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In 2011, Alberta marks 100 years of regulated pharmacy. As part of this historic event, the profession is recognizing its past, celebrating what it has achieved, and leaving a legacy for the future. The Alberta Pharmacy Centennial Award of Distinction, offered only in 2011, recognizes the trailblazers, both pharmacists and non-pharmacists, and preserves their legacy to inspire future pioneers.

Recipients of the Award of Distinction were nominated by their peers and selected by an independent committee of pharmacists and non-pharmacists. Individuals from all decades and all parts of the province over the past 100 years have been recognized through this award. These pioneers have contributed to the advancement of pharmacy in Alberta through their practice, be it with direct patient care, by teaching future pharmacists, in developing products or supports for pharmacy practice, or expanding the scope and opportunities for pharmacy practice in Alberta.

The Centennial Committee extends congratulations to the 102 outstanding individuals selected for the Alberta Pharmacy Centennial Award of Distinction. Their contributions have been instrumental in advancing pharmacy in Alberta.

With thanks and congratulations,



Jeff Whissell, Centennial Committee Chair



THEODORE AARON

■ Dr. Theodore Aaron is a physician who contributed greatly to pharmacy in Alberta through his research and involvement with local and provincial organizations. He obtained his B.Sc. and M.D. degrees from the University of Alberta in 1939 and 1942 respectively, and completed a post-graduate term in the United States in Clinical Medicine, Allergy, Immunology, and Pulmonary Disease. Dr. Aaron was a Clinical Professor at the University of Alberta, and a consult physician for several Edmonton-area hospitals. His research was in the field of pharmacology in relation to allergies, and he was responsible for several initiatives in this field, including the first steroid nasal spray and the suggested use of antihistamines for cold symptoms. He was on the pharmacy committee of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for 25 years, taught allergy classes to pharmacy students, and was often a guest speaker of the Edmonton Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the APhA. He also served as a physician representative on the Alberta Drug Review and Utilization Group. Dr. Aaron was awarded an Honourary Membership to the APhA in 1988, in recognition of his support and contributions to the profession of pharmacy.

MARGARET ACKMAN

■ Dr. Margaret Ackman was instrumental in the development of the Accelerated Clinical Training (ACT) program, which has had a lasting impact on how pharmacy students are trained within Edmonton hospitals. She obtained her B.Sc. from Dalhousie University in 1986, a Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of British Columbia in 1994, and a Research Fellowship in Cardiology at the University of Alberta in 1996. Working as a Clinical Practice Leader in the Coronary Care Unit at the University of Alberta Hospital for the past 14 years, she was also involved in the Study of Coronary Risk Intervention by Pharmacists (SCRIP), on the effect of community pharmacist identification, assessment, and intervention on cardiac risk-factor

modification practices. Dr. Ackman serves as chair of CSHP's National Education Services Committee, and is also highly involved in teaching and mentoring medical residents and cardiology pharmacists across northern Alberta. In 2003, she received the M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year Award, and in 2008 she was made a Fellow of CSHP.

ERIN ALBRECHT

■ One of the first 15 pharmacists in Alberta (and Canada) to receive additional prescribing authority, Erin Albrecht is a member of the newly-formed Alberta Clinician Council, which represents pharmacists in rural northern regions of Alberta. A graduate of the University of Alberta's pharmacy program (1999), Ms. Albrecht has continued to work closely with pharmacy students, resulting in the creation of the Anticoagulation Therapy Management in Community Practice program. She was a pilot participant in both the Alberta Pharmacy Practice Models Initiative (PPMI) and Alberta Netcare for Portal projects. Ms. Albrecht is highly involved in local health promotion and disease prevention activities in her community of Manning, where she owns and operates Northern Lights IDA.

ELI AMBROSIE

■ After apprenticing at Corner Drug in Edmonton, Eli Ambrosie graduated from the University of Alberta with a B.Sc. in Pharmacy in 1955. Mr. Ambrosie was elected to the APhA council in 1966, and in 1969 joined the staff of APhA as the administrative assistant. His work there focused largely on pharmacy inspections and the development of an internship program. He later worked to increase the use of computers in pharmacy practice, developing software to be used province-wide. Mr. Ambrosie retired in 1990, and was awarded an Honorary Life Membership to the APhA in recognition of his dedication and contributions to his profession.

JOHN BACHYNSKY

■ Dr. John Bachynsky received his B.Sc. in Pharmacy from the University of Saskatchewan (1959), his Master's in Hospital Pharmacy from the University of Philadelphia (1962), and his Doctorate in Pharmacy Administration at the University of Wisconsin (1967). After working in various positions with the Department of National Health and Welfare for over a decade, Dr. Bachynsky was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science at the University of Alberta from 1981-89. There, he transformed the curriculum – incorporating practice laboratories, expanding the experiential education program, recruiting practising pharmacists to teach courses, and implementing both pharmaceutical care philosophy and pharmacy management into the curriculum. In 2002, he was granted Professor Emeritus status with the Faculty, and also received an Honourary Life Membership to the CPhA. He is also an Honourary Member of ACP.

ROSEMARY BACOVSKY

■ After receiving her B.Sc. in Pharmacy with distinction from the University of Alberta in 1977, Rosemary Bacovsky completed a residency at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and then began her career at the Cross Cancer Institute. From 1984-88, she managed the pharmacy department, implementing a pharmacy-based chemotherapy I.V. admixture program (one of the first in Canada), which was recognized with two CSHP awards. As chair of a CSHP committee (1980-83), she established standards for handling and disposal of hazardous pharmaceuticals (endorsed by the Canadian Standards Association), and continued to be involved in policy development throughout her career. Ms. Bacovsky obtained both a Master of Pharmacy (1985) and a Master of Health Services Administration (1997) from the University of Alberta. One of the earliest advocates for pharmacist prescribing, she was instrumental in developing the prescribing framework – authoring discussion and supporting papers for ACP, then providing considerable input about proposed wording for legislation and relevant standards. Ms. Bacovsky is a Fellow of the CSHP, a Fellow of ASHP, a recipient of an APhA Certificate of Merit (1988), a CSHP Distinguished Service Award (1997), and a CPhA Centennial Pharmacists Award (2007).

JUDITH BAKER

■ Dr. Judith Baker obtained her B.S.P., M.Sc., and Ph.D. in Biological Psychiatry from the University of Saskatchewan. She has been a member of numerous professional associations, including the APhA (of which she was president in 1990), CPhA, the Canadian College of Clinical Pharmacy, the Capital Health Region Pharmacists Association, and the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology. Dr. Baker has also held teaching appointments at the University of Alberta and the University of Aston (U.K.). She has been sought out to consult on key projects for Alberta Wellnet Pharmacy Information Network, APhA, the Alberta Medical Association, CPhA, Health Outcome Pharmacies, and Capital Health Authority. She joined the Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics in May 1999, and has served as an ACP hearing tribunal member for several years. Dr. Baker is also a recipient of the M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year Award (1986).

C. MARGARET BARIL

■ Exemplifying the outstanding care offered by rural pharmacists, Margaret Baril is a Certified Diabetes and Certified Asthma Educator, and has expanded her training in anticoagulation. Always seeking out the latest in education and service for her patients, she is authorized through ACP for additional prescribing and to administer drugs by injection. She was awarded the M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year Award in 2001. Ms. Baril served as chairperson of ACP's Competence Committee (2002-04) and has actively supported initiatives to advance the regulation of pharmacy technicians. She is an active member of her community Primary Care Network and was the owner/licensee of Didsbury Pharmsave.

MARY BELL

■ At a time when there were few women in influential positions in pharmacy, Mary Bell served as Director of Pharmacy at the University of Alberta Hospital from 1945-48. She dedicated herself to advancing the profession of pharmacy – teaching new dispensing practices, and later becoming involved in the promotion and development of a clinical pharmacy program at the University

of Alberta. She was a strong proponent of developing a PharmD, and though it was not implemented, her efforts played a key role in establishing the Master of Hospital Pharmacy degree program (current Master of Pharmacy program). An avid supporter of interdisciplinary training and mentorship, Ms. Bell was key in making some of the first arrangements for pharmacy students to be formally included in a training program with medical students in hospital wards.

CATHERINE BIGGS

■ Catherine Biggs graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Alberta in 1996, and was elected to the APhA council just one year later. Ms. Biggs was committed to guiding the APhA through restructuring to become ACP and RxA. On July 1, 2000, she became the first president of ACP. Ms. Biggs is a supporter of advancing the role of her profession, and took part in the American Pharmacists Association's Certification Program for Pharmacists. In 2001 she was named as My Favourite Pharmacist, a national award presented by Pharmacy Practice magazine. She worked as a project coordinator at the University of Alberta's EPICORE Centre and a lecturer in the University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. In 2007, she was awarded the University of Alberta Alumni Horizon Award, which recognizes the outstanding achievements of University of Alberta alumni early in their careers.

ROSEMARIE BIGGS

■ Rosemarie Biggs graduated from Nottingham University's pharmacy program in 1961, and came to Canada in 1969. In 1979, she opened Broadmoor Pharmacy in Sherwood Park, later pioneering a home visit program with a focus on the unique needs of seniors. She also provided extensive pharmacy services for the Robin Hood Association for the Handicapped, both caring for the disabled individuals and educating staff. She took pride in passing

her emphasis on pharmaceutical care on to the many pharmacy students she mentored over her career, and served on the University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences' Admissions Committee for six years. In 1992, she became part of the APhA council, and served as president from 1996-98. Ms. Biggs is a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and is the recipient of several awards, including the 1997 CPhA Innovative Practice Award, a Pride of Strathcona Award for contribution to her community, the 1999 CPhA Pharmacist Care of Older Persons Award, the 2004 Wyeth Consumer Healthcare Bowl of Hygeia, and a CPhA Centennial Pharmacists Award.

WALTER BODDY

■ Walter Boddy began his pharmacy training with an apprenticeship in Thorsby. He graduated with a pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1949, and worked for Liggett's (later acquired by Tamblin) for 14 years. He then went on to work with Alberta Emergency Measures. Mr. Boddy became part of the APhA council, serving as president in 1964. Following that, he was Assistant Registrar from 1965-84 and an adjunct professor in the University of Alberta's School of Pharmacy. While with the APhA, he was a promoter of the Triplicate Prescription Program (TPP), as well as the liaison with many departments of the government, and programs such as the Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program. In recognition of his contributions to the profession of pharmacy, ACP presents the W. L. Boddy Award annually. Mr. Boddy was awarded an APhA Honourary Life Membership in 1985.

T. FRED BOYLE

■ Fred Boyle has been an active participant in the pharmacy profession for over 50 years. He graduated from the University of Alberta's pharmacy program in 1965, and then opened his own drugstore. Mr. Boyle went on to purchase another

store, which became Boyle's Pharmacy (later Boyle's Value Drug Mart). He became a councillor for the APhA in 1978, and was president in 1981-82. He was also a member of the CPhA Board, and later president, from 1986-87. Following these positions, Mr. Boyle was part of a committee that eventually led to the formation of the Canadian Council for the Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP), of which he was president in 1995-96. He also served on the Alberta Drug Plan Review Committee and the Alberta Drug Price Review Committee for the provincial government. An important member of the Pharmacy Information Network Task Force, he fought for pharmacists to have the right to access patients' laboratory results, which they can now access through the comprehensive electronic health record system, Netcare. Mr. Boyle received the Bowl of Hygieia Award in 1997, and was made an Honourary Life Member of ACP in 2002.

