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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held last May in Toronto. 2004 has been a successful year on multiple fronts: We launched our website at www.medicationsreturn.ca; we increased the number of companies from the pharmaceutical and self-care health sectors sponsoring PCPSA's *Medications Return Program* and we continued to identify and made contact with producers, manufacturers and brand owners who produce or sell regulated products in BC. During the AGM, the Financial Statements were accepted. Copies of these documents and the budget for 2005 are available to members from the office.

Mr. Robert White (NDMAC) and Ms. Norma Pirie (Novartis) were elected as President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively while Mr. Bern Philip (Rx&D) was re-elected for a two-year term. In addition, Mr. Jim Favaro (AMGEN) was selected to replace Ms. Kathy Kirby on the Board. And finally we express our thanks and gratitude to both Ms. Kirby for serving on the Board and to Ms. Julie Tam for her dedication and commitment as President since 2000.

An annual report from our Executive Director was also provided to the members.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE B.C. GOVERNMENT

The 2004 annual report on the Stewardship Program submitted to Ministry of the Environment can be viewed on the web site at <http://www.medicationsreturn.ca/ar2004.pdf> . There has been some reorganization of government Ministries, Water Land and Air Protection has now been moved with the Ministry of Environment (MOE).

B.C. MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT

The following is an update on the program in British Columbia for the April to June 2005 period.

- Volumes for the quarter are up 35% over 2004 and 19% for the YTD. This quarter weight is the highest the program has achieved since inception.
- More pharmacies in the province are signing up for the program since the implementation of the PCPSA web site. Chain drug stores are ensuring that all their store locations are participating since they were contacted by the office to fulfill their obligations under the recycling regulation – Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Plan.

| Collection Summary (actual): | Q2 - 2005 | YTD 2005 | Q2-2004 | YTD-2004 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Containers Shipped to Pharmacies | 427 | 800 | 357 | 717 |
| Containers Received from Pharmacies | 404 | 735 | 282 | 584 |
| Weight of Pharmaceuticals (kg) | 5255 | 9507 | 3881 | 7981 |

FORTHCOMING FROM THE OFFICE

- ❑ RFP for a Program Administrator for the *B.C. Medications Return Program*.
- ❑ Continue to contact producers of pharmaceuticals products operating in B.C. for their contribution to the *Medications Return Program*.
- ❑ We will be attending the first Canadian Stewardship Conference taking place in Toronto on October 4th.
- ❑ A new and improved brochure explaining the program was developed and printed this quarter. Free copies are available from the office.

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