

Year	Canada-BC Events	Changes to the Board
1917	Jan 1 - Workmen's Compensation Act comes into effect.	Jan 8 - Board has first meeting: E.S.H. Winn (Chair), Parker Williams, Hugh B. Gilmour.
	Fed Gov: Robert Laird Borden, Unionist majority.	Dr. G. A. B. Hall is Chief Medical Referee.
	BC Gov: Harlan Carey Brewster, Liberal	
	Women get the vote, in B.C.	
1918	BC Gov: John Oliver, Liberal	
1919	World War 1 ends.	
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1921	Band-Aid adhesive bandages first available.	
	Bacillus Calmette-Guerin tuberculosis vaccine developed.	
	Fed Gov: W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal minority.	
1922		Dr. D.J. Millar joins as Chief Medical Referee, replacing Dr. G.A.B. Hall (resigned).
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1925	Fed Gov: W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal minority.	
1926	Old Age Pension begins.	Dr. John Nay joins as Chief Medical Officer, replacing Dr. D.J. Millar (resigned).
	Fed Gov: W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal majority.	
1927	BC Gov: John Duncan MacLean, Liberal	
1928	Penicillin discovered.	
	BC Gov: Simon Fraser Tolmie, Conservative	
1929	Stock Market crashes, Great Depression begins.	
1930	Fed Gov: R. B. Bennett, Conservative majority.	
	Sulphonamides developed - cured infectious diseases such as pneumonia.	
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1933	BC Gov: Thomas Dufferin Pattullo, Liberal	
1934		Commissioner Hugh B. Gilmour dies Jan. 23rd. J.H. Pillsbury joins the Board as Commissioner.
1935	Fed Gov: W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal majority.	
	Federal government introduces: 8-hour day; 6-day work week; minimum wage; and unemployment insurance.	
1936	Recovery from Great Depression begins, slowly.	
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1939	World War II begins.	
1940	First Royal Commission into WCB begins (Sloan).	
	Fed Gov: W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal majority.	
1941	BC Gov: John Hart, Coalition	
1942	<i>Sloan Report on the WCB</i> delivered.	
1943	Penicillin now a usable drug.	Chris W. Pritchard joins Board, replacing Parker Williams (retired).
1944	Streptomycin antibiotic for TB	
1945	World War II ends.	George M. Williscroft joins Board, replacing J.H. Pillsbury (retired).
	Fed Gov: W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal majority.	
1946		Adam Bell joins Board as Chair, replacing E.S.H. Winn (retired). Dr. John F. Haszard becomes Chief Medical Officer, replacing Dr. John Nay.
1947	BC Gov: Byron Ingemar Johnson, Coalition	
1948		E.V. Ablett joins Board, replacing George M. Williscroft (resigned). Dr. Giles B. Murphy becomes Acting Chief Medical Officer.
1949	Fed Gov: Louis St. Laurent, Liberal majority.	
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1952	<i>Sloan Report on the WCB</i> delivered (2nd Royal Commission).	
	First open heart surgery.	
	BC Gov: W.A.C. Bennett, Social Credit	
1953	Fed Gov: Louis St. Laurent, Liberal majority.	
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1955		J.E. Eades joins Board as Chair, replacing Adam Bell (retired).
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1966	<i>Tysoe Report on the WCB</i> delivered.	
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1968	Fed Gov: Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Liberal majority.	Cyril White joins Board as Chair, replacing J.E. Eades (retired). R.B. Carpenter joins Board, replacing George E.V. Ablett (deceased).
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1972	Fed Gov: Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Liberal minority. BC Gov: David Barrett, NDP	
1973		Terence G. Ison joins Board as Chair, replacing Cyril White (retired). G. Kowbel joins Board, replacing Hector Wright (retired). T.R. Watt joins Board, replacing R.B. Carpenter (retired).
1974	Heimlich maneuver developed.	
	Fed Gov: Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Liberal majority.	
1975	BC Gov: W.R. (Bill) Bennett, Social Credit	J.P. Berry joins Board as Vice-Chair, replacing Terence G. Ison.
1976	Commission of Inquiry - P.S. Ross and Partners. Commission of Inquiry - Eckler, Brown, Segal & Co.	
1977	Leslie R. Peterson Rehabilitation Centre in Richmond completed.	Appointments rescinded: John Berry, George Kowbel and Terrence Watt. Appointed: Dr. Adam S. Little (Chair), Jerome B. Paradis (Vice-chair), Sam H. Brown and Dennis Davis.
