

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS October 7 - 8, 2019

Council Approves College Financial Reports

Council approved the Year-to-date Financial Variance Report.

Changes to the Quality Assurance Program Proposed

In 2019, the College began reviewing the current Quality Assurance (QA) program, which has been in place for the last five years. Based on feedback from Registered Opticians and the direction from committee and council, several changes to the QA program are being proposed including streamlining the portfolio forms, adopting a new accredited education category called Professional Growth (PG), reorganizing the required CE hours, inclusion of the Jurisprudence module in the required hours and a transition plan for 2020. The proposed changes are being circulated for further stakeholder feedback.

Revised Standards of Practice Draft Approved

Council approved changes to the draft Standards of Practice, which will be circulated for feedback. The proposed changes are the result of consideration of global trends in opticianry regulation, risk of harm data, and feedback from consultations with registrants, stakeholders in the optical industry, association members and educational participants.

Changes to Council Composition

The College of Opticians of Ontario welcomed two recently appointed Public Members Mr. Stephen Kinsella and Mr. Jack Zwicker.

Mr. David Milne's term ended on September 28, 2019. We thank Mr. Milne for his hard work and commitment to the College since 2010.

Governance Policy Implementation

The College continues to work on updates to the Governance manual. Some of the highlights of our work at the recent council meeting include:

- The approval of a strategic agenda to monitor council workplans throughout the year
- A governance working group training session
- Approval of the following policies: Strategic Outcomes, Organizational Shared Values, CEO Performance Evaluation, Council Effectiveness Self-evaluation Process (amended) and the Council Decision-making Policy (amended).

Desired Competencies for Appointed Member Candidates Approved

Council approved a framework of desired competencies and attributes which will be used to evaluate Appointed Member candidates this fall.

Council Supports the CNO Governance Vision 2020

Council approved a letter to the Ministry of Health in support of the College of Nurses of Ontario's Governance Vision 2020.

Strategic Plan

Council approved the Colleges' 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, which outlines three strategic priorities:

- 1) To modernize how the College regulates the dispensing of eyewear in light of changing technology in the practice environment and changing patient preferences.
- 2) To transform our governance framework and organizational processes to increase efficiency and public trust.
- 3) To enhance the College's effectiveness and trustworthiness through improved stakeholder awareness and engagement.

Diversity and Inclusion Presentation

Three speakers from Ernst and Young made a presentation to the COO Council about Diversity and Inclusion. Council has identified diversity and inclusion as a goal in its 2020 – 2022 strategic plan.