



Highlights of the March 16, 2012 Meeting of Council

The second Council meeting of 2012 was held on March 16, 2012. Brent Stewart, Derek Dagenais, Jon Antal, Cari Evenson-Carleton, Karen Bullock and Jamie Struthers attended. Council prepared for the AGM at this March meeting and the highlights follow.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2012 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Registration forms are currently available and did go out to all members. Council was advised that the AGM was approved for 15 CME for members that attended the full day.

Council reviewed and approved an approved agenda. Dave McNeil will again act as parliamentarian for the AGM.

Council had recommended presentations at their last meeting for the AGM. At this meeting, draft power point presentations were reviewed and discussed to ensure that preparation was continuing for the AGM. Presentations will include STARS, substance abuse, renewal updates, protocol updates, licensing exams, an annual report update and resolutions.

Council also made a motion to approve the move to electronic voting and approve the draft resolutions.

Registration Process

National Exam

Council was advised that the June exam had been scheduled and another will be scheduled for September. Saskatchewan and PEI will be participating in the first writing with others anticipated to join in September. There is an April 30th cutoff date for the June writing. SCoP needs to have a list of eligible candidates to COPR right after that date but there is an ability to remove from the list after that date if a candidate cannot prove completion of his or her educational program.

Jurisprudence Exam

Council was advised that work was nearing completion on jurisprudence questions. Exploration will still need to occur in relation to what format will be used by Saskatchewan for a jurisprudence exam.

Scope of Practice and Protocols

Scope of Practice for Paramedic Professionals

Council reviewed the next draft of Scope of Practice document. Feedback was also received from the Education Committee and the Ministry of Health. Further additions were made to

better define what a paramedic is and speak to the accountability that they have as a professional. The next stage for consultations will be to go to other SCoP committees and then to PESPC, SEMSA and the Fire Chiefs and finally to all practitioners in the province.

PCP Scope of Practice

Council was advised that work has commenced on exploration of the expansion of the PCP scope of practice.

Protocol Manual

Council reviewed a proposal and examples of what a revamped protocol manual could look like and provided their feedback. The next step will be to take the proposal to PESPC for their approval and support. Further work will need to continue to determine how completing the work of migrating the current manual into a new format can occur.

SCoP Council and Committees

Training

CADTH and SCoP, with support from SIAST, are implementing two half-day training sessions on the “assessment of clinical evidence”. These sessions are being offered to members of Council, the Education Committee and PESPC and are intended to provide an overview of how to scrutinize/evaluate clinical research papers and identify the highest quality evidence available. The workshops are scheduled for April 26, 2012 in Regina and April 30, 2012 in Saskatoon.

The Saskatchewan Network of Inter-Professional Regulatory Organizations (NIRO) has been granted funding from the Ministry of Health to pay for governance training. As such, it is anticipated that this fall, there will be an opportunity to send at least 2 Council and/or staff members to attend a session put on by the Johnson Shoyama Institute on governance.

Coordinator Training has been scheduled for May 10, 2012 in Saskatoon.

Audit Committee

Council approved the 2013 and 2012 projected budget.

Education Committee

Council approved the recommendation of the Education Committee to change the mandatory skill requirements for King LT/LMA/Combitube to supraglottic airways. This was done to indicate that a member will only need to be certified in the one that their service is using.

Council was advised that CME audits would be commencing again.

Legislation and Bylaws Committee

Council approved the recommendation of the Legislation and Bylaws Committee to implement some policy updates and changes. The majority of the updates are to put practice into policy

and to account for the changes to the licensing exams. Council also approved changes to the Administrative Bylaws which will go forward to be resolutions at the AGM.

Stakeholder Meetings

A meeting between SEMSA and representatives of the Council and SCoP was held on February 8, 2012 in Saskatoon. Representatives of SCoP will also be attending the SEMSA Conference scheduled for May 8-10th.