



# Pharmacy Technician

SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Yonette Harrod - Interim Director

The weather has turned noticeably chillier as we head into the final months of the year. As I watch the leaves turn from green to a beautiful golden brown, I am reminded once again that the only constant in life is change. People who attended our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on October 2<sup>nd</sup> can attest to this, as we switched to an all virtual format for the first time; our emcee for 13 consecutive conferences, Sam Louie, has decided to hang up his microphone and pass the hosting duties to Ray Jang; and we here at the Society are also undergoing changes, with the stepping down of four long-time volunteers.

On behalf of the Society and the assistants and technicians that we represent, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Karen Callaway, Robyn Miyata, Lynda Moleschi, and Daisy Robillard. Your years of service at the Society have made a drastic difference to our members and to the profession, whether it's in assisting with the operation of the Society, hosting educational sessions, or sharing in the enormous workload of preparing for our annual event. Your presence at the midnight swag-bag stuffing sessions on the eve of the conference will be greatly missed.

It is in that same spirit of change that we are looking for new volunteers to the Society. If you yourself are looking for such a change and feel that you have something to offer that would benefit assistants and technicians and the profession, I would invite you to fill out a [volunteer form](#) and take the next step. Be the change you wish to see.

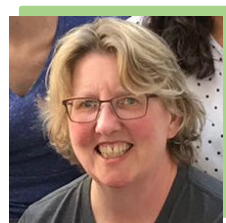
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CPBC Board Elections - Polls Closing Date
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CPBC Annual General Meeting
- [Nov. 26, 2021](#)  
CPBC Board Meeting
- [Nov. 27, 2021](#)  
Pharmacy U Vancouver



Robyn Miyata  
Membership Coordinator  
7 years of service



Daisy Robillard  
PTSBC Board Member  
15 years of service



Karen Callaway  
Conference Committee  
7 years of service



Lynda Moleschi  
PTSBC Board Member  
7 years of service

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The third Tuesday of October is National Pharmacy Technician Day, and this year it falls on Oct. 19. It is a day of recognition for pharmacy technicians everywhere and their invaluable support and contribution to the profession. We are distributing "Proud to be a Pharmacy Technician" buttons to those interested. Please submit your request on our [website](#).



# Conference

2021

## WRAP-UP

5

Accredited CEs

22

Prize Winners

136

Conference Registrants

\$3000

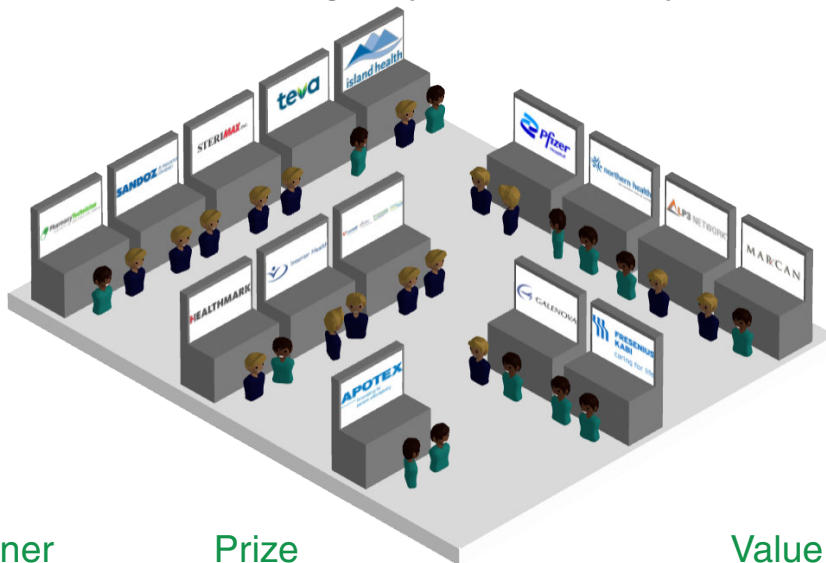
In Prizes and Giveaways



Bal Dhillon  
Events Coordinator

Another year, another successful conference. A big thank you goes out to all our sponsors and speakers, without whom this event would not have been possible. With the ongoing pandemic on its fourth wave, this year saw our first attempt at a virtual conference to ensure the safety of all participants. The conference at its peak had over 136 unique users logged in with well over 80% of attendees taking part in the gamification by visiting virtual sponsor booths and submitting codes obtained from company representatives. Attendance remained high during every speaker session and there were many relevant takeaways for our day-to-day

practice. Thank you as well to all attendees who spent a large part of their weekend with us virtually. Your support for the Society goes a long way, and encourages us to work harder on our next event so we can make it an even bigger success. Congratulations also to all the prize winners listed below, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for next year's conference!



