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**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 20, 2020**

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MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.

HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Elected Members

District H Dr. Régis Vaillancourt, Ottawa
District H Ms. Nadia Facca, London
District K Mr. Mark Scanlon, Peterborough
District K Ms. Tracey Phillips, Westport - **Regrets**
District L Mr. Billy Cheung, Markham
District L Mr. James Morrison, Burlington
District L Mr. Siva Sivapalan, Burlington
District M Mr. Mike Hannalah, Toronto -
District M Mr. Kyro Maseh, Toronto
District M Ms. Laura Weyland, Toronto
District N Mr. Tom Kontio, London - **Regrets**
District N Ms. Leigh Smith, Cambridge
District N Dr. Karen Riley, Sarnia
District P Ms. Rachelle Rocha, Sudbury
District T Ms. Connie Beck, Petrolia
District TH Mr. Goran Petrovic, Kitchener

Dr. Lisa Dolovich, Interim Dean, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto
Dr. David Edwards, Hallman Director, School of Pharmacy, University of Waterloo

Members Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council

Mr. Stephen Adams, London
Ms. Kathleen Al-Zand, Ottawa – **Regrets**
Mr. David Breukelman, Burlington
Ms. Christine Henderson, Toronto
Ms. Tammy Cotie, Brockville – **Regrets**
Mr. Azeem Khan, Pickering
Ms. Elnora Magboo, Brampton
Ms. Sylvia Moustacalis, Toronto
Mr. Gene Szabo, Kanata
Ms. Devinder Walia, Etobicoke

Staff present

Ms. Nancy Lum-Wilson, CEO/Registrar
Ms. Angela Bates, Director, Conduct
Ms. Connie Campbell, Director, Corporate Services
Ms. Susan James, Director, Quality
Ms. Sarah MacDougall, Board & Committee Liaison
Ms. Sandra Sostaric, Executive Assistant to the CEO/Registrar

President's Opening Remarks

Ms. Weyland welcomed everyone to the special meeting to discuss the approach to masking in pharmacies. Ms. Weyland noted that Robert's Rules would be relaxed for the meeting in order to have a debate on the options put forth, after which a motion will be put forward for voting.

Members were informed of the virtual meeting platform features and informed that votes will be registered and recorded using the voting features within the program

Ms. Weyland welcomed newly appointed Board member Stephen Adams as of July 2nd. Mr. Adams has been appointed to the Discipline Committee and ICRC.

Ms. Weyland informed the Board that Dan Stapleton's Order in Council has not been renewed at this time. Mr. Stapleton will apply as a Lay Committee Appointee which will be considered by the screening committee. Mr. Gene Szabo has agreed to be appointed to the Screening Committee to replace Mr. Stapleton.

1. Noting Members Present

Member attendance was noted for those in attendance and via roll call for those participating via teleconference.

2. Declaration of Conflict

There were no conflicts declared.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was moved and seconded. The motion CARRIED.

4. For Decision

4.1 Briefing Note – Approach to Masking in Pharmacies

President Weyland invited Billy Cheung to present the briefing note. Mr. Cheung noted that given the current public discourse on masking, the Chair and Vice Chair felt it was necessary to bring the issue forward for discussion of the Board's position on the approach to masking in pharmacies.

Ms. James reviewed core sections of the briefing note. Updated as of the meeting date, 29 out of 34 Public Health Units and municipalities have passed or intend to establish by-laws on the mandatory wearing of masks in indoor spaces, which would include pharmacies. Three other pharmacy regulatory authorities in Canada have issued specific guidance that recommends pharmacy professionals wear masks when providing direct patient care or if physical distancing

cannot be maintained in the pharmacy. Other provincial regulators direct registrants to the provincial health authority. The College does not have the authority to mandate the public to wear masks, but does have the ability to put practice standards in place which pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are required to uphold.

Following a discussion, and having noted the breadth of regional and pharmacy specific considerations, the Board decided that the College should continue actively supporting the guidance and policies made by provincial and municipal health authorities on wearing masks. While the Board reaffirmed the College's approach to sharing information with registrants it also acknowledged there is considerable information available from multiple resources and there is a need for readily accessible and practical information that addresses different practice scenarios. In addition to communicating the Board position on masking in pharmacies, the College will provide practice guidance to address the need for this type of information.

Following discussion, **the motion was called to a vote.**

The motion before the Board reads:

The College continue to support the guidance and policies made by the provincial and municipal authorities respecting mask use, including mandatory use in some regions, and expects pharmacy professionals to abide by them.

The motion: Position 1 – majority approved and CARRIED.

Other Matters

5.1 Verbal Update – Delay of December Board Meeting

Ms. Weyland advised the Board that upon consideration of the possibility to delay the December Board meeting due to disruptions in Board elections as a result of the pandemic, the practice environment has settled into a new normal for the time being. The College will therefore proceed with the notice of elections to registrants, given the expectation that the State of Emergency will be lifted soon and the election is to take place within 120 days. The election will be called on July 20th with the election taking place on November 2nd. The deadline for submitting an application is August 14th. The first meeting of the new Board will take place on December 7th, 2020.

6.0 Motion of Adjournment

There being no further business, **at 2:36 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was moved and seconded. The motion CARRIED.**

**Sarah MacDougall
Board & Committee Liaison**

**Laura Weyland
Board Chair**