CYNTHIA BROCKLEBANK

■ Dr. Cynthia Brocklebank was recognized with an ACP Award of Excellence in 2005 for her work in spearheading the development of the Calgary Health Region's Anticoagulation Management Service (AMS). Her involvement with the anticoagulation service began as a staff pharmacist, and expanded during a 2001 PharmD rotation. She later assumed management of the clinic on an acting basis, and was involved in planning the service's expansion. She became the anticoagulation clinical leader in 2002. Under Dr. Brocklebank's direction, the single anticoagulation clinic at the Peter Lougheed Hospital expanded to a regional service at two other adult acute hospital sites: the Rockyview Hospital AMS Clinic, and the Foothills Medical Centre AMS Clinic. By September 2003, all three clinics were managing anticoagulation therapy for all indications.

TAMMY BUNGARD

■ Dr. Tammy Bungard's pharmacy education includes a pharmacy degree from the University of Saskatchewan (1995), a PharmD degree from Wayne State University (1998), and a post-doctorate research fellowship through the Department of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the University of Alberta. Dr. Bungard is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Alberta, and is the director of the Anticoagulation Management Service

(which she established) at the University of Alberta Hospital. She was instrumental in having pharmacists play the key role in anticoagulation management. Dr. Bungard trained pharmacists and implemented six satellite AMS clinics across Alberta. As a result, anticoagulation specialists at the Core AMS and satellite clinics have managed and enhanced patient outcomes for over 1,800 patients. Also an excellent researcher, she was awarded the Best Paper Award (2006) from the Canadian Pharmacists Journal for her design paper of the AMS program, in recognition of its potential impact on patient care. She was actively involved with ACP, serving as a councillor (2001-04), chair of the Prescribing by Pharmacists Committee (2001-02), chair of the Resolution Committee and vice president (2003-04). Dr. Bungard received an ACP Award of Excellence in 2006, and in 2007, she became one of the first 15 pharmacists in Alberta (and Canada) to officially hold additional prescribing authorization.

DONALD CAMERON

■ After four years in the Royal Air Force, Donald Cameron completed a degree in pharmacy at the University of Alberta, graduating in 1948. While operating Lang's Drug Store in Daysland, Mr. Cameron became active with the APhA. He was elected to council in 1954, and subsequently became president in 1956. In 1957, he became Registrar-Treasurer – a position he held for the following 25 years. Mr. Cameron led the Association through many changes in pharmacy practice, including the implementation of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) and the institution of mandatory continuing education for pharmacists. In 1981, Mr. Cameron was awarded the Bowl of Hygeia Award by the APhA. He served on the CPhA council for 25 years, received an APhA Award of Excellence in 1994, and was awarded one of 100 Centennial Pharmacists Awards in celebration of the CPhA Centennial in 2007. He was also awarded an APhA Honourary Life Membership in 1983.

SUSAN CASEY

■ Susan Casey completed her pharmacy degree at the University of Alberta in 1976 and a hospital residency in 1978. She went on to practise for many years in Spruce Grove. In 2005, she set up and taught the pharmacy technician

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course at NorQuest College. Later that year, she was appointed Manager of Pharmaceutical Policy at Alberta Blue Cross. Ms. Casey has continued to serve in this capacity for the past five-and-a-half years. She has obtained certificates in hypertension, diabetes, asthma, smoking cessation, and geriatrics, as well as business leadership certificates from NAIT and Queen's School of Business. Ms. Casey served as president of RxA from 2003-04. Through her leadership, engagement, and commitment to the pharmacy profession, she enabled relationships to be built which were essential for the development of new policies and frameworks in the years to follow.

DALE COONEY

■ Serving as ACP Deputy Registrar since 2004, Dale Cooney has been instrumental in the creation and roll-out of Standards for Pharmacist Practice, Standards for Operating Licensed Pharmacies, and technician regulation. As part of this work, he has represented Alberta on several national committees and working groups. Leadership and committee work began early; as a pharmacy student at the University of Saskatchewan, Mr. Cooney sat as the provincial representative of CAPSI on student council and acted as the Western Canadian Vice-President of CAPSI. As an active member of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, he was involved in establishing the Chinook Chapter of the Alberta Branch, served on the host committee for the national CSHP AGM in 2004 and is currently the chair of the national CSHP Government and Health Policy Planning Committee. Prior to his work with ACP, Mr. Cooney spent the majority of his career as a staff pharmacist and pharmacy manager in hospitals in Lethbridge, Red Deer and Edmonton, and worked for a short time in retail pharmacy and as a peer assessor for the APhA. He has a pharmacy degree from the University of Saskatchewan, as well as a Certificate in Health Care Administration, Community Health; and a Master's in Business Administration from Athabasca University.

RONALD COUTTS

■ Dr. Ronald Coutts is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta. He obtained his B.Sc. in Pharmacy (1955) and his Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry (1959) from Glasgow University, and was later awarded a D.Sc. in Drug Metabolism / Analysis (1976) for his contributions to pharmacy and psychiatry research, from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. He worked at the University of Alberta for many years, first as an Associate Professor (1966-68), then as a Professor (1968-95), and as Assistant Dean of Pharmacy, Graduate Studies (1979-83). In 1979, he was also a founding member of the University of Alberta's Neurochemical Research Unit, which has since become widely recognized as a centre of excellence for research in biological psychiatry. In addition to being recognized internationally for his excellence in research and teaching, Dr. Coutts was engaged with an international community through his role in drug testing for the Commonwealth Games. In 1982, Dr. Coutts was honoured with a McNeil Award for Excellence in Research. He holds five Fellowships, including to the Royal Society of Canada, Academy of Sciences (1981), and to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (1978). He was also awarded an APhA Honorary Membership for his numerous contributions to the pharmacy profession.

STAN DABISZA

■ Stan Dabisza has worked in numerous pharmacies in Southern Alberta, most notably Health Plus Pharmacy in Calgary. He served as president of the Calgary Pharmaceutical Society, as well as vice-president of software development at Health Plus Systems Inc. where he and his partner, David Robertson, co-developed the first Windows operating system in Canada for pharmacies, called Simplicity Plus. In response to the government and private payers reducing costs rather than emphasizing patient outcomes, Mr. Dabisza spearheaded the development of Health Outcome Pharmacies. This initiative was founded on the principle that a cohesive organization could demonstrate

to both government and other pharmacists that better patient management could contain health care costs. Though its operation was brief, Health Outcome Pharmacies attracted members and corporate support on a national level, focusing on pharmacist-led asthma, hypertension, and diabetes management. Many attribute the current existence of independent pharmacy in Alberta to Mr. Dabisza's efforts. In 1996, he received an APhA Award of Excellence for his contributions to the profession.

HERBERT DIXON

■ Graduating with a pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1959, Herbert Dixon began his pharmacy career at Kingsway Drugs in Edmonton before transitioning to hospital pharmacy. He was Director of Pharmacy at the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton, the Nanaimo Indian Hospital in B.C., and eventually at the University of Alberta Hospital. Mr. Dixon is responsible for implementing the first central I.V. admixture service in a hospital in Alberta, as well as introducing the Workload Measurement System. He also developed online hospital pharmacy inventory systems, a computerized drug information database, and aided the transition from manual to bar code data entry. He was CSHP president in 1975, served as the hospital pharmacy representative on the CPhA Board of Directors in 1984, and completed a Master of Education degree in 1986. In 1988, Mr. Dixon received an APhA Award of Excellence.

GREGORY EBERHART

■ Gregory Eberhart graduated in pharmacy from the University of Alberta in 1979. He was elected to the APhA council in 1984, serving as president in 1989. He was appointed as Registrar of the Association in 1990 and continues as Registrar of ACP today. During his tenure, he has led the profession through many changes, including: proclamation of the *Pharmaceutical Profession Act* and Regulation (1994), establishment of the ACP (2000) upon splitting the APhA into regulatory (ACP) and advocacy bodies (RxA), and the proclamation of the Pharmacists Profession Regulation to the *Health Professions Act* (2007) which saw Alberta pharmacists gain prescribing authority and authority to administer drugs by injection – a first for pharmacists in Canada. He was a member of RxA's PPMI advisory committee, and of the Minister's Advisory Committee on

Health (2010). He has provided leadership nationally as an Alberta delegate to the CPhA Council of Delegates (1986-89), chairman of CPRC (1995-1997), and board member of NAPRA (1995-current). In 2008-09, he participated on CPhA's Blueprint Steering Committee that developed a blueprint for the future of pharmacy in Canada. In 2008, Mr. Eberhart was presented with a University of Alberta Alumni Honour Award in "recognition of significant contributions made over a number of years to his local community and beyond."

EDMONTON LADIES PHARMACEUTICAL AUXILIARY

■ The Edmonton Ladies Pharmaceutical Auxiliary, active from 1956 to 2006, was primarily composed of pharmacists' wives who shared a common goal of furthering the pharmacy profession and the pharmacy community through their initiatives. They were a direct supporter of the APhA, assisting within the office, and even making a mortgage payment for the Association via fundraising efforts. The Ladies Auxiliary was highly involved in community service, raising funds for various organizations and causes, such as establishing a Pharmacy Undergraduate Scholarship at the University of Alberta. They made a significant contribution to Sun Drug Store in Fort Edmonton Park, ensuring the history of the profession would be preserved for future generations. The event that the Ladies Auxiliary was best known for was the annual Christmas celebration they organized called the Poinsettia Ball. The Ladies Auxiliary served to make pharmacy more than just a profession – they made it a family, where members supported and encouraged one another to make a real difference in each other's lives. The Ladies Auxiliary was honoured with a Certificate of Recognition for 50 years of service by the CPhA in 2006.

IRIS EVANS

■ A nurse by training, Iris Evans was elected MLA for Sherwood Park in 1997. Since then, she has served as Minister of Municipal Affairs, Children's Services, Health and Wellness, Employment, Immigration and Industry, Finance, and now International and Intergovernmental Relations. In her tenure as Health and Wellness Minister (2004-06), Ms. Evans was a passionate advocate for

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putting the needs of patients above all else. Through her leadership, legislation was passed in 2007 that provided Alberta pharmacists the broadest scope of prescribing privileges in North America. This was the seed to an expansion of pharmacists' roles in most other Canadian jurisdictions, and is the foundation for the continued evolution of pharmacists as medication therapy experts, rather than dispensers of medication.

NOEL FARROW

■ Before moving to Alberta in 1912, Noel Farrow received his pharmacist diploma from the Ohio Institute of Pharmacy. In 1920, he completed his pharmacy degree at the University of Alberta. Mr. Farrow served as president of the APhA in 1942 and 1944-46. During World War II, he played a leading role in obtaining improved status for pharmacists in the Canadian Armed Forces. His efforts resulted in the passing of Bill 2222, granting commissioned rank to all pharmacists when employed as such in the Canadian Army, Air Force, and Navy. Mr. Farrow went on to serve 10 years on the CPhA council, becoming president in 1950. The CPhA issued him a Certificate of Honour in 1953. Mr. Farrow ran his Calgary pharmacy (originally Farrow's Drug Store, opened in 1925) until 1970.

