

SEPTEMBER 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

As recorded following Council's regularly scheduled meeting held on September 17th and 18th, 2018.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR 2018-2019 COUNCIL TERM

Following elections held earlier in August, Council welcomed newly elected member Mr. Tom Kontio (District N). Re-elected to Council were: Ms. Karen Riley (District N) and Ms. Leigh Smith (District N), Ms. Nadia Facca (District H) and Dr. Régis Vaillancourt (District H). Dr. Christine Allen, interim Dean, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto, was appointed to serve on Council beginning July 1, 2018.

Each September, Council holds elections for the positions of President, Vice President, Executive and Committee Chairs. We are pleased to announce that Ms. Laura Weyland was elected College President and Mr. Doug Stewart was elected Vice-President. Other members elected to the Executive Committee were Mr. Billy Cheung (District L), and public members Ms. Kathy Al-Zand, Ms. Christine Henderson and Ms. Sylvia Moustacalis. (The past president position will be held by Dr. Régis Vaillancourt).

We are also pleased to announce the following Committee Chairs:

- Executive – Laura Weyland
- Accreditation and Drug Preparation Premises – Régis Vaillancourt
- Discipline – Christine Henderson
- Finance and Audit – Dan Stapleton
- Fitness to Practise – Karen Riley
- Inquiries, Complaints and Reports – Rachelle Rocha
- Patient Relations – Linda Bracken
- Quality Assurance – Tracey Phillips
- Registration – Ravil Veli

A complete list of Committee membership has been posted to the public website.

2019 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET AND AUDITOR APPOINTMENT

Council approved the College's operational budget for 2019, which includes new spending required to support the Strategic Plan developed by Council in March 2018. The College's 2019 budget proposes increases to fees in all categories of registrants and pharmacies. Fee increases to support the budget will take effect January 1, 2019; however, the required increase for registrant renewal fees will be phased-in over two years.

Below are the proposed changes:

Type	Adjusted Annual Fees \$
Pharmacist	600 to 675 (2019) 675 to 750 (2020)
Pharmacy Technician	400 to 450 (2019) 450 to 500 (2020)
Community Pharmacy	940 to 1,175 (2019)
Hospital Pharmacy	3,500 to 4,375 (2019)
Registration Fee	300 to 375 (2019)

In establishing the fees, Council acknowledged that registrant fees have not been increased in nine years, due, in part, to the growth in registrants. Council also noted that had registrant fees increased annually by cost of living (2.5%), they would have surpassed the amount being proposed for 2019. Further, Council noted that fees in Ontario will remain the lowest across the country when compared to other pharmacy colleges and will also be at the lower end of other health profession fees in the province.

The decision to increase fees was made after much thought and analysis. The College has a duty to regulate pharmacy practice in the public interest and



to make sure that its programs and operations are fully funded in order to meet its responsibilities. It also has an obligation to use its resources wisely and to be a good fiscal steward in how it plans and delivers on its mandate year over year. This is a commitment that the College and its governing Council take very seriously, just as it does its public protection mandate.

Council approved the appointment of Tinkham & Associates LLP Chartered Accountants as Auditor for the College for the fiscal year 2018 and that services be taken to market in 2019.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS FOR CIRCULATION

Council approved bylaw amendments required to update the fee schedules, the public register and membership classes. There were also housekeeping bylaw amendments that had accumulated since the last review and revision in 2015 that have now been addressed. According to Section 94(2) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, these amendments will be circulated to registrants prior to final Council approval (December 2018).

For further details, and to participate in the consultation, please go to consultations page of the website.

PRACTICE AND OPERATION STANDARDS APPROVED

Following open consultation and a review of feedback from the public, pharmacy professionals and other stakeholders, Council approved the supplemental

Standard of Practice which provides guidance on the expectations of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians related to the College's Medication Safety Program. The College launched this important patient safety program to help reduce the risk of harm caused by medication errors and near misses by helping to identify medication incident trends and promoting continuous quality improvement in pharmacy practice through shared learning. This supplemental standard enhances the existing Model Standards of Practice outlined by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities.

Additionally, implementation of the Medication Safety Program will be reinforced in the pharmacy through the Standards of Operation, which were circulated concurrently, and were also approved by Council.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 10, 2018

Council meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chambers of the College at 483 Huron Street, Toronto, ON M5R 2R4. If you plan to attend, or for more information, please contact Ms. Ushma Rajdev, Council and Executive Liaison at council@ocpinfo.com. You can also follow along via Twitter during Council meetings. 