### Gamification Hall of Fame

#### Prize Recipients

3,243 pts	Roberta Walker
3,178 pts	Alethea Papal-latoc
2,988 pts	Pam Dondaneau
2,892 pts	Brian Chung
2,892 pts	Ada (Chi Yin) Feng
2,892 pts	Ellen Ly
2,892 pts	Chia Heng Lily Huang
2,892 pts	Teresa Au Yeung
2,892 pts	Sharon Yee

### Winner

Atamjit Bassi  
Deborah Heidary  
Sheryl Dela Cruz  
Beverly Layne  
Cindy Zygmunt  
Eric Sletmoen  
Erin Cliffe  
Lily Ahmadi  
Marni Newman  
Sarina Gill  
Vanessa Lee  
Atamjit Bassi  
Cindy Zygmunt  
Debby Evoy

### Prize

Tim Hortons Gift Card  
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Starbucks Gift Card  
Loblaws Gift Card  
Cineplex Gift Card  
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Indigo Gift Card  
Cineplex Gift Card  
Loblaws Gift Card  
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Loblaws Gift Card  
Fresenius Kabi Educational Grant  
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# PTSBC Spotlight:

## Sam Louie

*What will you miss the most now that you are fully retired?*

The most beautiful things are people & places, memories & pictures, feelings & moments, smiles & laughter. We have harvested so much fun together throughout my 13 years as your emcee! This I will miss the most.

*What changes do you see happening with the pharmacy technician profession in the next ten years?*

Pharmacy technicians will continue to increase their scope of practice and become increasingly respected for their integral role in pharmacy practice. The key is to keep seeking opportunities to learn and to tackle new frontiers - to be the experts and specialists that others depend on.

*What will you do with all the free time you'll have in your well-deserved retirement?*

I will pursue more shiny objects of interest: Fishing for Tyee, family, friends, and more wine. I believe we are all adventurers - that what we know is not as important as what we learn, and we learn the most at The Edge, where enduring memories are made. Find me there.



*Do you have any parting words of wisdom?*

Your career will blossom if you continually seek more knowledge, then apply that knowledge into practice as an ever-increasing skill, then mastering that skill until it becomes an ability. Your developing talent will yield untold wealth in many ways.

I have worked with many organizations and conference committees in my career, and PTSBC is top tier. Your thoroughness in planning, participation, execution, briefing/debriefing, continuous improvement and leadership is transformational. It is no wonder that the conference is a continuing success and highlight for your profession every year! It feels like I'm leaving family, so please invite me back for real hugs as a guest when the event returns live. Thank you all! Start the car, Marla!

All My Loving,  
Sam.

*Phedloop Chat: Oct. 2, 2021*

**Krista Jay:** We miss you Sam!

**Yvonne de Boer:** I'll miss our chats at the conference Sam! Hope your wife is not in the car; happy retirement!

**Selena Despres:** Sam, is your wife waiting in the car?

**May Way-Nee:** Thank you Sam for all the laughs

**Eric Sletmoen:** Just think - Sam can FINALLY go and get his wife from the car! She's been waiting so long!

**Deborah Heidary:** Yes, such a funny guy, I will miss you!

**George Li:** We love and appreciate you Sam!

**Jaclynn Sirkia:** Thanks Sam! Congratulations on all your hard work!

**Sorell Wellon:** You sure will be missed Sam.

**Leana Trogi:** Thank you Sam for keeping us awake and laughing!

**Andrea Harris:** Thanks Sam! You were always a highlight at the conferences

**Annette Peterson:** Thank you Sam!

**Edmond Gee:** Thank you Sam!

**Beverly Layne:** I always look forward to seeing you each year at the conference, you will be greatly missed.

**Jamie Emerson:** We'll miss you Sam! Thank you for your years spent with PTSBC

**Sharon Yee:** Thank you for all the jokes all these years =]

**Anjela Lalli:** We'll miss you Sam! Best of luck to you!



## College Board Elections 2021 - District 8

The right to [vote](#) is the foundation of our democracy, and a civic and professional responsibility. Have your say in who the next District 8 College Board member will be. Electronic ballots must be submitted by 5:00pm on Friday, October 15, 2021. Instructions on how to submit your vote can be found on the College [website](#). Biographies for both candidates are linked below.