MICHAEL FAULKNER

■ Michael Faulkner joined the ACP council as a public member in 2005, serving until 2007. He played a critical role during the period in which a new legislative framework was being developed for the profession of pharmacy in Alberta. Mr. Faulkner worked tirelessly to ensure that Albertans' needs were represented and would be met through the framework, encouraging the council to see beyond pharmacy-related issues. Although he was only with the council for two and a half years, his contribution to the advancement of pharmacy in Alberta was essential. Since leaving council to move to Vancouver, Mr. Faulkner's

expertise and advice has been repeatedly sought to assist the profession in moving forward with other critical initiatives.

BORYS FERBEY

■ Since his graduation from the University of Alberta's pharmacy program in 1953, Borys Ferbey has a long history of leadership in community pharmacy. At the provincial level, he was elected to the APhA council in 1974, becoming president in 1977. Nationally, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the CPhA in 1981, serving as Western vice president in 1984-85. Mr. Ferbey represented the CPhA on a number of boards and committees, including the board for orthotic certification. He operated one of the first home healthcare pharmacies, lectured at the University of Alberta on home healthcare, and had one of the first patient counseling rooms. Mr. Ferbey has been recognized with the Bowl of Hygeia Award (1983), a CPhA Certificate of Appreciation (1989), and the CPhA Meritorious Service Award (1990).

BUNNY FERGUSON

■ Bunny Ferguson pioneered the position of public member on the APhA council, starting in June of 1995. After her term as public member ended, Ms. Ferguson voluntarily continued on the Strategic Planning Committee, whose recommendations in 1999 resulted in the restructuring of the APhA into two organizations (ACP and RxA). For her contribution to the profession of pharmacy and to the role of the public member on council, she was awarded an Honourary Membership to the APhA in 2000. In addition to her work with pharmacy, Ms. Ferguson has dedicated a lifetime of volunteerism to the community of Edmonton. She has applied her energy and leadership skills to a number of social endeavors in a vast array of fields, holding pivotal positions at the inception of many organizations. In recognition of these efforts, she was installed as a Member of the Order of Canada in 2008. In recognition of her

university-community contributions, Ms. Ferguson is receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Alberta in June 2011.

MICHELLE FOISY

■ For the past eight years, Dr. Michelle Foisy has pioneered an advanced clinical pharmacy practice at the Royal Alexandra Hospital with HIV-infected patients. To enhance patient care, she received her additional prescribing authority in 2008. Dr. Foisy was also heavily involved in the development of the Capital Health HIV Perinatal Protocol to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV. She was a co-founder of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Pharmacy (CHAP) Network in 1997, and also co-authored *The Handbook of HIV Therapy*. Dr. Foisy completed her pharmacy degree at the University of Alberta in 1988, a hospital pharmacy residency in 1990, then a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the State University of New York in Buffalo in 1993. Demonstrating an ongoing commitment to advancing pharmacy in Alberta through teaching, she has recently accepted a position as a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Foisy has been honoured with several awards, including a Fellowship to the CSHP (2007-08).

VALERIE FONG

■ Valerie Fong's career began at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital after receiving her pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1994. As a staff pharmacist, Ms. Fong provided clinical pharmacy services on the multidisciplinary team for the Post Acute Rehabilitation Program where she embodied the principle of team work and collaboration, helping other members of the team appreciate the unique and invaluable contributions that pharmacists make to patient care. In 1996, she received the New Horizon Award from the APhA and in 2007, the M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year from ACP. Ms. Fong has been actively involved in professional organizations and initiatives, including the CSHP, where she served as both a presidential officer for the Alberta branch, and as Alberta's delegate on the national council. In recognition of her sustained and significant contributions, she was honoured as the first recipient of CSHP-AB's Meritorious Service Award in 2005.

Ms. Fong is now AHS Pharmacy Manager South West Zone where she mentors, supports, and encourages pharmacy team members in their professional and personal pursuits as well as leading and promoting various provincial patient safety initiatives.

ERWIN FRIESEN

■ Dr. Erwin Friesen is the manager of the Therapeutics team for Pharmacy Services within AHS, which provides support to 105 hospital pharmacy sites throughout the province. He completed his pharmacy degree at the University of Manitoba (1978), and his PharmD at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (1984). Dr. Friesen has worked to optimize the delivery of drug information through various technological assessment means to ensure the best pharmaceutical care for patients. He established the Capital Health Region Pharmacy Services (RPS) website in 1998, which acted as a central repository of drug-related information. He also implemented InphoNET (a portal that provides AHS-developed resources to health professionals throughout Canada) and the AHS Provincial Formulary. This accomplishment made Pharmacy Services one of the first programs within AHS to have a provincial presence on Insite (the AHS intranet website). He is a Fellow of the CSHP.

SUSAN FRYTERS

■ Susan Fryters is an Antimicrobial Utilization/Infectious Diseases Pharmacist with Alberta Health Services in Edmonton, Alberta. She graduated with distinction from the University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy in 1990 and completed her hospital pharmacy residency at the University of Alberta Hospital in 1991. Since then, she has worked at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton in the area of antimicrobial utilization with a clinical practice in infectious diseases. Ms. Fryters is also the co-author of *Bugs & Drugs*, a book written to promote appropriate antibiotic utilization and prevent the development of resistance. The book has been distributed to pharmacists, physicians and dentists, as well as healthcare professional students, in Alberta and British Columbia and beyond. She is also the Pharmacist Coordinator of the *Do Bugs Need Drugs?* program, an educational program to address antimicrobial resistance, and a pharmacist consultant in Antimicrobial

Utilization. Ms. Fryters has served on several local, provincial and national committees, including the Capital Health Pandemic Influenza Vaccines and Antiviral Subcommittee, the Alberta Health and Wellness Antimicrobial Resistance Project Steering Committee, *Safer Healthcare Now!* Surgical Site Infection Faculty, and the Canadian Committee on Antibiotic Resistance.

HALLEY GAETZ

■ Educated in New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario, Halley Gaetz undertook a pharmacy apprenticeship with Wendell-Maclean in Calgary. He founded Red Deer's first drugstore in 1891, and served as president of Gaetz & Cornett Drug and Book Co. Ltd. Mr. Gaetz was mayor of Red Deer (1907-08), a member of the Red Deer School Board and chairman of the Red Deer Board of Trade. The naming of Gaetz Avenue, a primary thoroughfare in Red Deer, recognizes his contributions to the community. In 1916, Mr. Gaetz joined the University of Alberta as a lecturer in pharmacy, also serving as a member of the Senate (1915-19), a professor of pharmacy and Materia Medica (1917-23), and Director of the School of Pharmacy (1916-23). In 1918, he introduced the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree. Mr. Gaetz also served as the first president of the Council of Alberta Pharmaceutical Associations (1913-15), which he was instrumental in forming.

MARGARET GRAY

■ Since graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a pharmacy degree, Margaret Gray has dedicated herself to hospital pharmacy practice. She has been a contributing editor to the book *Bugs & Drugs*, used extensively by pharmacists and physicians throughout Alberta. Ms. Gray participates in research and projects regarding the proper use of antimicrobials. She has been an active member of the CSHP since 1986, and has served on local, branch and national committees, most notably as national president (2001-02). Since 2006,

she has worked as Clinical Practice Leader (Infectious Diseases) for the former Capital Health Region, then for AHS with its inception in 2009. Ms. Gray has served on, and chaired several CSHP and Capital Health committees, including work as a key member of the CSHP Task Force on Pharmacist Prescribing. She has received both a Pharmacy Practitioner Award (2003), and a Meritorious Service Award (2007) from Alberta Branch CSHP, as well as being the recipient of the Isabel Stouffer Meritorious Service Award (2004) from CSHP National.

GEORGE GRAYDON

■ George Graydon was a pharmacist in Edmonton at the turn of the century. A pharmacy owner since 1894, Mr. Graydon served as vice president of the North West Territories Pharmaceutical Association, and as the second president of the APhA (1912-13). He, along with J.D. Higinbotham, also comprised the first Board of Examiners for pharmacy in Alberta. He was instrumental in the development of the *Pharmacy Act of Alberta*, a landmark piece of legislation. In recognition of his outstanding service to the profession, Mr. Graydon was later made an Honorary Life Member of the APhA.

JOE GUSTAFSON

■ Balancing community and professional leadership, Joe Gustafson has spent many hours volunteering, administering, and helping local non-profits and businesses. He purchased the Olds Value Drug Mart in 1973, and became involved with the Chamber of Commerce and the Olds Kiwanis Club. Mr. Gustafson has served as chairman of the Olds Institute for Economic Development, an advisor for Venturers with First Olds Scouts, chairman of the Olds Municipal Planning Commission, a member of the University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy Fundraising Committee and served on the Economic Advisory Committee for RxA during the tremulous

90's (to name just a few). Mr. Gustafson is known as an outstanding pharmacist and Albertan, and has received a Centennial Medal from the Province of Alberta (2005), the M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year Award (1999), and the Bowl of Hygeia (2007).

DOREEN HAGEN

■ In the late 1970s and early 80s, Doreen Hagen was very involved with the APhA, serving as president in 1980-81. Ms. Hagen was also active on the Internship and Examination Committees. Throughout her pharmacy career, she placed emphasis on patient counseling, ensuring that each patient knew as much as possible about their medication. A dedicated mentor, she always had a pharmacy intern apprenticing under her guidance. Ms. Hagen also became an active community volunteer and fundraiser, and in 2007 was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award for the town of Barrhead. Now an octogenarian, Ms. Hagen still finds time to volunteer for her community, and maintains an interest in municipal politics.

PETER HAMILTON

■ After obtaining his medical qualification in South Africa in 1979, Dr. Peter Hamilton went to Zimbabwe and, five years later, came to Edmonton to train in Nephrology. In 1990, he joined the University of Alberta's Department of Medicine, and later became Director of Postgraduate Medical Education – a position he held for a decade. Dr. Hamilton has always been an advocate for collaboration of all health care professionals. He has demonstrated the result of that teamwork through his instrumental work in helping establish the Anticoagulation Management Service at the University of Alberta Hospital, where pharmacists are directly involved in managing anticoagulation therapy. Though he faced early opposition from some of his colleagues, he publicly defended the program. Dr. Hamilton also co-edited *Drugs and Drugs: A Practical Guide to the Safe Use of Common Drugs in Adults*. This medical textbook, designed primarily for medical students, contains practical tips about the use of common medications, and many chapters of it were written by contributing pharmacists.

BOB HEIM

■ Bob Heim graduated from the University of Alberta's pharmacy program in 1960, and completed a postgraduate residency in hospital pharmacy at Jefferson Medical College Hospital in Philadelphia (1961-62). He worked as a hospital pharmacist at the University of Alberta Hospital until 1965, when he became the first Director of Pharmacy at Foothills Hospital in Calgary – a position he held for the next 20 years. During this time, he initiated I.V. admixture and clinical pharmacy programs, as well as the Drug Information Centre (which led to the Alberta Poison and Drug Information Service). He also completed a Diploma in Hospital Administration from the Canadian Hospital Association (1975). In 1985, Mr. Heim began working in community pharmacy in Calgary. He later became a consultant for pharmaceutical compounding, working for Health Plus Pharmacy and finally Rockyview Dispensary, until his retirement in 2008. During this time, he developed a unique compounding service that centred on sports medicine, becoming involved with the Calgary Stampeders, Calgary Flames, and even Hockey Canada. He also worked in veterinary compounding, serving clinics in the Calgary area. Mr. Heim served as an APhA councillor from 1970-72, as president of the Alberta branch of the CSHP three times, and was recognized as Preceptor of the Year in 1991.

