

BCHPCA Communiqué
February 29, 2016

Key Messages

The BC Hospice Palliative Care Association (BCHPCA) Board of Directors held its quarterly meetings on February 21-22, 2016. The following key messages are provided for circulation throughout the Membership:

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - BCHPCA BOARD of DIRECTOR POSITIONS, BCHPCA is seeking nominations for **Directors at Large** (2 positions) and for three **Regional Directors** for Fraser, Provincial Health Services and Vancouver Island. Changes to BCHPCA's election procedures as a result of the 2015 adoption of the new BCHPCA bylaws mean that while only BCHPCA Members who usually live and/or work in a particular region can nominate Members for the position of Regional Director for that region – the entire BCHPCA membership will vote for the Regional Directors and the Directors-at-Large via mail-in-ballots. Deadline for Nominations is Monday April 4, 2016 <http://bchpca.org/call-for-nominations/>

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – AWARDS BCHPCA is accepting nominations for its annual Awards to be presented at the Awards Luncheon, as part of the BCHPCA CONFERENCE 2016, on Friday May 27, 2016: **the BCHPCA Award of Excellence** and **the BCHPCA Volunteer Award**. BCHPCA is also accepting applications on behalf of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller for their **Awards - Recognizing Enhanced End of Life Care**. Please note that eligibility for these awards is limited to BCHPCA Organizational Members that have charitable status. Deadline for all awards nominations/applications is Monday April 4, 2016. <http://bchpca.org/awards/>

BCHPCA CONFERENCE 2016 – BCHPCA has now finalized the details for its annual conference, entitled **PLANS, PARTNERSHIPS, PROMOTIONS and PRACTICALITIES**, to be held at the Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond on Friday/Saturday, May 27/28, 2016. Online registration and session details will be available on Wednesday March 2, 2016. <http://bchpca.org/events/>

BCHPCA's POSITION on PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DYING – BCHPCA has not changed its (March 30, 2015) position in response to the February 6th Supreme Court decision to invalidate the Criminal Code provisions prohibiting physician assisted dying. <http://bchpca.org/advocacy-news/>

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