



Written History Report to PTHBC Committee
April 2015

"The purpose of the PTHBC Committee is to safeguard the history of the valuable work contributed by pioneer Physiotherapists in BC whilst memories and materials are still accessible and to ensure that the best systems are in place to continue the archiving for future generations."

Our aim is to collect, document and preserve the contributions physiotherapists have made to our patients and to our profession in B.C. We have divided our task into written and oral history (please see separate report for the Oral History Committee)

Our official status as a combined Task Force of the Physiotherapy Association of BC (PABC) and the Retired Physiotherapists of BC (RPGBC) has opened doors for us. Since receiving the funding from the PABC Board in September 2014, the project has taken shape.

Like a snowball, the project is gaining size and momentum as it rolls along. Our goal is that by June 11, 2015, we will have received contributions from individuals, each BC Section of CPA Division, Special Interest Groups, Rehab Centres, CPTBC and PABC. These are the steps taken to date to achieve those goals:

1. Sorting of PABC Records

Early PABC Newsletters being scanned

Meetings with Archivists at City of Vancouver Archives and UBC University Archivist and Archivist^[1] UBC Rare Books & Special Collections led to the offer by UBC Archives to scan the box of PABC Newsletter onto a digital memory stick. The hard copies will be returned to PABC. We have reviewed some of the other storage boxes at PABC and re-boxed them.

Much of the history of APMP Part 1 and 11 and of PABC, previously known as BC Branch of CPA is undocumented. We will be accessing some of it through the recording of Oral Histories. The records now presently existing at PABC are available for further research.

We believe that the records at the College of Physical Therapists of BC (CPTBC) are systematically filed and could be accessed for future research.

2. History of Physiotherapy - Documents

We have located several sources of stored documents in private homes and are arranging to have them documented. A number of sources of materials have been identified:

- a) **CPTBC:** Records have been placed within the College in the upgraded filing system
- b) **PABC:** Boxes sorted by Therese Lord, Marilyn Atkins and Margaret Homonnay



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- c) **City of Vancouver Archives:** VGH and CARS (50 boxes donated in the eighties (?))
- d) **Pamela Jeacocke:** VGH at her home for sorting before donation
- e) **Kit Fortune:** At his home, Mrs. Fortune's notes on Re-Entry Program and her career
- f) **Bruce Clark:** Early College (Part 1 APMP) Newsletters, HSA and CARS information
- g) **Charlotte Burns:** Home Care and PABC from 1980's and other documents/photos
- h) **UBC School of Rehabilitation Medicine:** No records have been located
- i) **UBC Archives:** Margaret Hood's Fonds re: Development of the school
- j) **UNBC Archives:** Jane Hudson's Journals
- k) **Margaret Warcup:** Jane Hudson's Boxes at her home
- l) **Nancy Cho:** Alumni and Bursary recipient documentation at her home
- m) **Shirley Lecker:** Collection of Adult Neurology AV and Documents at her home
- n) **Brenda Tillotson:** Olin and son Mark Tillotson are reviewing boxes at their home

3. BC Sections of CPA Divisions

Through CPA, we have contacted the four Chairs of the BC Sections of the CPA Divisions to ask for help with writing up the History in BC. We have received confirmation of a willingness to contribute to the project from each section.

We congratulate **Therese Lord**, who has been working extensively on the history of the Orthopaedic Division. She has forged ahead with a methodology that we will be adapting for the other Divisions and Special Interest Groups to capture past and possibly lost information.

- a) Leadership Division - BC Section - **Nancy Cho** (Chair) plus others
- b) Neuroscience Division - BC Section - **Katty Oishi** (Chair) plus others
- c) Orthopaedic Division - BC Section – **Therese Lord, Kaely MacMillan** as Ed. Coordinator
- d) Sport Physiotherapy Canada - BC Section - **Sarah Smith** (Chair), plus others

4. Request for Individual contributions

We have developed guidelines for individual contributions while leaving the scope and size of the submissions optional. We are asking individuals to search for photos, documents and papers; to write about their career and the people they worked with; and about their life, physiotherapy training and career.

We are asking them, "Tell us who and what created the shifts in our profession from past to present. Connect with others; write the stories around the major changes in workplaces and the growth of special interests."



5. BC Contacts for Interest Groups and early histories - volunteers identified so far:

- a) Acupuncture - **Jilian Scarth**
- b) Women's Hospital (Formally Grace Hospital) – **Jilian Scarth, Lily Eng**
- c) GF Strong – **Sheila Veuger and Sarah Rowe**
- d) Children's Hospital – **Mary Cross**
- e) Paediatrics – **Hilary Crowley, Brigid Gilles, Mary Cross**
- f) Community Stroke Programs – **Linda Hatfield**
- g) Canadian Arthritis Society – **Bruce Clark** plus records in City Archives
- h) Home Care – **Charlotte Burns**
- i) Re-entry Programs – **1970's Kit Fortune? (RF deceased) +1980's Patricia Grohne**
- j) Healing Touch and Hospice – **Sue Hurd, Rochelle Graham, Ginny Mulhall**
- k) Disabled Riding – **Marion Slatter Biltstein**
- l) Disabled Skiing – **Sue Hamilton**

6. History of Health Sciences Association (HSA)

Early history and formation: **Madge Wiesman** (through her Oral History)

Ongoing plus research at HSA offices: **Agnes Jackman**

7. PABC Facebook Submissions

Our thanks go to **Rhona Burslem** for finding old photos and adding interesting captions for Fiona Chiu, PABC Librarian to post on PABC Facebook.

8. PABC Forum

We submitted an ad for the Forum Program and **Therese Lord, Jilian Scarth, Brigid Gillis** and **Patricia Grohne** manned a History Table during the forum on April 25, 2015.

Thirty new volunteers signed up to assist with the History Project.

9. Retired Physiotherapists Group

The Retired Physiotherapists Group is organizing the second annual Gathering at Hycroft on June 11, 2015. They have asked the Physiotherapy History of BC Committee to present an update to the 75 registrants.

We are documenting our process and are in contact with Dr. Barbara Richardson who will be chairing a History networking event at 2015 WCPT Congress. She has agreed to add us to the distribution list following the Congress.



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10. Funding for History Project

Brenda Tillotson, before she passed away, gave PABC \$700 for the History Project. We are very grateful and would like to put this money towards something more tangible than stamps. Perhaps it could be the beginning of a fund for a History Website.

Our special thanks go to Rebecca Bing Tunnacliffe and the Board of PABC, for making this project possible, both financially and administratively. PABC gave us \$2,054 in September 2014. These funds were kept in the PABC bank account with a line item in the ledger for PTHBC. We used this money for purchase of the recording equipment, travel expenses, and modest office supplies (e.g. new boxes for the PABC Archives)

Rebecca has given us the good news that the PABC Board have just approved funding from their 2015 Budget for \$2,066 at the recent board meeting following the AGM. We will use these funds for DropBox, master audio back up, travel costs and transfer costs for older technology audiovisual teaching materials (e.g. videocassette, VHS and photos/slides to digital form).

Thank you to everyone.
Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Grohne,
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