

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, September 28, 2015

Professional Misconduct Regulation

Council reviewed stakeholder feedback received on the Professional Misconduct Regulation. No substantial changes to the revised document were proposed. The Regulation will be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for approval.

By-law Amendments

Council reviewed stakeholder feedback received on proposed changes to the College By-laws (life membership, council/administrative, and the public register), and the recommendations of the Governance Committee resulting from that feedback. Council passed a motion instituting the changes as recommended by the Governance Committee.

Standards of Practice

Council approved revisions to the Standards of Practice and a new Practice Guidelines document. The Practice Guidelines accompany the Standards in an effort to assist opticians in safe and ethical decision making. The Standards and Guidelines documents had been sent out for stakeholder consultation over the summer.

Policy on Payment of Honoraria

Council approved revisions to the *Policy on Payment of Honoraria and Expenses for Council and Committee Members*.

Clinic Regulation

Council determined that the College will join nine other RHPA Colleges in the clinic regulation project that is currently underway as part of phase II of the transparency initiative. The goal of the project is to establish new legislation that will provide oversight and accountability to otherwise unregulated entities (clinics). The College will be reaching out to optician members and members of the public for input on this project in the coming months.

Council Transparency and Stakeholder Engagement

Going forward, Council materials (including briefing notes, memos, project information, and supporting documentation) will be made available to anyone who requests it in advance of upcoming Council meetings. These documents will be available in addition to the agenda, highlights and approved minutes which are currently posted on the website.

Council will also engage in a pilot test, broadcasting an upcoming Council meeting via webinar. This will allow opticians living outside of the GTA with an opportunity to attend the event virtually.

Opticians Council of Canada (OCC) – Love Your Eyes Campaign

The College will no longer be participating in the Love Your Eyes campaign until a formal policy is agreed upon with the OCC regarding the involvement of corporate sponsorship. Concerns were raised that the direction of the campaign may be deviating from the initial goal of educating the public.

Committee Appointments

With the departure of Janice Schmidt from Council, Mike Smart was appointed to the vacant positions on the Executive Committee and the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee.

Strategic Plan Progress Update

Council reviewed a status update on the College's progress in fulfilling its Strategic Plan.