

# Highlights of the March 28, 2014 Meeting of Council



The March 28, 2014 Council Meeting was held at the SCoP office with a teleconference option also made available. Four members of Council attended in person, three by phone, and two sent their regrets.

## Registration Process

### National Exam

- National exam results were shared with Council. Results continue to reflect student performance improvement.

### EMR Exam

- The results from the most recent EMR exam were circulated to Council. SCoP continues to meet with training providers to identify options to improve student performance on exams.

### Criminal Record Report

- The Education Committee reviewed one member application with regard to a criminal record issue. Licence was issued with condition requiring submission of detailed record to the College, along with any changes to record status over the year.

## Scope of Practice and Protocols

### PCP Scope of Practice

- Approximately 40 PCP NOCP 2011 licences have been issued to date.

### Lloydminster

- SCoP is now having quarterly (or bi-monthly) meetings with the Alberta College of Paramedics to discuss general issues as well as the dual regulatory environment in Lloydminster. The College wants to use this process to inform future issues that relate to cross border service delivery and regulation.

## Appeal to Court of Queen's Bench

- A Court of Queen's Bench Appeal Hearing has been scheduled for April 29, 2014 at 10am in Saskatoon.

## SCoP Council and Committees

### SCoP Strategic Plan Update

- Risk Management: a policy framework is being developed that relates to risk and security from a technology and general organizational perspective.

### Executive Committee

- Executive Committee granted two licence extensions since the last Council meeting.

### Education Committee

- At the Feb 12 meeting, Education Committee discussed:
  - Restricted licence issues; and,
  - The appropriate number of exam attempts for the national exam.

### Audit Committee

- A draft Auditor's report was distributed to Council and accepted.
- Reserve Contribution Report: the report was also distributed to Council and accepted with a few changes.

### Professional Conduct Committee

- As of Jan 1, 2014 the College has one new investigation, and 5 ongoing files from 2013.

## Stakeholder Meetings and Conferences

### Saskatchewan Emergency Medical Services Association (SEMSA)

- The Executive Committee had a meeting with SEMSA before the Council meeting on March 28, 2014. Issues discussed included:
  - Restricted licences.
  - Fees: SEMSA is interested in the College considering prorating the fees every month instead of the current practice of prorating in July and October. This would require a system change for SCoP.

- File management: There was a good conversation about licencing and registration, and the process the College follows during registration. SEMSA had concerns about members who submitted before the deadline but didn't submit everything. SEMSA learned that 1,000 members submitted their applications late. SCoP talked about the video support, laptop in the office, and all of the other helpful things put in place to improve member support.
- Conference and AGM: explored an opportunity to collaborate on speakers; meetings would continue to be separate as the organizational mandates are quite different.

### SCoP Annual General Meeting

- Draft agenda for the AGM circulated to Council for approval.
- Minister Weekes plans to attend.
- Speakers: Ron Bowles (President, Society for Prehospital Educators in Canada) and Diane Aldridge (Acting Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner)

### Annual Report

- Draft for approval was circulated.

### Ministry of Health (MOH)

- Met with Workforce Planning Branch and Acute & Emergency meeting to discuss Lloydminster scope issue and process.
- Lloydminster consultation group already in place—it was used for the Charter work—so the College will access that group as necessary (as a part of the consultation process).

### Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC) – the National Occupational Competency Profiles (NOCP) Steering Committee meeting update

- SCoP met with PAC NOCP Redevelopment Steering Committee in Kelowna in March. This is a steering committee initiated by the Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC) and Alberta College of Paramedics. SCoP attends as a representative of the Canadian Organization of Paramedic Regulators (COPR).

### SIASST Paramedic Advisory Committee Meeting (March)

- Good discussion about the direction that the program is going in and the work they are currently doing on the 2011 NOCPs.

### Ministry of Economy (Agreement on Internal Trade):

- Discussed challenges regarding individuals circumventing exam process using the Agreement on International Trade (AIT).
- Discussed opportunities regarding rural international physician graduates who cannot find residency placements; some are interested in becoming paramedics.