

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, September 29, 2014

Introduction of New Council Members

Ms. Susan Carlyle was welcomed as the College's new public Council member. Ms. Carlyle was appointed in August 2014 and will serve a three year term. Council appointed Ms. Carlyle to the Governance Committee effective immediately and for the remainder of 2014.

In Camera Session

Pursuant to the RHPA, Schedule 2, Section 7 (e), a portion of the meeting was closed to the public while Council discussed confidential matters.

Financial Report

Council reviewed the College's year to date financial report of operational revenue and expenditures and deemed it satisfactory.

Registrar's Report

The Registrar gave an update on the status of the upcoming Council elections. He informed Council that in-house legal counsel was developing a proposed regulation for treating spouses (Bill 70) and a new professional misconduct regulation. Mr. Khan noted that further work to the newly developed draft Strategic Plan will be conducted by Council following the meeting.

Committee Reports

The chairpersons of each College committee provided an update to Council on the work of each of their respective groups.

Approval of Revised Reinstatement Policy

Council received a revised version of the COO Reinstatement Policy which was amended by the Registration Committee. The policy was amended to allow for a more individualized approach to reinstating members following a three year hiatus from practice, including a greater focus on the assessment of an individual's competency. Council approved the revised policy.

Updated Eyeglass and Contact Lens Standards

The College approved in principle the amendments to the sections of the Standards of Practice relating to Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses. The entire Standards document is under review and council hopes to bring the revised document to the December Council meeting for review and approval to distribute for stakeholder feedback.

Council Minutes/ Highlights

In an effort to increase transparency, Council determined that more information on business transacted at Council meetings should be made available to the public. It was decided that:

- 1. The Council meeting agenda be posted on the College website ahead of the meeting
- 2. Highlights of Council meetings will be posted on the College website following the meeting

3. Council meeting minutes will be posted on the website following Council approval

Contingency Fund for Internet Unauthorized Practice

Council approved the re-allocation of \$250,000 into a contingency fund to assist in combatting illegal dispensing via the internet.