

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS December 5 and 6, 2022

Proposal to Eliminate Refraction Designations and Standard 8

The Clinical Practice Committee is proposing that the board eliminate refraction designations and the corresponding standard on refraction (Standard 8). The board determined that this proposal should be circulated to registrants and other stakeholders for feedback. Once feedback is received the committee will review it and make recommendations to the board at the June meeting.

Changes to the Competency Review and Evaluation Process

The board approved changes to the Competency Review and Evaluation (CRE) process that will come into effect for the 2024 calendar year. Beginning in 2024, the Multi-Source Feedback process will be eliminated and instead, a percentage of registrants will be randomly selected to undergo a Peer and Practice Assessment.

Board Governance

The COO Board of Directors follows a Policy Governance model that includes reviewing its policies on a regular basis to make sure they remain up to date and relevant and receiving regular monitoring reports to monitor organizational risk and performance. This quarter the board reviewed the following policies:

- The Corporate Identity, Public Image and Communications Policy
- The Board Strategic Agenda and Work Plan Policy
- The Director Job Description Policy

The Registrar, CEO presented the following monitoring reports:

- The Reserves Policy Monitoring Report
- The Investment Policy Monitoring Report
- The Registrant Relations Policy Monitoring Report

The Board directly monitored its compliance with the following policy:

- The Board Code of Conduct Monitoring Report

The board approved the Pre-Election/ Pre-Appointment Screening Process Policy, a new policy, which outlines the process for screening board and appointed members.

Reducing Overlap between Board and Committees

The board approved changes to the committee composition requirements to reduce overlap between board and committees.

Election of the 2023 Executive Committee

The board elected the following individuals to the Executive Committee for 2023:

- Stephen Kinsella, Chair, Public Member
- Derick Summers, Vice-Chair, Elected Member
- Kevin Cloutier, RO, Elected Member
- Peggy Judge, Public Member
- Tonya Nahmabin, RO, Elected Member

Election of the National Examinations Committee (NEC) Representative

The board held its annual election for a National Examinations Committee (NEC) Representative. The NEC is a subcommittee of the National Alliance of Canadian Optician Regulator (NACOR). Each NACOR member may send a representative to sit on the NEC. The NEC representative approves the examination on behalf of the Board. Rob Vezina was elected as the NEC representative for the 2023 year.

Extension of COVID-19 addendums to the Contact Lens Fitting Policy and the Contact Lens Mentor Policy

The board approved the extension to the addendums to the Contact lens Fitting Policy and the Contact Lens Mentor Policy to December 31, 2023. These addendums permit students to perform up to 25% of their required eyeglass fits on a peer-to-peer basis, and permit eligible opticians holding academic positions to qualify as contact lens mentors.

Financial Reports

The board approved the financial variance report, the 2023 budget, and selected Grewal Guyatt as the auditor for the 2022 fiscal year.