

## **BCHPCA Communiqué**

March 3, 2015

### **Key Messages**

The BC Hospice Palliative Care Association (BCHPCA) Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting on February 22-23, 2015. The following key messages are provided for circulation throughout the Membership:

#### **BCHPCA BYLAW REVIEW**

The proposed replacement **BCHPCA Bylaws** are being sent to you for review as a separate email. We have also included a copy of the current bylaws for your information. You are asked to review the replacement bylaws and send any questions to the BCHPCA Office – [ed@bchpca.org](mailto:ed@bchpca.org). We will forward any questions received to our legal advisor (Michael Blatchford of Bull, Housser and Tupper LLP) for clarification. The BCHPCA Board of Directors will recommend approval of these replacement bylaws through a special resolution at the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for May 23, 2015.

#### **BCHPCA CONFERENCE 2015 – *Communities of Care in a Changing World***

Plans are now being finalized for the 2015 BCHPCA Conference to be held at the Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel on Friday/Saturday May 22/23, 2015. Special features to include: Dr. Allan Kellehear (Founder of the UK-based Compassionate Communities Movement) as a keynote speaker and panelist; a Friday evening Dinner/Social event hosted in partnership with the BC Bereavement Helpline and a panel of medical, ethical, legal experts discussing the recent Supreme Court decision on physician-assisted dying. Further information and registration details will be posted on the BCHPCA website very soon.

#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - BCHPCA AWARDS**

BCHPCA is accepting nominations for the following **Awards**, to be presented at the BCHPCA Conference at the Awards Luncheon on Friday May 22, 2015. \*Please note, there are **changes** to the nomination procedures for the Volunteer Award and the Award of Excellence. <http://bchpca.org/awards/>

- Awards Recognizing Enhanced End of Life Care (in partnership with the Sovereign Order of St. John)
- Research Award in Honour of Dr. Michael Downing
- BCHPCA Volunteer Award\*
- BCHPCA Award of Excellence\*
- Completed Nominations must be received at BCHPCA by **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - BCHPCA BOARD of DIRECTORS**

BCHPCA's Nomination Committee is currently finalizing the recruitment plan for BCHPCA Board positions. The official Call for Board Nominations will soon be sent to all voting members.

#### **BCHPCA STATEMENT in RESPONSE to the SUPREME COURT RULING on PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DYING**

The BCHPCA Board is currently reviewing its position as a result of the February 6, 2015 Supreme Court Ruling on physician-assisted dying. The statement will be circulated as soon as it has been approved by the Board...

**For more information please contact your Regional Director or**

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