



Highlights of the September 18, 2012 Meeting of Council

The first Council meeting after a short summer break was held on September 18, 2012. We had eight members of Council attend the meeting and welcomed some guests for the discussion on the PCP Scope Change plan.

Registration Process

National Exam

The September exam was the second writing of the exam with four provinces participating. COPR has determined that offering 5 exams a year would be appropriate. The Executive Director/Registrar of the College, Sheri A. Hupp, has been appointed Chair of the COPR Exam Committee. There is also a COPR Exam Working Group that Saskatchewan has one PCP and one ACP position on. The College currently has a PCP volunteer on it but will require an ACP volunteer to participate in exam writing and standard setting.

Jurisprudence Exam

A draft of the jurisprudence exam was tested by some volunteer committee members. The results of that feedback are currently being utilized to adjust the current draft. Work will need to continue into how the College can implement a jurisprudence test at the lowest possible cost with the goal to be as electronic as possible.

EMR Exam

There have now been two sittings of the EMR exam with another scheduled for early October. The passing rate was similar for both writings. The exam was reviewed in great detail to ensure that the results were fair and some questions were taken back to the Education Committee for additional review and changes. The statistical results of the exam were offered to both the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance.

Member Renewal

The 2013 renewal form was activated for our members and renewal can happen at any time with the deadline remaining at December 1, 2012. The College hopes to go live with other applications including Change of Status, CME submission and CME Course Approval very shortly. In addition, the College hopes to go live with SCoP ePortfolio, our member site that will allow members to sign in and see the information that we have on their licence requirements on file with the College.

Scope of Practice and Protocols

Scope of Practice for Paramedic Professionals

Work has now completed on the Scope of Practice document. Feedback was solicited from our stakeholders with a lot of positive response being received on the document. Minor changes

were made and approved by Council. The next step will be to put the document up on the College website and begin communicating it to our members.

PCP Scope of Practice

Guests were invited to this part of the agenda to help add to the discussion. The guests included the Program Heads from SIAST and a representative from the Ministry of Health. Council and their guests saw a presentation comparing the licence levels from the 2001 NOCPs to the 2011 NOCPs. They were also provided with results from a survey sent to Saskatchewan EMT/PCP members, employers and the health regions. After much discussion, Council made a motion to move forward to align the Saskatchewan PCP scope with the 2011 NOCP PCP Standard. Council then asked the Education Committee for recommendations on medications that should be within scope of practice, number of IV starts that should be required as well as the educational components for the remainder of the NOCP upgrades. There will be an aim to ensure that SIAST and the College are aligned as much as possible on skill requirements, that protocols are reviewed to see what updates are required and that a strong focus is put on exploring at home and on the work training to minimize the impact that this change will have.

Protocol Manual

Council was advised that requirements were completed by Solvera Solutions and the College in regards to what is wanted in a revamped protocol manual. Initial investigations suggest that it is unlikely that there is a solution available for purchase that would meet all of the requirements so that options could be a custom build or a purchase if some requirements are given up. Further information will be available once the business case is received.

SCoP Council and Committees

Legislation and Bylaw Committee

The Legislation and Bylaw Committee recommended numerous policy changes and clarifications to Council which were supported at the meeting. The major clarification was required to better align late fees with the *Administrative Bylaws*. The bylaws and the policy both require all pieces of a renewal (the online application, the fees and the educational documentation) to be in by December 1st in order to avoid late fees. This clarification was supported at the AGM in April.

In addition, an *Administrative Bylaw* change was accepted to add a voting requirement that a member needs to be registered by a certain date or they are not eligible to vote as it is difficult to manage adding new applicants right up until the closing of the vote.

SCoP Strategic Plan Update

The SCoP strategic plan is ending in 2012. Council has previously agreed that it was important to continue with the plan by updating it for another few years and that for consistency purposes, it would be good to seek assistance from D.C. Strategic Management as they assisted the College with the previous plan. Work commenced on the strategic plan with interviews with

some of the College stakeholders and members as well as a survey was sent to all members for feedback.

Training

There will be no fall coordinator training as very minimal interest has been expressed.

A PESPC Meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2012 using Telehealth.

The Saskatchewan Network of Inter-Professional Regulatory Organizations (NIRO) had been granted funding from the Ministry of Health to pay for governance training. This training will be occurring for two of our Council members on November 8th and 9th by the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School on Public Policy.

The Saskatchewan Regulators Forum on Foreign Qualifications was held in Regina on September 25th and 26th. Sheri attended as it was a good opportunity to network and discuss the increase of interest from foreigners in licensing in Saskatchewan.

Stakeholder Meetings

Ministry of Health

Meetings are continuing to occur with the Ministry of Health in relation to the Mobile Health Advisory Committee and Collaborative Emergency Centers.

SEMSA

A meeting was scheduled for September 19th in Regina.