[Eric Sletmoen](#)

[Sorell Wellon](#)

## Regulatory Updates

### [Sept. 24, 2021 - College of Pharmacists of BC Board Meeting Highlights](#)

*(Not a complete list of topics from the Board Meeting. For the full list, please refer to the link above.)*

- Overview of the Continuing Education Audit Process by the College's Quality Assurance Committee (QAC)
- Introduction to the [Provincial Prescription Management project](#) (PPM), a broad-scale transition to electronic management of prescriptions in PharmaNet, including e-prescribing; aims to integrate community clinical end user systems (EMRs, pharmacy systems) with health authority clinical information systems to support transitions in care between acute and community
- Approved [amendments](#) to the Drug Schedules Regulation to improve alignment with National Drug Schedules (NDS) and the Prescription Drug List made under the Food and Drugs Act (Canada), expected to come into force in November 2021
- [PPP-66](#) (Opioid Agonist Treatment) has been amended to repeal outdated provisions related to the transition period. As of October 1, 2021, all pharmacy managers, staff pharmacists, relief pharmacists and pharmacy technicians employed in a community pharmacy that provides pharmacy services related to opioid agonist treatment (OAT) must complete the applicable component(s) of [OAT-CAMPP](#) in order to fulfill the College's Opioid Agonist Treatment training requirements



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## Continuing Education

### [TECHtalk CE - February 2021](#)

The pharmacy technician's evolving role in administering injections (1.25 Accredited CEs)

### [TECHtalk CE - April 2021](#)

A guide for pharmacy technicians to optimize care of 2SLGBTQ+ patients (1.5 Accredited CEs)

### [TECHtalk CE - June 2021](#)

Cardiovascular care in atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (1.5 Accredited CEs)

## PTSBC Live Webinar

Join us on Thurs. Nov. 4, 2021 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for an online educational session:

[Rising to NAPRA: Maintaining a PEC and an SEC in a Compounding Pharmacy](#)

Speaker: Olga Fernandes, Contec, Inc.

[Register today!](#)

## (Regulatory cont'd)

May 31, 2021 - College of Pharmacists of BC  
PRP Annual Report 2019/2020

- [Findings from the Pharmacy Professionals Review - Part 2: Pharmacy Technicians](#)

## Flu Season 2021

- August 2021 - [BCCDC: 2021/22 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Eligibility](#)
- Oct. 7, 2021 - [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\): Guidance on the use of influenza vaccine in the presence of COVID-19](#)

### Ode to Sam

There once was a man from North Van  
They called him Mr. Louie...or Sam  
A pharmacist extraordinaire  
Full of passion and flair  
And that's where our story began  
An inspirational leader who could walk the walk  
In crowds big or small he could talk the talk  
And since PTSBC  
Needed a strong emcee  
Sam became a star at the River Rock  
He had great questions for each and every guest  
He inspired us to learn, and to be our best  
With wisdom and grace  
And a smile on his face  
A great mentor, we were always impressed  
He liked photo ops, and picking prizes from a jar  
And tellign jokes that bordered on bizarre  
But the setting was fun  
His humour second to none  
Like where is Sam's wife? In the car!  
Sam, has it really been a decade and a half?  
You made us think. You made us laugh  
Handing off to Mr. Jang  
And going out with a bang  
I want to thank you Sam, on the technicians' behalf.

Robyn Miyata

Oct 2021

### Free \$20 Starbucks Gift Cards

Now that I have your attention, you may have noticed that the newsletter has undergone a redesign and looks slightly different. Keeping with the trend of trying something new, we are accepting article submissions for our newsletter to be featured in future editions. If your submission is chosen, PTSBC staff will work with you to edit and fact-check the article (if required). You are free to choose your own topic, as long as it is relevant to pharmacy assistants and/or technicians. Articles should be anywhere between 300 to 1,000 words in length, and factual or opinion pieces will be labelled accordingly. Winners will be named in the newsletter, given contributor / author credit for the article, and receive a \$20 Starbucks gift card.

Only entries from active PTSBC members are eligible. PTSBC reserves the right to reject submissions for any reason. Please e-mail all submissions to [info@ptsbc.org](mailto:info@ptsbc.org) with "newsletter article submission" in the subject line.

Good luck!

Editor's  
Corner