

# SEPTEMBER 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

*As recorded following Council's regularly scheduled meeting held at the College offices on September 15 and 16, 2014.*

## **COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT**

At the September meeting, Council welcomed newly elected members and newly appointed public members to the Council table. A full list of [2014-2015 Council members](#) is available on the College website.

Mr. Mark Scanlon was elected College President and Mr. Esmail Merani was elected Vice-President for the 2014-2015 Council year. Elections were also held for Committee Chairs. Find a complete list of [Committee Chairs and appointments](#) on the College website.

## **2015 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET APPROVED**

Council reviewed and approved the 2015 budget, which supports the strategic plan developed by Council in March 2012 and the Year Three Operational Plan presented to Council in June 2014.

There are no fee increases proposed for 2015 and the total reserves are expected to be around \$8.6 million. The Finance and Audit Committee will undertake a global review of the fee structure and expense reporting after the strategic planning retreat in March 2015.

Council also approved the appointment

of Clarke Henning LLP as Auditors for 2014. The auditors were selected following an external review of the College's auditing and financial services.

## **BY-LAW NO. 3 – AMENDMENTS PERTAINING TO GOVERNANCE APPROVED AND FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC REGISTER**

Following approval of the [Governance Manual](#) at the June Council meeting and flowing from discussions at that time, a number of proposed changes to the by-laws were identified. A request was made at that meeting to seek a legal opinion pertaining to one of the provisions and upon receipt and review, Council approved, as presented the proposed [by-laws](#) relating to governance.

Also discussed at the meeting were proposed amendments to by-laws relating to information posted on the Public Register. As previously reported, the College is working on a multi-staged initiative to determine how we can make more information available about decisions and processes. These proposed amendments are part of the first phase of the [Transparency Project](#) and the changes are related to the posting of findings of guilt and custody or release conditions. The proposed by-law provisions have been posted for a 60-day [public consultation](#) (deadline November



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19, 2014). Feedback received will be considered at the next Council meeting.


**COUNCIL APPROVES PRACTICE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

The policy regarding “[Centralized Prescription Processing \(Central Fill\)](#)”, and guidelines respecting “[Ending the Pharmacist-Patient Relationship](#)” and “[Record Retention, Disclosure and Disposal](#)” were approved by Council.

**CODE OF ETHICS – PROPOSED REVIEW**

Council agreed to the establishment of a Task Force to review and update the current Code of Ethics. With the approval of the Professional Responsibility Principles (in

March 2014), which articulate the expectations of the members’ professional responsibilities in practice regardless of their role or practice setting, and the revised Professional Misconduct Regulations, which address the addition of pharmacy technicians as a new class of registrants, the expanded scope of practice, and in particular, the expectation that members will exercise professional judgment in choosing to deliver services, Council endorsed the decision to establish such a Task Force so that the Code of Ethics can be reviewed and updated so that it more appropriately addresses current practice.

The Task Force will be led by President Scanlon and over the next 12 months it is anticipated that the Task Force will meet regularly and report periodically to Council on the progress. 

**COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2014 - 2015 TERM**

- Monday December 8, 2014
- Monday March 9 and Tuesday March 10, 2015
- Monday June 15, 2015
- Thursday September 17 and Friday September 18, 2015

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