TERESA HENNESSEY

■ Originally from St. John's, Newfoundland, Teresa Hennessey completed a pharmacy technician program at the Career Academy in 1998, along with many additional pharmacy technician certifications. After working in both community and hospital pharmacies in frontline and leadership roles, she now works as Executive Associate, Pharmacy Services for AHS. Ms. Hennessey has contributed much time and expertise to the advancement of the pharmacy technician profession in Alberta. She has been a board member and president of the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians, Alberta Chapter (CAPT-AB), and is currently a board member of the Pharmacy Technician Society of Alberta (PTSA), which she played a large role in establishing in 2008. Ms. Hennessey was appointed to the ACP council in 2008 as one of the first

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two technician observers, and has contributed much in council discussions related to the regulation of pharmacy technicians.

JOHN HIGINBOTHAM

■ In 1884, John D. Higinbotham travelled from Guelph, Ontario to manage a drug store in Fort Macleod, Alberta. He later moved to Lethbridge, where he acquired the Apothecaries Hall and became the only source of medical care in the city until doctors arrived months later. Mr. Higinbotham was one of the first pharmacists in what would later become the province of Alberta, and was instrumental in the formation of the North West Territories Pharmaceutical Association in 1892. In 1911, Mr. Higinbotham was given the honour of holding certificate #1, as first president of the newly formed APhA (a position he held again in 1919). He remained active in pharmacy until 1929, when he retired and returned to Guelph. Mr. Higinbotham was honoured with an APhA Life Membership.

GAIL HUFTY

■ Gail Hufty is the Vice-President of Pharmacy Services in AHS. Although not a pharmacist, Ms. Hufty's tireless efforts have put pharmacy at the forefront of acute care delivery in Alberta. Her work within AHS has enabled pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to expand their roles into areas in which the profession of pharmacy was previously not provided with the opportunity to practise. She is responsible for expanding the number of pharmacists providing direct patient care, has expanded the use of pharmacists in ambulatory clinics and emergency departments, and has introduced new technologies that support the delivery of care. In 2008, Ms. Hufty organized the first executive meeting of the ACP, RxA, AHS, and the University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and in 2009 she was recognized by ACP through the Friend of Pharmacy Award.

CHRISTINE HUGHES

■ As an Associate Professor and Chair of the Pharmacy Practice Division at the University of Alberta, Dr. Christine Hughes has made significant contributions to the development of the pharmacy profession, especially in the areas of HIV research and practice. She completed her pharmacy degree at the University of Alberta in 1994, and her doctorate at the University of British Columbia in 1997. With a clinical practice in HIV at the University of Alberta Hospital, Dr. Hughes has pioneered HIV pharmaceutical care in Edmonton, developing numerous recommendations, tools (including a cardiovascular risk assessment tool), and collaborative models of patient care. Practising at an advanced level, she has acquired expertise in the areas of recommending antiretroviral therapy, interpreting drug resistance profiles, managing complex adverse drug reactions and interactions, and managing other diseases commonly seen in the HIV population. She served as chair and secretary of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Pharmacy Network, and co-authored an abstract about this group which was accepted at the XIV International AIDS Conference 2002 in Barcelona, Spain. She was also one of the first 15 pharmacists in Alberta to receive prescribing authority, and is certified to administer drugs by injection. Dr. Hughes is a Fellow of CSHP, and has received several awards, including the 2010 M.J. Huston Pharmacist of Distinction Award.

MERVYN HUSTON

■ Dr. Mervyn Huston was one of the foundational leaders of pharmacy both provincially and nationally. After completing undergraduate and master degrees at the University of Alberta, he completed his Ph.D. at the University of Washington in 1945. In 1946, he became Acting Director of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Alberta. He was later confirmed as Director, then helped the school evolve into the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Huston became the first Dean of the newly formed faculty in

1955, serving until 1978. During this time, he helped the University of Alberta gain the reputation of having a strong graduate pharmacy program and strongly science-based undergraduate program. Dr. Huston was involved in establishing the first nuclear reactor for pharmaceutical research in a pharmacy faculty. The project evolved into world-recognized research in that field. He wrote four texts, including one on pharmaceutical arithmetic, plus other books. He won the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour for his novel, *Gophers Don't Pay Taxes*. Dr. Huston received honorary degrees from Dalhousie University and the University of Alberta, was named an Honourary Life Member of the CPhA and APhA, and was one of nine Albertans to receive the CPhA Centennial Pharmacists Award in 2007.

FAKHREDDIN JAMALI

■ Dr. Fakhreddin Jamali has been an academic member in the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Alberta since 1981, serving as the Associate Dean from 1999-2004. He is recognized internationally as one of the most accomplished academics in pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics. Dr. Jamali has several inventions including a patented drug formulation technology that provides fast-acting analgesia and a pharmaceutical brand pro-drug of glucosamine for the treatment of arthritis. He was the first to introduce and implement the principle of therapeutic drug monitoring in Edmonton. Dr. Jamali was the creative force behind the Canadian Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences (CSPS), as well as the founder of the Journal of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, the first open-access peer-reviewed online pharmaceutical journal in the world. He has published over 200 refereed articles, trained more than 30 Ph.D.s, and served as a consultant and/or board member of many pharmaceutical organizations. Dr. Jamali is a recipient of the Province of Alberta Centennial Medal of Outstanding Service.

KATHY JAMES FAIRBAIN

■ Kathy James Fairbairn is a certified Geriatric Pharmacist with the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. She has developed a senior care practice providing clinical services to the Good Samaritan Seniors' medical clinic and consultant services to the long-term care and assisted living sector.

As a Best Practice Medication Policy Consultant for the Good Samaritan Society she has helped to establish and support Medication Safety and Advisory committees in both Alberta and British Columbia. Ms. James Fairbairn is on the national faculty for the Safer Health Care Now Medication Reconciliation Safety initiative and the medication reconciliation team lead for the Good Samaritan Society. Through her consulting work she has moved the assisted living and residential care facilities forward in quality improvement, risk management and medication safety. Ms. James Fairbairn has also mentored international pharmacists as part of the ACP's International Pharmacist Orientation pilot program and continues to assist the Bredin Institute's Pharmacy Bridging program.

JEFF JOHNSON

■ Dr. Jeff Johnson is a pharmacist, health outcomes researcher, and a Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta. He holds a Senior Health Scholar Award from Alberta Innovates-Health Solutions and a Government of Canada Research Chair in Diabetes Health Outcomes. He obtained his undergraduate (1988) and master's (1994) pharmacy degrees from the University of Saskatchewan, and his Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Arizona (1996). He directs the Alliance for Canadian Health Outcomes Research in Diabetes (ACHORD) based in the Alberta Diabetes Institute at the University of Alberta. Dr. Johnson's research has been influential in the development of clinical practice guidelines and health policies related to diabetes care locally, nationally, and internationally. He has served on the Canadian Diabetes Association National Research Council, as co-chair of the Scientific Working Group for the National Diabetes Surveillance System with the Public Health Agency of Canada and on the Advisory Board for CIHR Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes.

N. GORDON JOHNSON

■ The recipient of an APhA Life Membership in 1992, Gordon Johnson has contributed much to the profession of pharmacy. He graduated from the University of Alberta in 1963, and served as a community pharmacist before assuming the responsibility of sole pharmacist for the Calgary Auxiliary

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Hospital and Nursing Home District #7. He initiated many novel programs and services, including clinical pharmacy services for extended care, pharmacy outreach programs for seniors, and the standardization of oral morphine solutions. Mr. Johnson has lectured to pharmacy students, and has served as an active member of the CSHP (where he was appointed president in 1973). He has acted as Pharmacy Consultant to the City of Calgary's Home Care Program, and was appointed Chairman of the Long Term Care Workload Measurement Committee of the CSHP.

SHEILA KELCHER

■ Shortly after her graduation in 1970, Sheila Kelcher was asked by the APhA to sit on the Internship Committee. She eventually ended her tenure as committee chair in the mid-1980s, and joined the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Alberta. In 1987, Ms. Kelcher sat on the Curriculum Committee and was a member of the team responsible for planning the new curriculum which commenced in 1989. She was then appointed as Alberta Board Member to the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) where she finished her term in 1995 as Board President. Ms. Kelcher has continued her affiliation with PEBC, serving as Chief Administrator for the Edmonton Objective Structured Clinical Examination since 2000. At the Faculty in 2000, she took on the redevelopment of the pharmacy curriculum and was happy to see the first graduating class in 2008. She was appointed Assistant Dean in 2005 and retired from the Faculty in 2008. She continues to work in community pharmacy.

DONNA KOWALISHIN

■ After receiving her pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1968, Donna Kowalishin began her career working in community practice. In 1995, she took a position with Grant MacEwan College, working on a special

project hosting Russian pharmacists in Edmonton. The following year, she worked with Health Outcomes Pharmacy in membership development, and in 1997 began as a staff pharmacist with Shoppers Drug Mart, where she still works part-time. Ms. Kowalishin has contributed significantly to the profession of pharmacy through her involvement with the APhA and the CPhA. She served on the APhA council from 1989-1995, and was president in 1992-93. She represented the pharmacists of Alberta at the CPhA board from 1994-2004. This culminated in her election as president of CPhA in 2002-2003. During that year, Ms. Kowalishin also represented CPhA on the PEBC board, and represented Canadian pharmacists at the International Federation of Pharmacy annual Congress in Nice, France. Ms. Kowalishin was awarded an ACP Honourary Life Membership in 2005.

DOUG LEVY

■ Doug Levy completed his B.Sc. in Pharmacy at the University of Alberta in 1966 and his Master's in Biopharmaceutics in 1970. He then started Bridgeland Pharmacy in Calgary with his brother Hugh. In 1981, the pharmacy was bought by the City of Calgary for a hospital expansion, and subsequently Mr. Levy joined as a staff pharmacist. In 1984, he became the Director of Pharmacy at the Foothills Hospital. In 1996, Mr. Levy started Pharmacy-on-Call, Calgary's first 24-hour on-call pharmacy and compounding centre, which he described as "a hospital pharmacy on a street corner." He opened the pharmacy to fill the void he saw for individuals with complex medical problems being sent home from hospital at all hours of the day and night with limited pharmacy support. Palliative care was another area where Pharmacy-on-Call was able to fill a void in care. Mr. Levy ran Pharmacy-on-Call until 2007 when he sold it. He stayed on staff for a time before retiring in 2009. Mr. Levy received the M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year in 1981 and, in 2004, Pharmacy-on-Call received the W.L. Boddy Pharmacy of the Year Award.

RICHARD LEWANCZUK

■ Dr. Richard Lewanczuk is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Alberta, with a specialist practice in endocrinology, diabetes, and hypertension. He is a strong advocate for the inclusion of pharmacists as part of interprofessional health care teams, publishing editorials on the subject. He sees the role of pharmacists as complementary to his work as a physician, and incorporates pharmacist services both in on-site clinics and in the community. He was instrumental in introducing a pharmacists' section within the Canadian Hypertension Education Program (CHEP). Dr. Lewanczuk taught cardiovascular physiology in the Faculty of Pharmacy for many years and has sat on numerous graduate student supervisory and examination committees in the Faculty of Pharmacy. He often partners with pharmacists for research initiatives, as well. In his previous capacity as Regional Medical Director of the former Capital Health's chronic disease management services, Dr. Lewanczuk's team worked with pharmacy professional bodies to ensure that pharmacist practice was integrated with chronic disease management, utilizing their expertise for patient counseling, medication reviews, and delegated medication adjustments. More recently, Dr. Lewanczuk was part of the advisory committee that developed the program and criteria for the pharmacist application for additional prescribing authority.

