



Council Highlights – June 20, 2013

Below is a summary of key decisions taken by Council at its meeting held on June 20, 2013.

(Note . . . by-laws which have not been approved are not summarized in these highlights until they have been approved by Council).

Financial Reporting

Council received the investment statements for the period ending April 30, 2013 and the financial reports for the month ending April 30, 2013.

Reports from Statutory Committees Received by Council

Council received reports from the Executive Committee, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee, the Quality Assurance Committee and the Registration Committee.

Registrar's Report

College Registrar Linda Gough presented an update on the College's activities to implement the goals set out in the strategy map previously approved by Council. The College is on-track with the strategic initiatives identified for 2013.

By-law No. 47

Council received a summary of members' comments regarding proposed By-law No. 47, a by-law which amends current By-law No. 43 relating to the requirement that members of the College hold professional liability insurance (PLI). Council approved By-law No. 47, after considering members' comments on the By-law. By-law No. 47 comes into force on March 31, 2014. Therefore members of the College engaging in the practice of the profession will be required to hold PLI in accordance with the requirements set out in By-law No. 43, by March 31, 2014.

Definition of Practising the Profession

By-law No. 47 amends section 1 of By-law No. 43 to state “a member engaging in the practice of medical radiation technology” is required to hold PLI in accordance with the criteria set out in the By-law. The College will develop a guideline to assist MRTs in determining whether they are engaged in the practice of the profession and subsequently, required to hold PLI. It is expected this document will be ready for publication in fall 2013.

QA ePortfolio

As part of the 2011-2013 Strategy Map, Council approved the redesign of the College’s Continuous Learning Portfolio with the direction that it be an on-line tool. This project includes the development, testing, implementation and ongoing support of an electronic method to enable medical radiation technologists (MRTs) to comply with the requirements of the quality assurance program, and to permit the Quality Assurance Committee to monitor MRTs’ participation and compliance with the program. Communications about the tool will begin to be sent to members in the Summer 2013 edition of Insights.

QA Assessments 2013

The QA Committee recommended to Council, and Council passed a resolution, 3% of MRTs be randomly selected to submit either their ePortfolios (new tool) or their Continuous Learning Portfolios (current tool) for 2013, in January 2014.

Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) Competency Profiles

In April 2012, the College was asked by the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) to comment on the draft CAMRT competency profiles. L. Gough reviewed the material and correspondence with the CAMRT regarding the College’s feedback on the competency profiles. The CAMRT provided a revised draft of the four competency profiles to the College for comment as part of the final validation phase. The Certification and Examination Committee carefully reviewed the competency profiles, commented and drafted a response to the CAMRT setting out the College’s comments. The letter was sent on May 9, 2013.

Office of the Fairness Commissioner

On Council's invitation, the Hon. Jean Augustine, PC, Fairness Commissioner attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the work of the Office of the Fairness Commissioner.

College Supervisor under RHPA

In March 2012, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care appointed the first supervisor of a College under RHPA. Ms. Deanna Williams was appointed to the position of College Supervisor of the College of Denturists of Ontario. Ms. Williams attended the meeting and presented on her experiences in this new role.

Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act (HARP Act)

The MOHLTC is undertaking a preliminary review of the HARP Act. As a stakeholder, the College was invited to participate in a survey and offer feedback, the results of which will be reviewed by the Ministry. Information regarding the Ministry initiative to modernize the Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act was circulated to Council.

CAMRT Best Practice Guidelines

The CAMRT is continuing with a project to develop and publish best practice guidelines for MRTs in Canada and requested the College's feedback on the 16 draft Best Practice Guidelines. The College's certification and examination committee had carefully reviewed and commented on the draft documents. L. Gough reviewed the correspondence with the CAMRT regarding the College's feedback on the draft guidelines.

Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences

Council received a letter to the Stakeholder Community from S. Weltz, Chair, Imaging, TMI and C. Palmer, Director, Medical Radiation Sciences Program, University of Toronto, dated April 15, 2013, regarding the redesigned Nuclear Medicine program.

Quality Management Partnership

Council reviewed a letter from M. Sherar, PhD, President and CEO, Cancer Care Ontario and Dr. Rocco Gerace, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, dated April 10, 2013, regarding Quality Management Partnership, as well as a document from CPSO and Cancer Care Ontario regarding 'Frequently Asked Questions, The Quality Management Partnership and its Programs'

Council also reviewed a memo to Relevant Stakeholders in Pathology, Colonoscopy and Mammography from S. Fitzpatrick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Negotiations and Accountability Management Division, MOHLTC dated March 28, 2013, regarding 'Cancer Care Ontario and College of Physician & Surgeons joint quality management partnership.'

Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (HPRAC)

Council reviewed a letter to T. Corcoran, Chair, Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council from D. Matthews, Minister, MOHLTC, dated May 7, 2013, regarding the review of the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers. Council noted that the date that the HPRAC must submit their advice to the Minister has changed to June 30, 2014.

Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario (FHRCO)

Council received a publication entitled '2012-2013 Highlights', from the Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario.

Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada (AMRTRC)

Council received the '2012 Annual Activity Summary', from the Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada.

Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Accreditation

Council received the publication entitled 'CMA Conjoint Accreditation Services, Annual Update 2013', from the Canadian Medical Association.

Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will take place on Friday, September 27, 2013.