

# WEST COAST HOMEOPATHIC SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting: September 11, 1999

Theology Building, UBC

President's Report

Over the past year the Board has worked on the following projects:

**1) Increasing public awareness and understanding of homeopathy by:**

- attending the Healthy Living Expo at Robson Square
- attending the Complementary and Alternative Medicine conference
- giving introductory lectures on homeopathy at Langara College
- publishing the *Homeopathy BC* newsletter for members
- distributing "What is Homeopathy?" brochures and "Practitioners" lists to health food stores

**2) Working towards furthering the profession of homeopathy in the province by:**

- holding a series of "Future of Homeopathy in BC" meetings:
  - #1 was a discussion about the benefits and limitations of self-regulation with speakers from the Health Professions Council and the Midwives Association
  - #2 was an ethics workshop facilitated by Janet Erikson
  - #3 was a discussion on forming a professional association in BC, facilitated by Miranda Castro -- a steering committee was formed to oversee this process continuing to work on and refine the code of ethics
- beginning to look at standards of practice including contact with the Council for Homeopathic Certification (CHC)
- looking into the requirements for obtaining professional liability insurance

**3) Connecting with other homeopathic organizations by:**

- exchanging memberships with the North American Society of Homeopaths (NASH)
- networking with other associations including the Ontario Federation of Homeopathic Practitioners (OFHP), the Australian Homeopathic Association (AHA), and the New York State Homeopathic Association (NYSHA)

**4) Staying informed politically by:**

- attending the HANS forum on "The Future of Natural Health Products"
- nominating two homeopaths for the advisory committee to the Office of Natural Health Products
- staying informed about the status of, and access to, homeopathic remedies

**5) Fundraising and community building by:**

- hosting a "Holiday Season Celebration" that included a raffle and a silent auction
- selling WCHS T-shirts and memberships at the NASH conference and
- co-sponsoring the NASH Beach Party

**Membership:** 131

**Board of Directors:**

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