

# SEPTEMBER 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

*As recorded following Council's regularly scheduled meeting held at the College offices on September 19th and 20th, 2016.*

## **NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTED BY COUNCIL FOR 2016-2017 COUNCIL TERM**

At the September meeting, Mr. Régis Vaillancourt was acclaimed College President and Ms. Christine Donaldson was acclaimed Vice-President for the 2016-2017 Council terms.

Council also welcomed newly elected members Mr. Billy Cheung, Mr. James Morrison and Mr. Sony Poulou (District L), Ms. Tracey Phillips (District K), and newly appointed public member, Ms. Carol-Ann Cushnie (Toronto), to the Council table. Mr. Esmail Merani was re-elected to District K, Ms. Michelle Filo to District T and Mr. Goran Petrovic to District TH.

Elections were also held for Committee Chairs and a full list of 2016-2017 Council members as well as a complete list of Committee Chairs and appointments can be found on the [College website](#).

## **2017 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET AND AUDITOR APPOINTMENT**

Council reviewed and approved the 2017 budget, which supports the strategic plan (2015 – 2018) developed by Council in March

2015 and the Operational Plan presented to Council in June 2015. The Plan affirms transparency, accountability and excellence as values and codifies Patients First, Effective Communication and Continuous Quality Improvement as strategic initiatives. The 2017 budget reflects the respective expenses in accordance with operational accountabilities.

As a result of continued growth in membership and moderate increases in expenses for 2017, no fee increases are required. Operating expenses are budgeted to equal revenue; capital expenditures will be funded by reserves if no operating surplus materializes throughout 2017.

Council also approved the appointment of Clarke Henning LLP as Auditors for 2016. The auditors were selected in 2014 following an external review of the College's auditing and financial services and the Finance and Audit Committee is satisfied that the firm continues to meet the College's requirements.

## **REVISION FRAMEWORK FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE AND REGISTRATION REGULATIONS**

Council approved frameworks for updating the quality assurance

and registration regulations (see more details on page 26). This will allow the College to proceed with drafting amendments to regulations that will be outcomes-based, supported by standards, policies and guidelines which can change over time to enable practice evolution.

In the case of Quality Assurance, the regulations require amendments to incorporate a two-part register (part A for those engaged in patient care; and part B for those in non-patient care practice) for pharmacy technicians to align with the current register of pharmacists. With respect to maintaining part A status, Council also approved moving to a requirement that members declare that they have completed sufficient practice to maintain competence in patient care within the member's area of practice, in place of the current hourly practice requirement.

With respect to Registration Regulations, Council agreed to the implementation of a single provisional class of registration for pharmacist and pharmacy technician students and interns and to add a requirement of police background checks as part of the registration process.



**STERILE COMPOUNDING STANDARDS AND TIMELINE APPROVED**

Council, following consideration of the feedback received through the public consultation process (see page 40), adopted the *Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-hazardous Sterile Preparations (NAPRA, 2016)* and the *Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Hazardous Sterile Preparations (NAPRA, 2016)* and approved implementation by January 1, 2019.

Preparation of sterile products in Canada currently incorporates many

of the same patient safety and quality assurance requirements as these new standards; however, there are some additional requirements in the new standards, including an onsite quality assurance program, increased oversight, beyond-use-dates and recall procedures.

As some pharmacies may require time to become fully compliant, Council approved a two-year implementation timeline during which pharmacies currently engaged in sterile compounding are expected to review these new standards, identify any gaps in current practice and establish an action plan to reach full compliance on or before January 1, 2019. 📄

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday December 12, 2016

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER**

**Online renewal starts in January with a deadline of March 10, 2017**

**NOTE:** no form will be mailed to you, however email reminders will be sent.

**Before you begin your renewal you will need:**

- Credit Card if paying online
- User ID: This is your OCP number
- Password: If you have forgotten your password, click "Forgot your Password or User ID?" A new password will then be emailed to you.

**Once you're ready:**

- Go to [www.ocpinfo.com](http://www.ocpinfo.com) and click on "Login to my Account" and then click on "My Account"
- Enter your User ID (your OCP number) and your password
- Once you have successfully logged in, click on "Annual Renewal"