



COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Eligibility Criteria for CNPBC Board Members

The College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia has the profound responsibility of protection of the public interest by regulating the practice of naturopathic medicine. It is essential that its Board of Directors hold to the highest professional standards of conduct and ethics.

The following guidelines are based on Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, which has been formally adopted by CNPBC.

A member who does not meet these guidelines should not be elected to any office in the College, and their nomination and election could be ruled out of order. Members are urged to consider these issues when making nominations.

The following are the minimal disclosure requirements for nomination and election to CNPBC offices. A registrant accepting nomination must disclose these matters, to the membership, and to the public for scrutiny:

1. Outstanding criminal charges and mandatory disclosure of a history of any criminal convictions.
2. Current citations issued by the Inquiry & Disciplinary Committee and mandatory disclosure of any past citations and findings of the Committee.
3. Outstanding complaints or litigation by the member against the Board or the College.
4. Record of service to the profession and the public; demonstrated capacity for the role.
5. Healthcare related financial interests.
6. Conflicts of interest, real or apparent.

A Director is required to:

1. Act honestly, in good faith and in good conscience.
2. Exercise care, diligence & skill of a reasonably prudent person.
3. Act in the best interest of the College to preserve its integrity and reputation as a servant of the health and well-being of the people of the Province.
4. Exhaust the procedures for relief afforded by the organization before appealing to outside agencies.
5. Avoid misrepresentation of the organization and its officers to outside persons.
6. Disclose information necessary for carrying out the mission of CNPBC.
7. Refrain from unwarranted attacks on peers.
8. Cooperate with the democratic process of the Board. Every member has a voice and a vote, and abides by the majority decision.
9. Never misuse funds, incur unauthorized expenditures or receive expenses without submitting appropriate receipts.
10. Refrain from willful & gross neglect of duty.
11. Always follow the By-Laws and Act regulating the College
12. Confidentiality: A Board member may not reveal any confidential information or discuss *in camera* matters, other than among Board members. A Board member must temper their freedom of speech with discretion and professional behavior when on the Board and after their term is over. 'In camera' sessions and details on voting on specific items are always confidential, except as in the approved minutes of the Board meetings.

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