

WCHS Tenth Year Anniversary: A Message from the Founding President

I can't really talk about the founding of the WCHS without first recalling how the Vancouver Homeopathic Academy got started. Before the VHA was created, there was a study group for homeopathy in Vancouver that I was fortunate enough to attend. Murray Feldman, newly returned from England, came to the study group to speak about homeopathy. We were all very keen, and hungry for more, so when Murray showed interest in putting on a course for beginners, we all voiced our support. In the fall of 1994, with Kim Boutilier as administrator and myself helping with the accounting, Murray began Year 1 of what would become the VHA.

The group of people who signed up for Murray's first year quickly discovered that there was no "structure" in BC for homeopathy. Wading into the unknown tends to make most people nervous, and so discussion soon began among the students and staff about what to do to fill the void.

During that first year, the students, staff, and other interested people in the Vancouver area held meetings to discuss options. A professional association was not feasible at the time, but a society was. After more meetings, a name was chosen, paperwork was processed, and Board of Directors positions were filled. We were off!

The founding Board members were:

President: Susan Broznitsky (Student)

Vice President and Professional Representative: Bev Sharwood (Practitioner)

Secretary: Rachel Fox (Student)

Treasurer: Monique Marcq (Student)

Public Relations Representative: Christian Blatt (Practitioner and Lecturer)

Student Representative: Lucie Marcq (Student)

Newsletter Editor: James Hillen (Practitioner)

Our first newsletter was issued in July 1995, and it has been evolving ever since, as has the Society. Ten years later, it is gratifying to see that all of our hard work paid off. The Society continues to flourish with the dedication of many volunteers. Congratulations to all of us!

My best wishes for many more years of success,

Susan Broznitsky

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