



# The Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association

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## **Dear Member:**

Enclosed in this mailing you will find three documents:

- 1) Explanation Document for the *DRAFT Pharmaceutical Regulations Policy Document*
- 2) A Ballot to vote for the *DRAFT Pharmaceutical Regulations Policy Document*
- 3) An excerpt from the Bylaws describing the mail-in voting procedures.

The Explanation Document highlights the differences and other important issues between the second *Regulations Discussion Document* and the *DRAFT Pharmaceutical Regulations Policy Document* (dated December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 and distributed to all members on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007). It is important to review the entire *DRAFT Pharmaceutical Regulations Policy Document*, as this is the document you are being asked to vote upon using the enclosed ballot.

The MPhA has provided many opportunities for pharmacists and other individuals to participate in the development of the regulations and have reviewed the comments received. The Council approved a draft document that responded to many of the concerns expressed by pharmacists while respecting the public protection role of MPhA. The Explanation Document also describes the next steps in the process to implement the new *Pharmaceutical Act*.

A voting process needs to ensure that only members (licensed pharmacists) vote and only vote once. However, I can assure you as you fill out the ballot and forward it to the MPhA office, your vote will not be known by anyone. The ballot envelope that is signed is opened and placed in the ballot counting process in a manner that makes it impossible to know how an individual member has voted. As per the vote counting for an election, I will appoint a Committee of members for the purpose of counting the votes and recording the outcome. Those members who have previously observed the vote counting process at the MPhA can confirm that the knowledge of how a member votes is not known to the ballot counting Committee or any official or staff person of the MPhA.

**Ballots must be returned to the office of the MPhA by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

Thank you for your commitment and I look forward to revealing the ballot results to all members shortly after the votes are counted.

Yours truly,

Pat Trozzo, President

*M.Ph.A. Mission:*

*To protect the health and well being of the public by ensuring and promoting safe, effective and progressive pharmacy practice.*