)

In response to the College’s call for feedback on the draft *Code of Conduct* we received multiple letters from psychologists and representatives of organizations offering specialty designations and certifications. The letters were with regard to Standard 9.7(d) which permits the placement of the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) designation after reference to a psychologist’s title as a registrant (e.g., M. Singh, Ph.D., R. Psych., ABPP (Diplomate Clin. Neuropsychology)). Those who wrote were

asking the College to consider expanding the standard to allow for additional designations offered by organizations other than ABPP.

The Board has reviewed these submissions and has determined that the College does not have the resources to evaluate requests of this nature. While the inclusion of ABPP made sense at the time it was incorporated into this standard, the business of specialty designations and certifications has grown substantially, making it difficult for the College to monitor and evaluate the value of any given designation relative to others. The Board has therefore proposed to remove 9.7(d) from the *Code*. This change would mean that no designation would be allowed to follow directly after reference to a psychologist’s title as a registrant. Of course, registrants would still be permitted to note their designation elsewhere as part of their presentation of credentials.

As with any other proposed change, the College welcomes registrant feedback and comment. Registrants can submit their feedback via post, fax or email (codeofconductfeedback@collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca).

Board Election

Nominations are invited for serving on the College Board.
There are two positions open.

The Official Notice of Election is enclosed in this issue
along with procedural information.

Nomination papers must be received at the College
by November 5, 2013.

November 21, 2013

FAMILY VIOLENCE WORKSHOP:

Assessment of Parenting Arrangements after Separation in the Context of Domestic Violence: Emerging Issues in Promoting Safety, Accountability & Healing

The College is pleased to announce this workshop on family violence
presented by Dr. Peter Jaffe, C.Psych.

The workshop will take place at the Library Square, Conference Centre (Vancouver) on November 21, 2013, 9am - 5pm.
The cost is \$275 per workshop attendee.

The Quality Assurance Committee has recommended the sponsoring of this workshop in response to the new *Family Law Act* and court rules requiring continuing education of practitioners in the area of assessing family violence.

The College is pleased to be co-sponsoring the workshop along with the BC Psychological Association, the College of Social Workers of BC, and the BC Association of Social Workers.

If you wish to attend, registration for this workshop is required and can be done online.
Please go to the College's homepage (www.collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca) and click on the Workshop icon.
Registration is limited to Registered Psychologists and other health professionals regulated under the *Health Professions Act* and *Social Workers Act*.

Following completion of the workshop, attendees should have enhanced knowledge and understanding of:

- the impact of domestic violence on adults and children;
- assessment of lethality in domestic violence cases;
- the dangers that children face living with domestic violence;
- guidelines for psychologists completing custody and access assessments;
- different forms of domestic violence and power imbalances in relationships;
- assessment tools and psychological testing;
- how to prepare effective reports for court;
- developing parenting plans that promote safety and accountability ; and
- the critical issues in expert court testimony in child custody disputes.

We encourage interested registrants to register early as seating is limited. Registrants are also encouraged to invite their colleagues in related health professions regulated under the *Health Professions Act* and *Social Workers Act*.

About the presenter:

Dr. Peter Jaffe, C.Psych. is the Director Emeritus for the Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System, which is a children's mental health centre specializing in issues which bring children and families into the justice system in London, Ontario. He has co-authored ten books, 25 chapters and over 70 articles related to children, families and the justice system and has also been named an Officer for the Order of Canada in July 2009 by the Governor General of Canada.

2014 Workshop for Registrants

The Quality Assurance Committee continues to prepare for the customized workshop for registrants to be presented in 2014. Key objectives for the workshop are:

1. Ensuring registrants are aware of regulatory documents and obligations.
2. Enhancing registrant understanding of changes in clinical practice in the context of collaborative care and the current healthcare climate.
3. Sharing the cumulative wisdom of the Inquiry Committee and translating that wisdom into best practice.

***A required reading list is being developed along with a post-workshop online quiz.
(We remind registrants that the completion of the workshop will meet the continuing
competency requirement for the 2014 year.)
Stay tuned for more information.***

Health Profession Regulators' Public Awareness Campaign

On September 16, 2013 the more than 20 regulators of BC's health professionals launched an unprecedented public awareness campaign. Health Colleges together regulate over 100,000 licensed health professionals in BC in the public interest.

All of the Colleges contributed financially to the public awareness campaign themed "our purpose, your safety," that is designed to raise awareness about the role Colleges play in patient and client safety, how they are regulated and why someone should choose a regulated professional.

The campaign includes: a website (www.bchealthregulators.ca), province wide bus shelters, closed captioning television, posters, and select print media. The planning for this campaign began late last year.

The College is proud to support and participate in this highly important endeavour.

Public Awareness Campaign Press Release

BC health regulators launch unprecedented campaign to say "our purpose, your safety"

Colleges that regulate over 100,000 licensed health professionals in BC have come together to launch "our purpose, your safety," a campaign designed to raise awareness not only about the role Colleges play in patient and client safety, but also which professions are regulated, why it's important to choose a regulated health provider, and what can be done if patients have concerns about the care they receive.

