

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 30, 2017

Welcome

Mr. Tim Wallner was welcomed as the College's newest appointed member. All attendees were welcomed, including those joining via livestreamed webinar.

Election of the 2017 Executive Committee

Council elected the 2017 Executive Committee:

Mr. David Milne (public member) – President
Ms. Ingrid Koenig (elected member) – Vice-President
Bryan Todd (elected member)
Rob Vezina (elected member)
Omar Farouk (public member)

Registration Regulation

Council approved proposed amendments to the Registration Regulation. The changes were originally circulated to members, stakeholders and the public in 2015. As a result of that feedback, additional changes to the Regulation were proposed and it was re-circulated for feedback in 2016. The new Regulation sets out many changes, including introducing a new inactive class of registration, eliminating student registration, changes to registration requirements, and a new currency requirement for registered opticians. The Regulation will be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for approval.

Contact Lens Fitting Policy

Council approved changes to the Contact Lens Fitting Policy, which will come into effect on September 1, 2017. The revised policy will provide more guidance to educators and students on completing required contact lens fitting experience.

Contact Lens Mentor Policy

Council approved changes to the Contact Lens Mentor Policy. The new Policy will require members with Certified Contact Lens Fitter (CCLF) designation to declare their currency and register with the College as hard and/or soft contact lens mentors. The new policy comes into effect on September 1, 2017.

Proposed By-law re Disclosure of Charges

Council approved, in principal, proposed By-law amendments that would require members to disclose any current federal or *Health Insurance Act* charges against them, including changes to the charges. The recommended changes will be circulated to members, stakeholders and the public for feedback.

Quality Assurance Fees Recommendation

Council approved, in principle, adding QA program fees to the College By-laws. The fees would be charged to members who do not comply with the QA program requirements as a cost recovery measure when additional staff and committee resources are required due to QA deficiencies. The proposed program fees will be sent out to members, stakeholders and the public for feedback.

Joint Record Keeping

Council approved the jointly developed record keeping guidelines document, "Records: Optometrists and Opticians Working Together". The guideline explains the record keeping and record transfer obligations of each professional.

Governance Committee Survey Results

Council were presented with the survey results of the Council member self-evaluations completed as part of a comprehensive governance review of the College. Recommendations stemming from the survey were discussed and incorporated into the strategic planning session that Council participated in the following day.

Public Awareness Campaign

Council received a presentation on the public awareness campaign that the College is involved in through the Opticians Council of Canada.

Strategic Plan

Council reviewed an update on the status of action items stemming from the College's Strategic Plan.

Note – On January 31, 2017 Council engaged in a Strategic Planning session. The updated plan will be finalized in May 2017.

2017 Budget

Council approved the budget for 2017.

Committee Slate 2017

Council determined the composition for all committees for 2017. The new committee composition information can be found on the College website here: <http://www.coptont.org/ABOUT/committees.php>.

College Representatives – 2017

The following representatives were elected for 2017:

Georgian and Seneca Advisory Committee
National Examinations Committee
Chief Examiner for Ontario

Fazal Khan, Registrar
Rob Vezina, Elected Member
Peggy Dreyer, Elected Member