STANLEY LISSACK

■ Stanley Lissack graduated from the University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy in 1958. After a residency in hospital pharmacy administration at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, he moved back to Alberta to work at the Calgary General Hospital. Mr. Lissack then managed Dunford Drug in Calgary, served as Director of Pharmacy at the Municipal Hospital in Lethbridge, and became co-owner (with wife Sherry) of S&S Pharmacy in Daysland until 1979. While in Daysland, he was on town council for nine years and was mayor for six years. He served on the APhA and CPhA councils, and was president of both – the APhA in 1978-79, and the CPhA in 1983-84. He is also a past-president of Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy and the Canadian Society of Industrial Pharmacists. In 1981, Mr. Lissack became the Registrar

of the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association. In 1985, he joined Astra Pharma Inc. in Mississauga, becoming Vice-President of Corporate and Government Affairs in 1989. He eventually moved back to Alberta, settling at Pigeon Lake. Mr. Lissack is an Honourary Life Member of CPhA and ACP and a CPhA Centennial Pharmacists Award recipient.

STEVE LONG

■ Steve Long obtained his pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1981, and went on to complete an MBA at the University of Calgary in 1990. In 1995, he became Director of Pharmacy for Calgary Regional Health Authority, and made it his mission to provide safe and effective drug therapy through standardized and innovative pharmacy services. Mr. Long developed a pharmacy organizational structure that facilitated this vision and mission, assigning roles to pharmacists (Operational and Patient Care Managers) and incorporating pharmacy technicians (Technical Managers). This organizational structure provided numerous benefits to the Calgary region, and is now the standard aspired to for Pharmacy Services throughout Alberta Health Services. Since 2008, Mr. Long has been the Executive Director of Pharmaceutical Funding and Guidance for Alberta Health and Wellness.

RONALD MACLEAN

■ Ronald MacLean graduated from the University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy in 1952. He quickly became active in the Calgary pharmacy community, managing and then purchasing the Killarney branch of Penley Drug Ltd. He served as president of both the Calgary Retail Druggist's Association and the Calgary Pharmaceutical Society. Mr. MacLean was later elected to the APhA council, where he became president in 1971-73. He was a member of the CPhA board, and the APhA representative to the PEBC from 1972-79 (and served as its first president). Mr. MacLean was also highly involved with the development of the Pharmacy Technician course at Red Deer College, and with colostomy and ileostomy patients. In 2007, he was honoured by the CPhA with a Centennial Pharmacists Award.

ELAINE MACPHAIL

■ Elaine MacPhail was the first student to enroll in the University of Alberta's Master of Hospital Pharmacy program. Since the early 1970s, she has made major contributions to clinical pharmacy not only in Alberta, but nationally as well. Ms. MacPhail assisted in developing the first clinical pharmacy program at the University of British Columbia. In 1993, she accepted a position with the CPhA as Managing Editor of the first edition of *Therapeutic Choices*, where she managed and coordinated the research, design, marketing, copyediting, proofing, and printing of the book. *Therapeutic Choices* has become the premier Canadian reference in therapeutic information and patient care, and is now in its fifth edition. From 1995-2001, Ms. MacPhail served as a pharmacy consultant to the First Nations and Inuit Health branch of Health Canada, leading a number of initiatives, including the review of the Drug Benefit List. Since 2002, she has been a member of the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) where she was instrumental in establishing and delivering the Common Drug Review program.

WALTER MADAY

■ Walter Maday graduated from the University of Alberta with a B.Sc in Pharmacy in 1943. Dedicated to advancing the profession of pharmacy in Alberta, Mr. Maday has held several key positions within pharmaceutical organizations. He was on APhA council from 1958-65 and served as the first hospital pharmacist to become president (1961-62). He was also the first president of the Alberta Branch of CSHP. He served as Director of Pharmacy at the University of Alberta Hospital (1948-76), where he was instrumental in establishing the Hospital Pharmacy Residency Program (1963), and worked on a computerized pharmacy inventory control system based on the American Hospital Formulary System. Simultaneously, he owned and operated Omega

Drugs Ltd. Mr. Maday practised from 1977-90 at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital and actively participated in its rebuilding on the south side of Edmonton. Mr. Maday has received Honourary Life Memberships to both APhA and CSHP, and has also been recognized as a Fellow of the latter for his assistance in preparing and presenting briefs to both the Royal Commission on Health Services and the Restrictive Practices Commission during his term as APhA president. Mr. Maday was a member of the first group of Fellows in Canada and actively advanced the Fellow program. Additionally, he has been honoured with a Certificate of Merit from CPhA.

TRACY MARSDEN

■ Tracy Marsden obtained her pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1986, and worked for 15 years as a community pharmacist. Her enthusiasm for wellness prompted her to obtain additional training in herbs and homeopathy – she completed a Diploma in Homeopathic Pharmacy at the British Institute of Homeopathy in 1996, and she was also awarded a Fellowship. A pioneer in natural pharmacy, she has consulted for several natural products manufacturers, opened Safeway's first natural medicine centre in the Montgomery store in 1998, and was a regular columnist for the Pharmacy Post. She is now vice president and part owner of Rocky Mountain Analytical, a medical laboratory in Calgary specializing in testing for disease prevention. She was also involved in the politics of her profession, serving as councillor for the APhA (1996-98) and ACP (2000-06). She was ACP president in 2004-05. Ms. Marsden maintains an ongoing commitment to providing and facilitating education for professionals and lay public through lectures at the University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine and University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, public workshops, and through publications. She mentors health professionals of various disciplines across Canada and is involved in collaborative program planning.

ELIZABETH MATHESON

■ Elizabeth Matheson practised in various pharmacy settings, including community, acute treatment hospitals, and long-term care with The Capital Care Group (formerly Edmonton and Rural Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home District 24). She began her career in 1963 as a staff pharmacist, and advanced to various management and director positions until her retirement in 1996. Ms. Matheson was responsible for numerous initiatives during this time, including the establishment of standardized drug distribution and medication administration systems, developing and implementing self-medication programs, and the computerization of pharmacy services. She was vital in advancing pharmacists' clinical involvement within the interdisciplinary team. An active member of the APhA, CPhA, and CSHP, Ms. Matheson participated in many different committees and working groups, developing standards and practices that continue to guide the advancement of the pharmacy profession in Alberta.

A. WHITNEY MATTHEWS

■ In 1921, Dr. Whitney Matthews became one of the first three recipients of a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta. In 1925, he completed his master's degree, and later obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Florida (1941), becoming the first pharmacist in Canada to achieve a Ph. D. in pharmacy. He was the main proponent of professional education, advancing his views in journal articles and organizing meetings of pharmacy educators. In 1952, Dr. Matthews was appointed Dean of Pharmacy at the University of British Columbia, where he stayed until his retirement in 1968. He was president of the CPhA in 1962-63, and in 1977 was recognized by the Association with an Honourary Life Membership (he was also an Honourary Life Member of the APhA). After his retirement, he worked with the CPhA to build the PEBC, serving as Registrar-Treasurer and then Secretary of Examinations. In 2007, Dr. Matthews was awarded a CPhA Centennial Pharmacists Award in recognition of his accomplishments.

PADDY MEADE

■ Paddy Meade served as Deputy Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness (2004-08). She was instrumental in supporting and influencing elected leaders in policy and priority setting. She believed in the practice of pharmacy as one way to improve the future of Alberta's health system. Through her leadership and collaboration with then Minister of Health and Wellness Iris Evans, ACP, and RxA (along with many others), legislation was passed that provided Alberta pharmacists the broadest scope of practice in North America, enabling them to prescribe drugs and administer injections. This achievement was pivotal to the evolution of new legislation, providing new roles and opportunities for pharmacists across Canada.

CHARLES MEAGHER

■ Charles Meagher obtained his pharmacy degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He served first as Assistant Director of Pharmacy at the University Hospital in Saskatoon, and then as Director of Pharmacy at Medicine Hat General Hospital, a position he held for 22 years. Mr. Meagher served the profession provincially and nationally; he was president of the CSHP in 1962, an APhA councillor from 1965-67, and CPhA president from 1971-72. He also served on the PEBC in 1964. In 1970 and 1971, Mr. Meagher served two terms as delegate to the Federation of International Pharmacy, in Washington and Lisbon, respectively. Also involved in politics, he was mayor of Medicine Hat from 1966-68, and ran for parliament twice. Mr. Meagher was honoured with an APhA Award of Excellence in 1990.

SHARON MITCHELL

■ Dr. Sharon Mitchell is a clinician scientist serving as Director of Assessment and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She has devoted substantial effort to program and curriculum development, including disease-based modules (with corresponding learning tools) for the University of Alberta's undergraduate pharmacy program. More recently, Dr. Mitchell was involved in the development of the University of Alberta's new entry-level PharmD

(doctoral) program, writing the proposal and obtaining support from key stakeholders. The program received government approval in February 2010 – a major accomplishment, given that the Faculty had tried to introduce a PharmD program several times over the past 20 years. Throughout her career, Dr. Mitchell has been a key player in connecting practitioners from multiple disciplines to broaden the understanding and inclusion of pharmacists' contributions. In 2010, Dr. Mitchell received the W.H. Alexander Teaching Award – one of the University of Alberta's most prestigious awards for non-tenure track staff.

RICHARD MOSKALYK

■ Dr. Richard Moskalyk completed his undergraduate and master's degrees in pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan in 1956 and 1959, respectively. He was offered a position as Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta, where he was completing his Ph.D. (1965). Dr. Moskalyk went on to serve as Chairman of the Medicinal Chemistry Division (1972-79), Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Education (1979-81), and Dean (1990-99). In 1979, he became a member of the APhA council, later serving as president (1983-84). He also served as the CPhA's Vice-President of Western Regions (1988-89). Dr. Moskalyk has received several awards in recognition of his commitment to advancing the pharmacy practice, including an APhA Award of Excellence (1985), a Squibb Award for Excellence in Teaching (1987), a Commemorative Medal from the Government of Canada (1992), and an APhA Honourary Life Membership (1999).

GORDON MYERS

■ Dr. Gordon Myers obtained his pharmacy diploma from the University of Alberta in 1942. The same year, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy and served as a pharmacist's mate, receiving several awards during his service. After

the war, Dr. Myers completed his pharmacy degree at the University of Alberta in 1946. He obtained a master's degree in bacteriology in 1948, and a Ph.D. from McGill University in 1951. He returned to the University of Alberta in 1951 as an Assistant Professor of bacteriology. He was appointed Associate Professor in 1952, and served as acting head of the microbiology section from 1957-1962. After a sabbatical leave, Dr. Myers transitioned to a position as Professor and was then appointed Associate Dean in 1971. During his tenure, Dr. Myers published over 50 research papers, was an active member of the APhA, serving on the Continuing Education Committee and Drug Schedules Committee. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession through his research and teaching, Dr. Myers was awarded an APhA Honorary Life Membership in 1984.

