



Highlights of the June 21, 2013 Meeting of Council

The first Council meeting after the 2013 Annual General Meeting was held on June 21, 2013 at the College office in Regina. Five members of Council were in attendance.

Registration Process

National Exam

PCP: the pass rate for the April 2013 exam saw a significant decline. Evaluation of exam data suggests that lack of adequate preparation was the most likely cause. The situation will continue to be monitored by the College. The next exam is scheduled for July 5, 2013.

ACP: SIAST is satisfied with the results and will continue to monitor the situation.

Jurisprudence Exam

Exam questions have been developed; the next step in the process is to determine the most appropriate implementation approach. The long term intent is to integrate the exam into existing technology, however as an interim measure, paper forms are being developed.

EMR Exam

The EMR exam held in June saw a significant drop in pass rate based on April percentages. The College is encouraging students who were unsuccessful to seek out the support of their training institution to determine how best to prepare for the exam. The next exam is scheduled for August 2013.

Scope of Practice and Protocols

PCP Scope of Practice

Nov 2011 PCP scope change plan: declaration forms (paper) are being drafted. In the fall of 2013, SIAST will be proceeding with revised training (to accommodate the proposed changes).

Council has been advised that all EMT-As have been successfully transitioned to ICP. Four "EMT-Ps" remain and will be contacted this summer. Additional communication on this matter will be forthcoming to members.

Protocol Manual

The revised protocol manual has been approved by the Provincial Emergency Services Practice Committee (PESPC), moving to the College of Physicians and Surgeons in June. SCoP awaits their approval, and is ready to go with a communications plan when approval is received. The manual will be released once the PCP scope changes have been approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

SCoP Council and Committees

SCoP Strategic Plan Update

The Executive Director reviewed the Strategic Plan with Council to ensure that work continues to be aligned.

Risk Management Planning

The Executive Director presented information regarding risk management planning. Council and staff began the process by listing perceived threats to the College; further planning will continue over the coming year.

Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) Membership and Webinars

Board members have been attending training webinars; they are finding them very useful for their roles on Council.

ADR Saskatchewan Facilitation Training (Saskatoon) – April 25 & 26, 2013

The Vice President of Council attended. The training was very good. Advanced training is going to be offered in the future and would be worthwhile for individuals who facilitate meetings professionally.

Nominations Committee

Fewer nominations are being received each year; one possible cause could be because people are staying on committees for longer periods. As such, the Nominations Committee recommended that all second terms be considered in this context and based on a desire/need to refresh representation.

The following recommendations were made to Council, and accepted:

- **Discipline Committee** – That a position remains vacant.
- **Education Committee** – That Jason Trask be appointed as Chair. That Candace Gratton, Doris Robertson, and Donnita Derbyshire be appointed for a term and that Tim Hiller, Sharon Teske and Donna Dohms be declined a second term and encouraged to apply again in the future. The positions that changed on the Education Committee will also require changes to the PESCP as they all sat on that committee as well.
- **Legislation and Bylaws** – That Marie Stimson be appointed for a term and that Lennie Davies be granted a second term.

- **Professional Conduct Committee** – That Ben White be granted a term and that Brad Mee be declined a second term and encouraged to apply again in the future. The College is continuing to seek a public representative to sit on the Professional Conduct Committee.
- **Audit Committee** – The committee recommended to Council that the amount of \$100,000 be invested in a non-redeemable investment for 2 years. Council approved.
- **Discipline Committee** – Discipline decisions are currently posted for an indefinite period of time on the website of the College. The College is currently reviewing this approach and will discuss further at the next Council meeting in September.

It should be noted that all new individuals who put their name forward for committee work were given positions on committees.

Stakeholder Meetings and Conferences

Ministry of Health Clinical Working Group to Support Collaborative Emergency Centres (CEC) Implementation

The last meeting was held on May 23 by teleconference. The next meeting date is TBD.

Provincial Emergency Services Practice Committee (PESPC)

PESPC met on April 9, 2013. The PCP “scope of practice” changes have been approved by PESPC and are now with the College of Physicians and Surgeons waiting for final approval. Terms of reference for the committee were discussed to make committee more functional, and a name change to PPC (Paramedic Practice Committee) is being considered as well. Next meeting: Oct 8, 2013 in Saskatoon.

The revised protocol manual was also approved by the committee. The release of the new manual is pending the approval of the PCP Scope changes.

- **Pain management protocol:** changes have been submitted; the College of Physicians and Surgeons have agreed to approve the protocol changes.
- **STEMI and chest pain protocol:** it’s been approved but implementation is still pending at this point.
- **Severe sepsis protocol:** changed
- **In Facility protocols:** tabled
- **Protocol manual:** approved
- **Anaphylaxis protocol:** allergist made suggestions
- **Lidocaine for IO:** approved
- **Spinal mobilization protocol changed:** Paramedics have been using long spine boards, but recent scientific evidence does not show this practice improves patient outcomes overall. Strong evidence suggests that the use of these boards can compromise patients’ airway, aggravate sores, etc. Evidence suggests that inline stabilization can be achieved with other methods, like leaving them on a stretcher instead of fully immobilizing via spine board. Canadian Agency for Drug

Technologies and Health (CADTH) tweeted about this and has done studies. We are now awaiting feedback and/or approval by the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

[SEMSA Annual Convention and Trade Show](#)

The Vice President of Council and the Investigation and Research Coordinator for the College attended. SEMSA seemed happy the College was represented. Most of the focus was regarding Collaborative Emergency Centres (CECs) and community paramedic medicine, though there were some contentious issues discussed as well.

[EMS Chiefs of Canada Conference \(Saint John, New Brunswick\) – June 12-14, 2013](#)

The Investigation and Research Coordinator attended and found much value. Topics were very enjoyable and relevant.

[iMIS User Conference/NiUG Discovery Conference 2013 \(Toronto\) – June 24-26, 2013](#)

The office manager will be attending.

[SCoP Annual General Meeting](#)

We were expecting only 60 guests; 90 people attended the AGM. Attendees of the College AGM rated the meeting positively, giving it an overall rating of 4 out of 5 in post-event evaluations. Improvements for next year were discussed, including the possibility of holding an Education Day before the AGM.

Cari Evenson-Carleton was elected for a second term on Council, and Jason Trask was elected, replacing Jon Antal on Council.

[Ministry of Health \(MOH\) – April 18, 2013](#)

The College and Council met with the MOH. Discussions related to the College becoming mature enough to take on scope in the future. The Ministry is interested in what SCoP has in place to ensure continuity and sustainability. SCoP is prepared with a 3 year strategic plan, 3 year budget, and reserve funds available.

[College Personnel](#)

[Medical Advisor](#)

Council has decided that a medical advisor dedicated to SCoP is not necessary in the short term, and that the College will continue to access medical advice through the Ministry of Health and other physician groups.

[New Staff](#)

Sheri Hupp is leaving the College, with her last day on June 21, 2013. She leaves to take a position as Senior Crown Counsel with the Office of the Public Registry Administration in the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice. In July 2013, Jacqueline (Jacquie) Messer-Lepage was hired as the new Executive Director.

Collette Parks has also been hired as the new Communications Coordinator.