"British Columbia's health regulators protect patients by ensuring consistent standards for regulated health professionals – from nurses and physicians to audiologists and dietitians," says Minister of Health Terry Lake. "This awareness campaign will help ensure that the public is aware of the important role BC's health regulatory colleges play in patient safety and our health care system."

Colleges ensure that their registered professionals practise safely, ably and ethically. By setting and enforcing standards of practice, Colleges ensure that British Columbians can count on their health professional to deliver safe and acceptable care.

"Regulatory colleges exist for the protection of the public," says Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar and CEO of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC. "We make sure that anyone who uses the designation of any of the more than 20 regulated health professions is registered with their respective college and meets all of the required conditions."

These conditions include graduation from a recognized school and successfully completing a rigorous examination process before being granted the privilege to practice. Health professionals must also complete criminal record checks, provide proof of good character, renew their registration each year and keep their skills and knowledge up to date. That is why it is so important that British Columbians ensure their health professional is indeed registered and licensed.

"Health professionals are dedicated to their patients' well-being," says Oetter. "But if there is a concern, patients need to know they can come to us. All complaints are investigated, and may lead to remedial or, in some cases, disciplinary action. This campaign is about letting the public know that we're here for them."

The campaign launched September 16 and includes bus shelter and newspaper advertising, a website in nine languages (www.bchealthregulators.ca) and select television spots. It is the first campaign of this nature ever carried out in British Columbia.

Identifying oneself as a Registrant of the College

In keeping with the public awareness campaign, the College reminds registrants of the *Code of Conduct* requirements regarding identifying oneself as a registrant to the public and in advertisements:

9.1 Identification as registrant

A registrant must identify him- or herself to the general public as a registrant of the College of Psychologists of British Columbia at the beginning of a professional relationship, and in any advertisements appearing in the print or electronic media.

10.6 Registration number

A registrant must include his or her registration number from the College register on all

advertisements for his or her psychological services or products.

This identification is important with regard to several things. In order to make an informed decision regarding their health care, education, etc. the public needs a way to distinguish properly trained, regulated and accountable professionals from those who are not. There are many non-psychologists in the community who prominently advertise their degrees in psychology in the context of promoting a therapy practice. We are aware of cases where members of the public have erroneously concluded that they were seeing a psychologist on the basis of knowing the

therapist had a psychology degree. It is especially concerning when a member of the public approaches the College to make a complaint only to realize that they were not actually seeing a psychologist.

The public awareness campaign has been launched for these very reasons and we are hopeful that it will assist the public in making safer and more informed choices. In compliance with Standards 9.1 and 10.6, the College expects all registrants to assist the public in this way by clearly identifying yourself as a Registered Psychologist.

Be sure to use your R.Psych. designation in all professional materials and advertisements.

New Registrants

Barnsley, Shannon Eileen, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Coelho, Jennifer Susanne, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Currell, Catherine, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Deeter, Deborah Ellen, M.Sc., R. Psych.
DeHaas, Eva Christine Buschmann, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Dhariwal, Amrit Kaur, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Etmanskie, Jill, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Firer, Antanina, Psy.D., R. Psych.
Fitzner, Brenda Ruth, M.A., R. Psych.
Fulton, Heather Grace, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Giannelli, Janine Virginia, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Giguere, Emilie, M.A., R. Psych.
Goodwill, Alanaise, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Hsieh, Annie Yi-Cheng, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Jones, Nalini Elizabeth, D. Clin. Psychol., R. Psych.
Kassan, Anusha, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Maertz, Kim Fredrick, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Marshall, Vaughan, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Mathieson, Lindsay Catherine, Ph.D., R. Psych.

Melsom, Elisabeth Iris, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Orendain, Monica, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Patel, Jamie Sirish, D.Psych., R. Psych.
Patterson, Pamela F., Ph.D., R. Psych.
Penner, Carey Grayson, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Penner, Erika Kathleen, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Richies, Lexcie Irene, M.A., R. Psych.
Saxton, Elisabeth, Psy.D., R. Psych.
Sheppard, Michael David, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Smart, Colette Mary-Frances, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Smart, Linda Diane, M.A., R. Psych.
Stewart, Elisabeth Mary, M.Ed., R. Psych.
Su, Tina Feng-Ting, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Suhail, Kausar, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Sun, Jane Chang, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Torchalla, Iris, Dr. rer. Nat., R. Psych.
Viljoen, Jodi Leanne, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Yaskowich, Kyla Marie, Ph.D., R. Psych.
Young, Susan Jennifer, M.Ed., R. Psych.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

November 29th, 2013
January 17th, 2014
March 7th, 2014
May 21st, 2014
July 25th, 2014
September 19th, 2014
November 28th, 2014

Renewal materials and payment due December 31, 2013.
There is no fee increase for 2014.

Be Informed

Registrants are reminded to check the website frequently and regularly to ensure awareness of current issues relevant to the professional practice of psychology in British Columbia.