HERMAN NEUFELD

■ Herman Neufeld received his degree in pharmacy from the University of Alberta in 1965. Mr. Neufeld began his career by establishing the first pharmacy at Alberta Hospital Ponoka. In his career he was manager at Alberta Hospital Ponoka, Royal Alexandra Hospital and Cross Cancer Institute. He was a leader in hospital pharmacy. As an active member of the Alberta branch of the CSHP, he served on the executive committee for several years, calling for the creation of a CSHP western branches educational meeting (which became the Banff Seminar, hosted annually). In the 1970's, Mr. Neufeld recognized the need for pharmacy assistants. He acted as chair of the CSHP-AB committee, which later joined forces with an APhA committee of community pharmacists. With the approval of the APhA council, a proposal was made to Alberta Advanced Education to establish a training program for pharmacy assistants. The program was approved in 1976, and Mr. Neufeld was hired by Red Deer College to lead it. Mr. Neufeld was the major factor (planner, developer, promoter, professor, administrator) for the establishment of the program, which was renamed "pharmacy technician" in 1978, and still exists today as one of four Alberta

pharmacy technician training programs accredited by the Canadian Council for the Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs.

ANTOINE NOUJAIM

■ Born in Egypt, Dr. Antoine Noujaim completed his undergraduate studies at Cairo University. He obtained both his master's and doctorate degrees from Purdue University in Indiana (having received the Fulbright Scholarship in Bionucleonics in 1961). In 1966, Dr. Noujaim came to Edmonton to become an Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta. He eventually became Chair of the Division of Nuclear Pharmacy, and under his leadership, the department became the largest in North America (as well as the first in the world with a nuclear reactor). Dr. Noujaim co-founded Biomira (the first publicly-traded biotech company in Alberta) and several other companies, including AltaRex, Virexx, and Equitech. He also supported Alberta's biotech industry through the non-profit agency Bio Alberta. The discoverer of many new drugs, Dr. Noujaim received an Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Science Award in 1997. The Antoine Noujaim Award of Excellence Poster Prize and Antoine Noujaim Graduate Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences were endowed by Dr. Noujaim.

LARRY OHLHAUSER

■ After operating a successful medical practice for many years, Dr. Larry Ohlhauser began working with the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta in 1982. He served as registrar and CEO of the College from 1989 to 2001 before establishing his own consulting firm, Ohlhauser & Associates, in 2001. Ohlhauser & Associates specializes in healthcare strategy and management consulting for large multinationals, corporations, and government institutions. Dr. Ohlhauser is known internationally for influencing the transformation of lifestyles by empowering people to take responsibility for their own health. He was named the top Canadian TEC Speaker for 2007 and 2010. He has received numerous awards for his work, including the Alberta Centennial Medal for outstanding service to the people of Alberta, and was recently named one of the Top 100 Physicians of the Century by the CPSA and the Alberta Medical Association. Dr. Ohlhauser

received an APhA Honorary Membership (1989) for his work in implementing the Triplicate Prescription Program.

FRANCO PASUTTO

■ Dr. Franco Pasutto completed his Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Alberta in 1978. He has served (and continues to serve) on the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences for 29 years, including two terms as Dean (1999-2009). He provided the key leadership for the development and delivery of a new curriculum that was implemented in 2004, and was instrumental in securing a \$12.5 million commitment (matched by the Alberta government) from the Katz Group, and stewarding the founding of a PharmD program. Dr. Pasutto is a founding member of the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences, and has worked closely with ACP and RxA, supporting submissions for expanded scope of pharmacist practice. He has been active on several other committees and councils, and has received several awards, including an Alberta Centennial Medal (2005), and an Honorary Life Membership with ACP (2009).

GLEN PEARSON

■ Dr. Pearson holds a B.Sc. in Biology, a B.Sc.Pharm. and Doctor of Pharmacy degree (May 1991). After working in Toronto and Halifax, he came to Alberta in 2001 to join the University of Alberta Division of Cardiology as an Assistant Professor and Co-Director of the Cardiac Transplant Clinic, as well as Medical Co-Director and Director of Research in the Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Clinic (CRRC). He is also a Clinical Pharmacotherapy Practitioner in the Cardiac EASE Program. In 2005, he was promoted to his current position of Associate Professor of Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. In addition to his clinical and academic responsibilities, Dr. Pearson has an active interest in practice-based research. Dr. Pearson was a major contributor toward pharmacist prescribing. He has written and presented extensively on the subject, was Chair of the CSHP Task Force on Pharmacist Prescribing (1995-2003), and was one of the first 15 pharmacists in Canada to receive additional prescribing authorization. Dr. Pearson is a CSHP Fellow and was the recipient of the 2008 M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year Award.

KENNETH PENLEY

■ After graduating from the University of Alberta in 1943, Kenneth Penley first worked as a military pharmacist. He returned to Calgary in 1945, and later owned and operated three pharmacies in southern Alberta with his wife, Prue. Upon retirement, Mr. Penley remained active, starting a historical exploration of pharmacy in Alberta. Mr. Penley is one of the key preservationists of the history of pharmacy in Alberta. He co-authored *The History of Pharmacy in Alberta: The First One Hundred Years (from leeches to lasers)*. Mr. Penley's work on the book was honoured with a CPhA Certificate of Recognition and an APhA Award of Excellence in 1994. He was named one of the Top 100 Volunteers of the Past Century by the Historical Society of Alberta, and was made an Honorary Life Member by the APhA.

CLARENCE PICKUP

■ Clarence Pickup was the first pharmacist of Barons in 1921, running a drug store there until 1933-34. He also practised in Lethbridge, Cardston, and Royalties. Mr. Pickup became the first full-time registrar-treasurer of the APhA, serving from 1943-57. During this time, he helped guide the Association through a difficult period in its history, when there was a looming threat that self-governing associations would become government ministries or agencies. For his efforts, Mr. Pickup was later awarded an Honorary Life Membership to the APhA.

DONNA PIPA

■ Donna Pipa graduated from the University of Alberta's pharmacy program in 1979 and completed a hospital pharmacy residency at Toronto General Hospital in 1980. She quickly rose to Director of Pharmacy at the Alberta Children's Hospital (1984-95), where she proactively sought the expansion and enhancement of the pharmacist's role in direct patient care activities. Ms. Pipa

now works as a pharmacy consultant, where she has made significant contributions to the advancement of pharmacy practice in Alberta through her involvement with initiatives such as the Pharmaceutical Information Network (PIN), the Electronic Health Record (EHR), and the development of competencies and practice standards via ACP. She has participated in activities with ACP and RxA and has held various provincial and national committee and executive positions of the CSHP, as well.

JOAN PITFIELD

■ Joan Pitfield was appointed by the Minister of Health and Wellness as a public member to the ACP council in 2005. During her term on council, Ms. Pitfield has worked to ensure that Albertans' needs are represented and met through the new legislative framework for pharmacy practice. As a committed volunteer, she is engaged in many segments of Alberta's community. Through this, she demonstrated leadership by engaging and informing partners, stakeholders, and decision-makers about the opportunities and potential for individuals, families, and our health system by better use of pharmacists' expertise. Ms. Pitfield's experience was instrumental in growing the governance of ACP, always conscious of the accountabilities expected of council.

RON POHAR

■ Ron Pohar obtained his pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1995. Shortly after graduation, he began practising as a clinical pharmacist in Edmonton's inner city. During this time, he implemented a Medication Compliance Program and a depression management program at the Salvation Army's Addiction Rehabilitation Centre. This work was recognized in 2003 with an Award of Excellence from ACP. Mr. Pohar identified a void in the care of this neglected segment of the population that could be filled by a clinical pharmacist, and in 2003, he joined Myros Pharmacy (located in Edmonton's

inner city) to help implement a clinical pharmacy program. Since 2003, he has delivered a smoking cessation program focusing on individuals with mental illness and addiction, and was instrumental in an initiative to remove the sale of tobacco products from pharmacies. Mr. Pohar was an inaugural appointee to the RxA Board of Directors, serving as a board member from 2000-03, and as secretary-treasurer in 2000-01. Mr. Pohar's efforts in clinical pharmacy have been recognized through a Commitment to Care Award for Health Promotion, M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year, RxA Pharmacy Profile Award and the Nycomed Magnus Opum Award.

LINDA POLOWAY

■ From 2007-10, Linda Poloway was Director of Patient Safety for the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA), where her primary responsibility was to lead reviews of critical incidents as requested by the Minister of Health or Alberta Health Services. She completed five reviews which included the review of infection prevention and control and CSR sterilization issues in the East Central Health Region, re-use of syringes in the High Prairie hospital, and a review of Alberta's response to the pandemic. Two other reviews focused on medication incidents in Alberta hospitals. Ms. Poloway also was the lead for the development of the *Patient Safety Framework for Albertans*. She was Regional Director of Pharmacy with the former David Thompson Health Region until 2005; under her leadership significant strides in advancing clinical pharmacy, delegation to pharmacy technicians and improvements in medication safety were made. Ms. Poloway served on many APhA/ACP and CSHP committees and was national president of CSHP in 2000. She was the M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year in 1988 and was the recipient of numerous CSHP awards including the CSHP-AB Practitioner Award in 1997, Fellowship status in 1998, the Meritorious Service Award in 2000, and the Distinguished Service Award in 2006.

DIANE REEDER

Diane Reeder is a technical manager at Alberta Health Services Central Production Pharmacy in Calgary. She completed a Pharmacy Technician Program in Ontario in 1985. Ms. Reeder has been very involved with pharmacy

technician association activities provincially and nationally, and has worked extensively with these organizations and associations towards pharmacy technician regulation in Alberta. Ms. Reeder has volunteered with the Pharmacy Technician Society of Alberta (PTSA) as treasurer since 2008, and is a co-chair of the PTSA Regulation Support Committee. A life-long learner, she has completed several pharmacy technician certifications, including certification through the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board of Alberta (PTCB) in 2003 and all the PEBC requirements for registration in 2010.

LORI ROMONKO-SLACK

■ Originally from Saskatchewan, Dr. Lori Romonko-Slack graduated in 1987 from the University of Saskatchewan. She later obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Centre. Dr. Romonko-Slack is currently the Manager of Clinical Practice South & Interprofessional Practice, Pharmacy Services for AHS. She was instrumental in defining the new AHS Clinical Practice Vision and Mission. Dr. Romonko-Slack obtained her additional prescribing authority in 2009, and subsequently co-created the Additional Prescribing Authorization Toolbox to assist other AHS pharmacists in obtaining this authorization. Dr. Romonko-Slack has created and facilitated workshops on pharmaceutical care and evidence-based medicine that are now offered throughout Southern Alberta for AHS pharmacists. She also provides continuing education opportunities outside of AHS.

CHERYL SADOWSKI

■ Dr. Cheryl Sadowski has committed most of her professional career to the growing field of geriatrics. She completed her pharmacy degree at the University of Manitoba, as well as a Doctor of Pharmacy from Wayne State University in Michigan. Since 1999, she has been academically appointed at the University of Alberta teaching and researching in the area of geriatrics. Dr. Sadowski also maintains a clinical practice in geriatrics with the Seniors Clinic at the Misericordia Community Hospital in Edmonton. She was a presidential officer for both the Canadian College of Clinical Pharmacy and CHSP-AB (serving as chair of the Geriatrics Specialty Network). In 2010, Dr. Sadowski and members

of the Seniors Clinic team received the APEX Partners in Practice Award. She is also a recipient of the CSHP Fellow Award, and the CSHP-AB Practitioner Award (both in 2010).

