

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS September 23, 2024

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### Registration Policies

The Board approved the following changes, reflecting the new Registration Regulation as of July 1, 2024.

- **Labour Mobility Policy:** The Board approved amendments to the Mutual Recognition Agreement Policy / Labour Mobility Policy. The Labour Mobility policy will replace the existing mutual recognition policy. The updated policy aligns with the college's new Registration Regulation and clarifies existing requirements. The existing mutual recognition agreement remains unchanged.
- **Examinations and Upgrading policy:** The board approved changes to the Examination and Upgrading Policy which was revised to align with the requirements and changes of the new regulation noted above, namely the examination eligibility criteria for accredited and unaccredited program candidates, examination attempts, and student registration.
- **Non-Practicing Status for Registered Opticians:** The board-approved changes to the policy that reflect the new Registration Regulation. Amendments outline the process to request and lift the Non-practicing Status, define the terms of the undertaking, and outline the currency of practice requirements for opticians holding the non-practicing status.
- **Acceptance of Quality Assurance Program Compliance from other Canadian Provinces:** The Board approved the decision to rescind the policy on Acceptance of Quality Assurance Program Compliance from other Canadian Provinces, as it is no longer required. On July 1, 2024, a new Registration Regulation came into force which no longer requires evidence of QA compliance as a condition for reinstatement. Instead, the new regulation stipulates that to reinstate a certificate of registration that was suspended, the Registrar must be satisfied that the registrant will comply with any outstanding orders or requirements of the QA committees.

### Remote Peer and Practice Assessment Fees

The board approved a reduction in the fees for Peer and Practice Assessments (PPA) from \$850 to \$450. Fees for onsite PPAs remain the same at \$850. The fee applies only to registrants who are ordered to undergo a PPA by the Quality Assurance Committee because of non-compliance with the Quality Assurance Program, or by another Committee of the College, or the Registrar. The fee does not apply to registrants randomly selected to undergo a PPA.

### Board Governance

The Board reviews policies quarterly on a schedule set out in the Governance Manual. In keeping with the schedule, the four policies were reviewed. No changes were made to the Pre-election training module policy. Minor updates were approved for the remaining three policies:

- Asset Protection Policy

- Patient Relations Terms of Reference and Mandate Policy
- ICRC terms of reference and mandate policy

### **Inactive Class Eligibility to Run for board elections, vote in elections, and hold a seat on a committee**

The board approved the eligibility of inactive class members to vote in Elections. Privileges such as running for board elections or holding a seat on a committee are reserved for Opticians who hold a certificate of practice.

### **Monitoring Reports**

The following monitoring reports were presented by the Registrar:

- Strategic Outcomes Policy Monitoring Report
- Technology and Cyber Security Monitoring Report
- Asset Protect Policy Monitoring Report

The Board heard from a fellow board member on the Governance Board Terms of Reference Monitoring Report.

### **Financial Reports**

The board approved the financial variance report to June 31, 2024, and approved Grewal Guyatt as the auditor for 2024.