<http://www.collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca>

Annual Registration Renewal Policies (Renewal Deadline: DECEMBER 31, 2013)

A. General Requirements (see Bylaw 53)

- 1. Due Date:** The following is due at the College office on or before December 31:
 - (1) online renewal form** including signed attestation and all the information requested therein (including any updates to this information)
 - (2) renewal fee** paid via cheque, online payment, or money order.
- 2. Reinstatement:** The registrar must cancel the registration of a registrant who has failed to pay a renewal fee or another fee within the required time: see *Health Professions Act* s. 21 (3). Registrants should also refer to Bylaw 53(3)(g) which requires payment of any "outstanding fees, levies or debts owed to the College".
- 3. Possible Disciplinary Action:** Individuals who have been removed from the Register but continue to practice will be considered in violation of the *Psychologists Regulation* and the *Code of Conduct*.
- 4. Annual Certificate:** Please see Bylaw 53(8). Registrants will receive an annual registration certificate by mail at the completion of renewal. Additional copies of certificates can be requested for a fee from the College office. Bylaw 53(8) requires that current certificates be prominently displayed.

B. Fees

- 1. No Late Payments:** The College can accept cheques post-dated no later than December 31 of this year. Please see HPA s. 21(3)(b).
- 2. Amount Due:** As noted above, Bylaw 53(3) paragraphs (g) and (h) require every registrant to deliver the amount of any outstanding fees, levies, or debts owed to the College, as well as applicable fees for renewal, in order to maintain registration. The full amount for renewal is due on or before December 31 of this year. The College does not accept or provide for payment plans.
- 3. Returned Cheques:** Registrants whose cheques are returned by the bank for any reason will be considered to have not paid their renewal fee. In addition, an administrative fee of \$50.00 will be charged. Registrants who fail to pay all fees owing by the deadline will have their registration cancelled as per HPA s.21(3)(b).
- 4. Paying Online:** Registrants are invited to submit their renewal fees by using the online bill pay option of any of the following: Royal Bank of Canada, Scotiabank, Bank of Montreal, Toronto Dominion Bank/Canada Trust, HSBC, CIBC, or credit unions. **Your invoice number is your four digit registration number.** Follow the instructions of your online banking program, select the College of Psychologists of BC as your payee, and print off the receipt of your payment for your records.

C. Professional Executor

Registrants are required to provide updated information regarding their professional executor, or to attest that information they previously supplied to the College remains unchanged.

D. Supporting Documents

- 1. Out of Province:** Registrants placing themselves in the Out of Province category must submit documentation of their registration/licensure to practice psychology by a regulatory body in the other jurisdiction.
- 2. Moving to Active Practice:** Registrants who were non-practicing due to medical reasons must submit documentation attesting to their readiness to resume the practice of psychology if they are planning to move to Active Practice.

E. Changes/Additions to Information on the Renewal Form

- 1. Change of Register Address:** Registrants should refer to HPA ss. 21(2) and 54(1), and Bylaw 50(3). An address for physical premises is required (i.e., post office boxes are not acceptable, except for rural addresses, in which case a registrant should provide both a land address and a post office box).
- 2. Change of Address where Records are Kept or Change of Directory Address:** Registrants should indicate such changes in the space provided on the renewal form or online.
- 3. Change of Name:** Registrants who have changed their legal name over the past year under the *Name Act* must provide the College with their full legal names for inclusion on the Register. The College may request supporting documentation. Registrants who have adopted new professional, business, or trade names, as a result of marriage or otherwise, must also provide these names to the College, exactly as spelled or punctuated in actual use.
- 4. Change of Registration Category:**
 - a)** Registrants moving categories must provide supporting documentation as above in Section D.
 - b)** Registrants wishing to remain in the Non-Practicing category beyond the current two-year limit should submit a written request to the College. All registrants who were Non-Practicing due to medical reasons must submit documentation attesting to their readiness to resume the practice of psychology if they are planning to move to active practice.
 - c)** Registrants seeking to move from the Retired category to active practice should make a written request to the Registration Committee. The Committee will review the registrant's length of time away from active practice, current competence, and fitness to practice in evaluating the request to resume active practice.
- 5. Change of Credentials:** Registrants who are currently registered at the master's level and wish their registration status to reflect a recently-acquired doctorate degree must make a written request to have the doctorate reviewed by the Registration Committee. The request must include an original transcript sent directly to the College by the degree-granting institution. The doctorate degree will be reviewed according to current registration criteria (available on the College website under "Applying for Registration").



Information Meetings

Please come to be informed
about challenges facing
psychology regulation and clinical practice

Vancouver:

November 28, 2013 – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Arbutus Club

2001 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, BC

A light dinner will be available.

Victoria:

November 20, 2013 – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health

2400 Arbutus Road, Victoria, BC

Please RSVP if you plan to attend:

By Telephone: (604) 736-6164 or Toll-free in BC: (800) 665-0979
and press 307 when the auto-attendant picks up to leave a message.

By Fax: (604) 736-6133

*If you are interested in having an information session in your area
(Groups of 10 registrants or more),
please contact the College.*

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