ALAN SAMUELSON

■ Alan Samuelson was instrumental in recognizing and implementing necessary changes within hospital pharmacy. He graduated from the University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy in 1959, and after a few years working in both Calgary and Stettler, he became Director of Pharmacy at the Red Deer General Hospital. During this time, he served on the Committee on Continuing Education of the CSHP. He was also appointed president of CSHP in 1981. In 1972, Mr. Samuelson planned the implementation of both centralized I.V. admixture and unit-dose programs, including smaller hospital centers in his proposal. After years of meetings, the I.V. admixture program was started in 1978. In 1980, the unit-dose system was also phased in. Most recently working as a consultant for the College of Pharmacists of B.C., he was the Project Initiator for the regulation of pharmacy technicians by the College. In 1983, Mr. Samuelson was rewarded with the APhA's Award of Excellence. He is also the recipient of a CSHP Meritorious Service Award (1987) and Distinguished Service Award (1989).

DWAYNE SAMYCIA

■ Dwayne Samycia graduated from the University of Alberta with a pharmacy degree in 1979. The son of pharmacist Myros Samycia (and thus a member of one of Alberta's largest pharmacy dynasties), he eventually took over the family business, Myros Pharmacy, in 1986. Mr. Samycia remained involved with the University of Alberta, working as a teaching assistant and later as Chairman of the Internship Committee. Mr. Samycia donates his time and funds generously to many pharmacy and community initiatives. He was a member of the APhA

Internship and Continuing Education Committees, and served as an APhA councillor in 1985. In 1987, he received the M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year Award. Mr. Samycia was also on the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Pharmacists Society. He currently serves on the Dean's Advisory Council at the University of Alberta.

THERESA SCHINDEL

■ Theresa Schindel graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a B.S.P. in 1986. She moved to Alberta in 1990, working for the Calgary General Hospital as a Clinical Coordinator for several years before taking on management positions with the Calgary Regional Health Authority. In 1996, she joined the University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences as Coordinator of Module Development and Continuing Pharmacy Education, and later Director of Outreach Education/Practice Development in 1998. Ms. Schindel provided direction for many initiatives in this area, including the development of the award-winning PHARMALearn courses. In 2007, she implemented a new direction for professional development to support emerging pharmacist roles and responsibilities in patient care. Since 2010, Ms. Schindel has been the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs within the Faculty. She has also been an active participant with numerous professional organizations and committees, including the CPhA Blueprint for the Future of Pharmacy Task Force, ACP, and CSHP. Ms. Schindel was awarded an ACP Award of Excellence in 2001, a CSHP Life Long Learning recognition in 2004, and was conferred Fellow status by the CSHP in 2002.

HEIDI SCHULZ

■ Heidi Schulz graduated from the pharmacy technician program at Red Deer College in 1987, and has since spent the majority of her professional

practice with the Alberta Cancer Care Network. As a Pharmacy Technical Coordinator at the Cross Cancer Institute (CCI) in Edmonton, she has led numerous projects that have impacted the quality of pharmacy cancer service delivery in Alberta. Ms. Schulz has served as the main chemotherapy trainer at the CCI and lectured at pharmacy technician programs and conferences. She has coordinated the development of, and updated, the former Alberta Cancer Board's Training Manual for the Preparation of Parenteral Cytotoxic Admixtures. She has also been involved in countless initiatives that have advanced and promoted pharmacy technician practice, including being the founding president of the Edmonton Chapter of CAPT, CAPT-AB (which she spearheaded the creation of) and the PTSA. Ms. Schulz was also a key contributor to CAPT-AB work that saw early versions of a voluntary Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice for pharmacy technicians and developed the first website for Alberta pharmacy technicians. In 2007, she received a CAPT-AB Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to her profession.

LARRY SHIPKA

■ After graduating with a pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1964, Larry Shipka worked within a chain store operation, for an independent pharmacist, owned his own pharmacy, and managed the dispensary within a medical clinic. In 1977, he joined the APhA as an Auditor-Inspector. In 1982, he was appointed Registrar-Treasurer. After seven years, he stepped down from the position, and worked as a pharmacy consultant. In 1991, he joined Alberta Health as Director of Pharmacy Services and remained in that position until 1995. There, he pioneered the development and implementation of the first Drug Benefit List. Mr. Shipka then joined Clinical Drug Services & Evaluation with Alberta Blue Cross. He remained with Alberta Blue Cross until his retirement in 2003 as Senior Manager. At present, he is active on committees within ACP. In recognition of his contributions to the profession and his commitment to promoting the value of the pharmacist in the health care team, Mr. Shipka has been honoured with both an APhA Certificate of Merit (1985) and an Honourary Life Membership (1989). In 2001, he received the Alumni Honour Award which recognizes significant contributions made over a number of years by University of Alberta Alumni in their local communities and beyond.

JOHN SHIPLEY

■ In 1946, aspiring photographer John Shipley purchased McDermid Drugs (which contained a photo department with photofinishing service) in Calgary. Mr. Shipley added new, modern equipment and started Shipley Photo Service out of the store. McDermid Drugs subsequently made a name for itself, as ex-service personnel from Australia and England continued to send films for developing after returning to their homelands. The store even received a letter from Warner Bros. in Hollywood, wanting to know the formula being used to produce such high quality black and white photographs. An ambassador of sorts for the pharmacy profession, Mr. Shipley began the custom of taking pictures at annual pharmacy conferences held at various locations, offering his support and services for the success of the conventions. For his contribution to the advancement of the profession through his photography-related endeavors, he was presented with an Honourary Membership to the APhA in 1977.

WILLIAM SHORES

■ William Shores received a combined LL.B. (with distinction) and Masters of Public Management from the University of Alberta in 1986. Previously, he received a B.A. (cum laude) from the University of Alberta in 1981. He was admitted to the Law Society of Alberta in 1988, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2006. Mr. Shores has appeared in all levels of court in the Province of Alberta, and has extensive experience in appearing before the Court of Appeal of Alberta, and before the Court of Queen's Bench. His main areas of practice are administrative and municipal law, which includes representing a number of professional governing bodies, agricultural marketing boards, and other regulatory agencies. Through his work as legal counsel to the APhA and later ACP, Mr. Shores has been instrumental in the development of numerous policies, regulations, and bylaws relating to the pharmacy profession. His efforts contributed to the *Pharmaceutical Profession Act* coming into effect in the mid-1990s, and he was later highly involved in the discussions and regulations surrounding the *Health Professions Act*. Mr. Shores continues to serve as legal counsel to ACP.

RICK SIEMENS

■ Rick Siemens is a clinical pharmacist, certified diabetes educator, and manager of the London Drugs in Lethbridge. He completed his B.Sc. in Biology and then graduated in 1996 with his B.Sc. in Pharmacy. He was one of the first 15 pharmacists in Alberta to be granted additional prescribing privileges, and continues to mentor clinical pharmacists wishing to pursue these privileges for themselves. Using his own practice as an example, he has been able to demonstrate the advantages of using all of pharmacists' skills and knowledge to patients, other health professionals, and the health system as a whole. Mr. Siemens served on the ACP council from 2005-08, and was president in 2008-09. By being an agent of change, both at a practice and a regulatory level, Mr. Siemens has challenged preconceptions of how pharmacy is practised. Mr. Siemens was recognized as Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year in 2008 and Southern Canadian Diabetes Association Health Professional of the Year in 2009. He is also the recipient of numerous London Drugs Patient Focus and Entrepreneur Awards and the 1998 ACP New Horizon Award.

ANNIE SIMPSON

■ In 1900, Annie Simpson became the first woman to enter the Manitoba College of Pharmacy. She obtained the first pharmacy diploma issued to a woman in Western Canada, also winning the Gold Medal for Proficiency and topping her graduating class. In 1902, on a loan of \$500 from her brother, Ms. Simpson then opened Simpson's Drugs in Innisfail, Alberta. She operated the pharmacy until 1914. In 1916, she became the Chief Dispenser at the Calgary General Hospital. Two years later, Ms. Simpson moved to Bassano, where she operated a pharmacy until 1924. Not yet ready to retire, she then ran a pharmacy in Jasper from 1924-38. She has been honoured with a Life Membership to the APHA.

SCOT SIMPSON

■ Dr. Scot Simpson obtained his pharmacy degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1990 and his PharmD from the University of Toronto in 1997. He then moved to Edmonton to complete a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Health Outcomes Research, as well as a Master's of Science in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta in 2000. Part of Dr. Simpson's Fellowship responsibilities was to help coordinate the Study of Cardiac Risk Interventions by Pharmacists (SCRIP). In 2000, he worked as a research associate with the Alliance for Canadian Health Outcomes Research in Diabetes (ACHORD), and in 2004, he joined the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Alberta. In his role as an Associate Professor, he teaches and mentors students while also maintaining a clinical practice at the University of Alberta Hospital. Dr. Simpson continues to play a key role in advancing pharmacy practice through his research, recently completing the Vascular Intervention Program (VIP) study, which supports the role of the pharmacist in primary care.

MARLENE SLIPP

■ Marlene Slipp graduated from the University of Alberta's pharmacy program in 1982. While completing her hospital residency at Victoria Hospital Corporation in London, Ontario, Ms. Slipp developed an innovative "chemo" throat lozenge that was well-received, earning her an Upjohn Fellowship. She later moved back to Alberta, and after working in retail and nursing home settings, she became a hospital pharmacist in Lacombe (1995). Ms. Slipp now divides her time between the hospital and the Central Alberta Pain Clinic. At the Pain Clinic, she plays an innovative and important role, evaluating and counseling patients in person and over the phone, at times eliminating the need for them to have to book a follow-up appointment with a physician. This approach is convenient for the patient, as they are able to resolve most

medication-related concerns with her. It also allows the physician to see more patients. Ms. Slipp is currently completing a prospective outcome study on the effectiveness and cost of this model of care in comparison to the traditional physician-only medication management model of care.

ROBERTA STASYK

■ After graduating from the University of Alberta's pharmacy program in 1979, Roberta Stasyk enjoyed a varied career in community and hospital practice, including 11 years as Director of Pharmacy at the Elk Point Health Centre and a period of time as the Regional Pharmacy Supervisor of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority. Since 2000, Ms. Stasyk has been the Competence Director at ACP. She has led the development and implementation of the Competency Profile for Alberta Pharmacists, the RxCEL Learning Portfolio (including the RxCEL Continuing Professional Development Plan), and the competence assessment program of the ACP. She has played a leading role in continuing education for pharmacists, and her love of learning is evidenced by the fact that she obtained a Masters in Education with a Specialty in Workplace and Adult Learning from the University of Calgary in 2008. Ms. Stasyk led ACP's accreditation process for continuing education programs for many years. She has served on the Alberta branch of the CSHP in various capacities, on the board of the Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy, on NAPRA's National Continuing Competence Program Core Steering Committee, and on the planning committee for the first ever National Continuing Competence Conference. Ms. Stasyk was recognized with the CSHP-AB Practitioner Award in 2000.

