

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 27 and 28, 2019

Council Approves College Financial Reports

Council approved the Year-to-date Financial Variance Report and the 2018 Audited Financial Statements.

New Executive Committee Elected by Council

Council elected some new members to the Executive Committee. The composition of new Executive Committee, effective as of June 22 is:

Mr. Bryan Todd (elected member) – President
Mr. Omar Farouk (public member) – Vice-President
Ms. Ingrid Koenig (elected member)
Ms. Jacalyn Cop-Rasmussen (public member)
Ms. Dorina Reiz (elected member)

New National Competencies for Canadian Opticians Redefine Benchmarks After Extensive Stakeholder Feedback

The Council approved an updated version of the National Competencies for Canadian Opticians (4th ed). The competencies are the entry-to-practice benchmarks taught by accredited educational programs and tested at the national opticianry exams. 1700 Canadian opticians, 679 from Ontario, participated in a survey to verify the validity of the new competencies.

By-Law Amendments Simplify Information Displayed on the Public Register

Council considered stakeholder feedback about proposed by-law changes, and several by-law amendments were passed by Council altering the information on the public register. The amendments simplify the information and make it more consistent with the Regulated Health Professions Act. The following information on the public register will be adjusted:

- Charges, findings of guilt, and bail conditions
- Undertakings
- Discipline findings outside of Ontario
- Licences in other professions and/or outside of Ontario

Council Approves Alternatives to Posting Home Addresses on The Public Register

Council discussed the use of home addresses on the public register and approved expanding the list of options. Registrants should contact the College to determine an appropriate alternative if they have questions.

Changes to Council Meeting Schedule

Council approved the following changes to its upcoming meeting schedule:

- 1) The 2019 October meeting will be a day and a half on October 7 and 8

- 2) The 2019 December meeting will be a day and a half, on December 2 and 3
- 3) The first meeting of 2020, will take place in February instead of January

Quality Assurance Non-Compliance Policy and Flow Chart

Council approved a draft Quality Assurance (QA) Non-Compliance Policy and Flow Chart for stakeholder feedback. The draft QA non-compliance policy and flow chart outline QA program requirements and the College's approach to member non-compliance. Both documents were developed by the QA Committee after reviewing current levels of member non-compliance with the QA program.

The policy requires members to upload and report their QA requirements to the Member Portal every year by December 31. Members who do not upload and report the minimum QA requirements by December 31 will be reviewed by the QA Committee. This could result in a referral for a Peer and Practice Assessment (at the member's cost) and/or a referral to the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee.

The draft QA Non-Compliance Policy and Flow Chart will be sent out to members for feedback shortly.

Desired Competencies for Council Candidates Approved

The Council approved a list of desired Council member competencies and attributes, to be sent out this fall as part of the Council election guidelines package. These are not mandatory, and candidates do not have to meet these criteria to be elected. They are meant as a tool to help opticians decide whether to seek election or nominate another optician for election to Council. Not every Council member is expected to have all competencies and attributes. The list includes:

- Governance and/or board experience
- Leadership experience and/or skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Strategic thinking
- Financial literacy
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrated commitment to the College's public protection mandate
- Diversity

Accreditation Policy Changes: Removal of the Refraction (RF) CE Category

The Council approved changes to the accreditation policy for continuing education (CE), including the removal of refraction (RF) from the list of accreditation categories. All CE courses relating to refracting will now also have contact lens and eyeglass accreditation (EG/CL/RF).

Ministry Feedback on Draft Registration Regulation Considered by Council

Council approved the Registration Committee's response to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) feedback on the draft Registration Regulation. The MOHLTC recommended some minor changes to the draft regulation, which Council supports, including:

- Moving certain details about registration information provided by applicants to by-law
- Creating a policy defining how incapacity issues would be dealt with
- Retaining the immigration status requirement for interns
- Clarifying the circumstances where the Registration Committee can extend/renew an intern certificate beyond three years
- Simplifying the process for a registrant to move from an "active" to an "inactive" class of registration.

Council Supports the Governance Committee’s review of CNO Governance Vision 2020

The Governance Committee will continue to explore the CNO’s [Governance Vision 2020](#) and will recommend a blueprint for governance transformation of the COO, and will draft a letter to the MOHLTC describing the COO’s level of support.