1978	Magnetic Resonance Imaging first available for use	
1979	Fed Gov: Joe Clark, Conservative minority.	Resigned: Jerome B. Paradis and Dennis Davis.
1980	Fed Gov: Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Liberal majority.	Appointed: Joe Miyazawa and Mike Parr. Resigned: Sam Brown.
1981		Art Gibbons joins Board as Chair, replacing Dr. Adam Little (retired). Bob Bucher joins Board, replacing Joe Miyazawa (appointment rescinded).
1982	Manuals to be compiled & readily understandable by the public; no unpublished policies to be used - Prevention, Compensation & Assessments.	Appointed: Glenn Hall and Herb Scollan.
	New Administration building in Richmond completed. Staff move in in November.	
	"Year of restraint" - staff cut, expenses reduced \$2.5 million.	
1983		Walter Flesher joins Board as Chair, replacing Art Gibbons (resigned).
1984	Fed Gov: Brian Mulroney, Conservative majority.	Retired: Mike Parr. Appointed: Joan Nutter and Beverley Korman.
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1986	BC Gov: W.N. (Bill) Vander Zalm, Social Credit	Glenn Hall acting as Chair, replacing Walter Flesher (resigned). J.A. Nielsen joins as Chair, replacing Glenn Hall (resigned).
1987	WCB receives awards: IAIABC award for Excellence in Occupational Safety and Health; AASCIF awards for brochures and video productions.	
	Access Ability program introduced.	
1988	WCB receives IAIABC award for Excellence in Occupational Safety and Health (2nd year).	Erik Wood joins the Board.
	Fed Gov: Brian Mulroney, Conservative majority.	
1989		F.W. (Bill) Greer joins as Chair, replacing J.A. Nielsen (resigned).
1990	MEMO, first WCB e-mail system, implemented.	New governing body - Board of Governors. Employer rep's; Elyne Johnson, Paul Kostuik, Murray A. Farmer, James G. Matkin, John St. C. Ross. Worker rep's; Peter S. Cameron, Leif Hansen, Angela I. Schira, Stanley J. Shewaga, Len Werden. James E. Dorsey, Chair of Board of Governors.
1991	Granville building purchased.	Robert Hugh Buckley joins, replacing Paul Kostuik (resigned).
	<i>Workers' Compensation in British Columbia: An Administrative Inventory in a Time of Transition</i> ; Hunt, Barth and Leahy.	Public Interest rep's; Dr. Bonnie Jean Hayes, Mark Thompson. President: Kenneth M. Dye.
	BC Gov: Mike Harcourt, NDP.	Chief Appeal Commissioner: Connie Munro. Commissioners severed; Bill Greer, Joan Nutter, Beverley Korman Erik Wood becomes Vice-Chairman of the Review Board.
1992		Maureen Whelan joins, replacing Peter Cameron (resigned).
1993	Mandatory coverage extended to all employers and workers in B.C, except those exempted by order of the Board.	Murray A. Farmer and John St. C. Ross complete their terms, James G. Matkin resigns. New Employer Representative Governors are; Richard Baker, R.J. (Ray) Marquis and Horst Sander. President Kenneth M. Dye retired.
	Fed Gov: Jean Chrétien, Liberal majority.	Dale Parker hired as President.
1994		Claude G. Heywood joins the Board as Interim Chair, replacing James E. Dorsey (resigned). Gary A. Moser joins, replacing Robert H. Buckley (completed). Colleen Jordan joins, replacing Maureen Whelan (completed).
1995		Panel of Administrators replaces Board of Governors. Panel: Lee Doney, Chair; Wolfgang Zimmerman; Douglas Kerley; Cindy Morton.
1996	BC Gov: Glen Clark, NDP.	Vince Collins joins as Chair, replacing Lee Doney. Cindy Morton resigns from Panel. Maureen Nicholls joins as Chief Appeal Commissioner, replacing Connie Munro (resigned).
1997	Fed Gov: Jean Chrétien, Liberal majority.	Don Cott joins as Chair, replacing Vince Collins. Douglas Kerley dies. Eric Mitterdorfer, George Heyman and Valerie Mitchell join Panel. Dale Parker resigns as President.
1998		Ralph McGinn becomes President. Claire Dansereau joins Panel.
2000	Fed Gov: Jean Chrétien, Liberal majority.	Maureen Nicholls joins as Chair, replacing Don Cott (resigned). Valerie Mitchell and Claire Dansereau resign from Panel. Margaret Arthur joins Panel. John Steeves, Chief Appeal Commissioner replaces Maureen Nicholls.
2001	BC Gov: Gordon Campbell, Liberal.	Eric Mitterdorfer, George Heyman, Wolfgang Zimmerman and Margaret Arthur resign from Panel.
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