

SEPTEMBER 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

As recorded following Council's regularly scheduled meeting held at the College offices on September 9th and 10th, 2013.

COUNCIL ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AND WELCOMES NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Tracey Phillips was elected College President for the 2013-2014 Council year. Also welcomed to the Council table were new members Ms. Jillian Grocholsky and Mr. Michael Nashat, from District L; Ms. Laura Weyland, from District M, Mr. Goran Petrovic from District TH and Dr. Heather Boon, Interim Dean of the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.

2014 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET APPROVED

Council reviewed and approved the 2014 budget, which supports the strategic plan developed by Council in March 2012 with supporting Year Two operating plan presented to Council in June 2013.

There are no fee increases proposed for 2014 and the total reserves are expected to be around \$7.2 million. Of note is funding allocated for special committees to advise on Minor Ailments, Hospital Pharmacy Accreditation and continuation of the governance review through the Task Force on Governance. In addition, a Hospital Accreditation Program area will be created as indications are that the College will be called upon to provide the oversight of hospital pharmacy practice. This approach is similar to that taken with registered technicians where the program was created and the elements of registration developed in anticipation of regulatory authority. As well, a series of district meetings is anticipated in early 2014.

Council also approved the appointment of Clarke Henning LLP as Auditors for 2013 noting that as is customary, an external review of the auditing and financial services will be conducted in 2014.

COUNCIL APPROVES BY-LAW NO. 3

In September 2012, Council directed that a Special Committee of Council be appointed to conduct an overall review of the College's Operating By-law. Following extensive evaluation and consultation, the revised By-law No. 3 was approved by Council. By-law No. 3 has resulted in clarification of language, intent and process and eliminated redundant language where appropriate.

PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT REGULATION

The draft amended regulation to the Pharmacy Act to address professional misconduct was circulated for comment by stakeholders following the June 2013 Council meeting. At the close of the consultation (August 12), the College had received comments from 56 individuals and 4 organizations. While the member feedback raised several issues related to the profession, it will not lead to any substantive changes to the draft regulation itself. There is, however, a need to further communicate and educate stakeholders on these regulatory changes through meetings similar to those held by the College in the past. Council was in agreement that to take the additional time to provide the necessary clarification before ratifying this regulation will not jeopardize any of the College's current processes.



TRANSPARENCY PRINCIPLES CONSIDERED


This College, together with other regulatory Colleges, is working on a multi-staged initiative that will see us examine our information-sharing practices and determine how we might make more information available about decisions and processes. There is a growing sentiment that access to more information may assist members of the public in choosing a regulated health professional, enhance accountability, and better inform any evaluation of the performance of self-regulation of the profession.

A small group of health professional regulators (AGRE – Advisory Group for Regulatory Excellence),

whose membership includes this College, has developed draft transparency principles to guide regulatory college discussions about making more information publicly available. In developing the draft principles, the group had several objectives:

- To focus on principles only
- To keep the number of principles low, with good rationales and supporting evidence
- To strike a balanced tone, one that demonstrates openness to transparency, combined with a thoughtful, careful approach and recognition of the strengths of the existing legislative framework.

Council was requested to consider these principles and to provide

feedback to AGRE for consideration with a view to finalization of the principles by the end of 2013. Discussions about details of implementation, including specific categories of information, will occur after the principles discussions. 

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Monday 9 December, 2013
Monday 17 March, 2014
Monday 16 June, 2014
Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 September 2014

For more information respecting Council meetings, please contact Ms. Ushma Rajdev, *Council and Executive Liaison* at urajdev@ocpinfo.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Online renewal starts in January with a deadline of March 10, 2014

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

Before you begin your online renewal you will need:

- Credit Card or Interac (Debit 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?" and a new password will be emailed to you

Once you're ready:

- Go to www.ocpinfo.com and click on "**Login to my Account**"
- Enter your User ID (your OCP number) and your password
- Once you have successfully logged in, click on "**Member Renewal**" on the left hand side of the screen