JOSEPH STEPA

■ In 1958, Joseph Stepa joined Film Services Alberta Ltd. The photofinishing lab was being operated in Edmonton, in the same building as Armstrong Drugs. Mr. Stepa served as unofficial photographer for various Edmonton-area pharmacy conferences and events, helping to promote the profession by offering photofinishing and photography services. He worked to capture the history of pharmacy in the province, especially via his interviews with and photographs of 50-year APhA members. In 1977, along with John Shipley of Calgary (with

whom he worked closely), Mr. Stepa was awarded an APhA Honorary Membership for his notable photographic contributions to the profession.

JOE TABLER

■ After working in community pharmacy for London Drugs and subsequently in hospital pharmacy for the David Thompson Health Region, Joe Tabler owned and managed The Dispensary Ltd. in Red Deer, which received the W.L. Boddy Pharmacy of the Year Award in 2007. When he opened the pharmacy in 1999, he wanted it to be patient-focused and based on the apothecary model, where compounding medications played a major role. He and his staff employed this age-old art to prepare medications that were more palatable and compatible with patient needs. In 2001, Mr. Tabler received the Bowl of Hygeia Award for service to his community. In 2008, The Dispensary was sold and Mr. Tabler is currently completing a PharmD program. He continues to practise as a clinical pharmacist at The Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary and shares his knowledge and expertise on medical missions to Central America. He has served on the APhA council, including as president. He was also the first president of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA).

MARILYN THORNTON

■ Marilyn Thornton received her pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1964 and later in her career a Master's of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University. She worked in community, hospital and long-term care settings before turning her skills to pharmacy administration in 1978 at the Good Samaritan Society and later as Assistant Registrar at the APhA. Most recently, she was Director of Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences Branch, Alberta Health and Wellness (1999-2009). Earlier in her career, she supported computerization of pharmacy services and implemented multi-dose packaging to improve dispensing and administration of medications, and decrease patient dosing errors. While serving the APhA and ACP, she was instrumental in developing new Standards of Practice for the Pharmacist, as well as the practice review program. In her position with government, Ms. Thornton

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played a pivotal role in the development of the regulations for pharmacists under Alberta's *Health Professions Act*. In 2009, she received an ACP Honourary Life Membership.

ROSS TSUYUKI

■ Dr. Ross Tsuyuki is a pharmacist who has in many ways changed the landscape for pharmacist practice in Alberta and Canada. He is a Professor of Medicine and Director of both the Epidemiology Coordinating and Research (EPICORE) Centre, and the Center for Community Pharmacy Research & Interdisciplinary Strategies (COMPRIS), at the University of Alberta. Dr. Tsuyuki has led numerous pharmacy practice studies, including the Study of Cardiovascular Risk Intervention by Pharmacists (SCRIP), which empowered community pharmacists to work with patients and physicians to optimize dyslipidemia management. He was the first pharmacist invited to be a Primary Panelist for the Canadian Cardiovascular Society, helping to create the Canadian Guidelines for Heart Failure. He has also held office for pharmacy organizations, including the CSHP, the Canadian College of Clinical Pharmacy (of which he was a founding member), and serves as the Chair of the editorial board of the Canadian Pharmacists Journal. Dr. Tsuyuki has received awards for teaching and from professional organizations, including Canadian Pharmacist of the Year (2005) and a Centennial Pharmacists Award (2007) from the CPhA. He has obtained his additional prescribing authorization and practices in an outpatient heart failure clinic.

DEB VAN HAAFTEN

■ Deb Van Haaften has been working in hospital pharmacy since 1988, and has been in a leadership position with the former Capital Health Authority and the current Alberta Health Services for the past 14 years. She is currently the

Executive Director of Pharmacy – Edmonton Zone for AHS. Ms. Van Haaften was instrumental in the development of a new clinical practice model at the University of Alberta Hospital, which endeavored to include a pharmacist as part of every patient care team. She also contributed to the development of the job descriptions and vision for the Clinical Practice Leader roles within the former Capital Health Region. Ms. Van Haaften has also implemented several significant projects within the health system, including pharmacy technology and automation at the University of Alberta Hospital, and Medication Management Accreditation with AHS. She is the recipient of several awards in recognition of her leadership in the profession, including a CSHP-AB Meritorious Service Award (2010) and two Capital Health REACH Awards for Leadership (2002 and 2007). Ms. Van Haaften has also recently completed a Master of Arts degree in Leadership at Royal Roads University.

CLARENCE WEPPLER

■ Clarence Weppler pursued a diverse career since graduating from the University of Alberta in 1972. He worked as staff pharmacist at the Misericordia Hospital before becoming Director of Pharmacy, playing a key role in development of a provincial formulary service and contributing to group purchasing by Alberta hospitals. A strong hospital pharmacy advocate, he served as president of the Alberta Branch, CSHP in 1978, and was registrar for the 1988 CSHP Banff Conference. Mr. Weppler was elected to represent hospital pharmacy on APhA council and served for eight years, including as president in 1985. During this period, Clarence participated on the CPhA Council of Delegates, was elected its first Speaker and is the only person to hold that office for two terms. Mr. Weppler supported the Faculty of Pharmacy by sitting on a Dean Selection Committee and the Planning Committee for Continuing Education. He participated in an External Review Committee for the Red Deer College Pharmacy Technician Program. Mr. Weppler was recognized with the 1989 APhA Award of Excellence for his efforts. He currently serves the College

of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta as manager of two departments – Physician Prescribing Practices and Research Ethics.

JEFFREY WHISSELL

■ Jeffrey Whissell graduated from the University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in 1998. After completing a hospital pharmacy residency, he assumed a series of progressive leadership roles, culminating in his appointment as the Executive Director of Business Operations for Pharmacy Services with AHS. He served as an ACP councillor, and was president in 2006-07 when a new practice framework enabling pharmacist prescribing and administration of injections was approved and implemented. As a passionate advocate of patient care, Mr. Whissell developed relationships both within and external to the profession in order to support pharmacists' contributions to the care of Albertans. He continues to contribute to the leadership and advocacy of the profession through his role as Director of Pharmacy Practice with RxA and as the Chair of the Centennial Committee. As a current PEBC Executive Committee member, and a former member of the CSHP Pharmacist Prescribing Committee and the CPhA Professional Affairs Advisory Committee, he also works at a national level to implement and affect change.

MARGARET WING

■ In 2007, Margaret Wing joined RxA as the Director of Professional Services. In late 2009, she was appointed Interim CEO, and became Chief Executive Officer of RxA in 2010. Through her leadership roles with RxA, Ms. Wing has contributed significantly to the profession of pharmacy in Alberta. She assisted with the delivery of the Administering Injections and Immunizations course and contributed extensively in gaining pharmacist access to the public influenza vaccine in the 2009 public health universal immunization program. Ms. Wing helped execute and oversee the Alberta Pharmacy Practice Models Initiative (PPMI) project, in which close to 190 pharmacists used their knowledge, skills, and education to demonstrate their ability to provide patient care services. For many years, Ms. Wing worked as a practising pharmacist, routinely providing

an exceptional level of care to her patients and embracing the expanded scopes of pharmacist practice to better serve her patients.

DALE WRIGHT

■ Dale Wright obtained her pharmacy degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1979 and holds master's degrees in pharmacology and distance education. Ms. Wright has played a major role in supporting Alberta healthcare professionals through educational initiatives. She was an associate faculty member at the University of Alberta, contributing to development of student clinical experiences and the hospital pharmacy residency program. Continuing education is her passion; she has developed numerous workshops for pharmacists on topics such as antibiotics, lab values, and drug information skills. Her online course, "Using the Internet as a Drug Information Resource", was very popular and spawned a column in the Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal, "Web Wise". She worked closely with ACP to develop and pilot the first version of the Learning Portfolio and education to support its implementation. For many years she served as a reviewer and member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Canadian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy, and as CSHP's representative to CCCEP. She also spent five years as a program developer with Continuing Medical Education at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine. Most recently, Ms. Wright has led numerous stakeholder initiatives as Quality & Safety Initiatives Lead with the Health Quality Council of Alberta. In 1994, Ms. Wright received the M.J. Huston Pharmacist of the Year Award.

NESE YUKSEL

■ Dr. Nese Yuksel completed her pharmacy degree at the University of Alberta in 1988. In 1992, after a hospital pharmacy residency in B.C., Dr. Yuksel completed the PharmD program at State University of New York in Buffalo. She returned to Edmonton, where she joined the Royal Alexandra Hospital as a clinical pharmacist. She became a clinical coordinator in 1993, and participated in the development of clinical programs that moved pharmacists out from the dispensary and into the patient care units. Dr. Yuksel subsequently held various leadership positions with Capital Health (Edmonton) before

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taking a full-time position at the Faculty of Pharmacy in 2004. She contributed greatly towards achieving pharmacist prescribing in Alberta, co-chairing the CSHP Task Force on Pharmacist Prescribing (1999-2002) and serving on ACP's Steering Committee on Independent Prescribing by Pharmacists (2001-03) and Expert Panel on Pharmacists Prescribing (2006-07). Dr. Yuksel was also one of the first pharmacists in Alberta to obtain her additional prescribing authority. A recognized expert in the field of women's health, she earned a North American Menopause Society Certified Menopause Practitioner (NCMP) designation in 2008. Dr. Yuksel has been honoured with various awards, including a Certificate of Recognition and an Award of Excellence from ACP, Fellow status from the CSHP, and a Bristol-Myers Squibb Teaching Excellence Award.

DOREEN ZINYK

■ Doreen Zinyk obtained her pharmacy degree from the University of Alberta in 1958, and went on to work at a variety of pharmacies in Edmonton. In 1974, Ms. Zinyk became the first female president of the APhA (also serving on the Computer Committee Study and the Internship Committee). She had a tremendous interest in continuing education, and played a key role in Alberta becoming the first province to implement mandatory continuing education requirements for pharmacists. She became the Alberta appointee to the Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy (CCCEP) in 1975. She was then elected vice-president in 1977, and president in 1979. Concurrently, she held the position of Continuing Education Coordinator as the appointee of the APhA and the administrative office for the Faculty of Pharmacy. In recognition of Ms. Zinyk's work, the CPhA added the *Doreen Zinyk Memorial Lecture* as a permanent feature of their conference.



ACRONYMS

ACHORD	Alliance for Canadian Health Outcomes Research in Diabetes
ACP	Alberta College of Pharmacists
AHS	Alberta Health Services
AMA	Alberta Medical Association
AMS	Anticoagulation Management Service
APhA	Alberta Pharmaceutical Association
CAPT	Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians
CCAPP	Canadian Council for the Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs
CCCEP	Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy
CCI	Cross Cancer Institute
CPRC	Conference of Pharmacy Registrars of Canada
CPSA	College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta
CSA	Canadian Standards Association
CSHP	Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists
HQCA	Health Quality Council of Alberta
NAPRA	National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities
OSCE	Objective Structured Clinical Exam
PCN	Primary Care Network
PEBC	Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada
PPMI	Pharmacy Practice Models Initiative
PTCB	Pharmacy Technician Certification Board
PTSA	Pharmacy Technician Society of Alberta
RxA	Alberta Pharmacists' Association
SCRIP	Study of Coronary Risk Intervention by Pharmacists
TPP	Triplicate Prescription Program
UBC	University of British Columbia
U of A	University of Alberta

