



SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF PARAMEDICS

2023 Annual General Meeting

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan College of Paramedics was held as a Zoom meeting.

Practicing Members in Attendance

Adair	Heather	46372	Lacelle	Robin	48314
Adams	Sara	47558	Langelotz	Tianna	18920
Adams	Brian	47559	Larre	Jennifer	18366
Amola	Chandra	47462	Larson	Krista	14145
Antal	Jon	15424	Lenkewich	Dale	47825
Ash	Destin	15124	Leonard	Mathieu	11674
Backlin	Christina	15421	Letain	Selena	17578
Backlin	Dale	12539	Lewis	Dan	16419
Ballard	Leighton	13035	Link	Amanda	13913
Banin	Jordon	48183	Loewen	Jason	46374
Bazley	Renaë	11316	Lowey	Trevor	13878
Bellisle	Patrick	11469	May	Tim	11211
Bellisle	Ramsay	16337	Ma	Raymond	16606
Bielka	Brooke	46539	MacIsaac	Shauna	45025
Bishop	Joel	39025	MacKenzie	Rod	15989
Blain	Denise	11974	Maraboto	Gilbert	31679
Blosky	Nichole	13219	Marshall-Jensen	Shannon	16044
Boehme	Jenna	14997	Martin	Michelle	48249
Bradnam	Dan	13076	Matheson	Andrew	25770
Brandt	Brenda	26584	McGinty	Jim	48225

Breen	William	16285	McGurk	Matt	13217
Brossart	Cory	14234	McLaren	Shannon	46608
Brost	Jessica	18373	McNeice	Corey	12906
Buchanan	Bobbi	25782	Meginbir	Randy	11942
Bullock	Karen	18566	Metanchuk	Myron	44128
Burns	Jordan	46863	Moore	Robert	15897
Bursey	Jaime	46306	Morin	April	12949
Burton	James	16223	Mortensen	Rhonda	15286
Burwell	Colby	24779	Mortensen	David	14805
Bushman	Angela	47573	Moss	Joanne	16200
Cheney	George	15557	Motz	Carrie	39470
Christmann	Kathy	11501	Nagy	Garnet	19776
Church	Stacy	46607	Neufeld	Jillian	44129
Cleenwerck	Dane	47968	Nordli	Lynnette	33950
Crawford	Mason	48304	Olvera	Colette	20214
Crocker	Regan	45077	Omichinski	Ryan	13347
Crocker	John	13464	Overbye	Rosemary	25893
Cronk	Lyle	15219	Parfitt	Shaun	35751
Dagenais	Derek	14885	Park	Allison	15106
Debreuil	Gil	48208	Pavey	Dan	12026
Dietrich	Shelbie	45370	Pearce	Jessica	14873
Dohms	Donna	13858	Perchie	Glen	12799
Drader	McKenna	47861	Pilon	Glen	15118
Du Rose	Leah	13417	Prime	Kelly	18894
Dubois	Gregory	25173	Prystay	Kristina	47384
Duchscher	Jackie	48092	Quigley	Mickey	48146
Dunn	Noel	16270	Remeshylo	Krista	15725
Dutchak	Coralee	15401	Roach	Wyatt	36005
Dutchak	Trevor	14655	Robertson	Doris	14681
Ecartot	Corey	17462	Robertson	Fay	15686
Ehman	Bruce	14574	Robinson	Christina	47943

Elias-White	Jennifer	16570	Rostotski	Leonard	14768
Engen	Katherine	14933	Rowland	Pam	14094
Erdman	Jodi	11266	Roy	Carly	11082
Erker	Tyler	18369	Roy	Richard	11729
Evenson	Bonnie	14978	Sadana	Rebecca	26711
Fenner	Robert	13638	Sawyer	David	48164
Fraser	Kaitlyn	46400	Sereda	Kyle	16323
Frerichs	Samantha	47836	Sereda	Angela	16230
Fuchs	Erica	46593	Shalavelo	Matthew	47207
Gerein	Jacqueline	12042	Silveira	Sergio	25182
Gerspacher	Mandy	11641	Siminoff	Alden	46802
Gieselman	Louella	16235	Skoworodko	Steven	15896
Gorman	Amber	17226	Slinn	Jeff	13195
Grant	Dawn	11960	Solonenko	Cheryl	13443
Haigh	Krista	35178	Speers	Tricia	13303
Hall	Samantha	11289	Spencer	Haley	36295
Harms	Amy	47368	Sproat	Tracy	26540
Hart	Brett	14996	Stadnyk	Sky	46438
Heathcote	Jon	13549	Stang	Adine	46276
Hillier	Tim	15025	Steenkamp	Tandi	48296
Hollingsworth	Brandon	40547	Stephany	Gene	11622
Horan	Cherie	11939	Stephens	Jessica	11596
Housek	Margaret	14882	Stimson	Marie	11189
Howse	Shawn	19330	Sulymka	Mark	14831
Howse	Keith	11497	Swan	Jaime	35210
Hutchinson	Harold	46704	Tat	Franca	47676
Hutchinson	Cameron	16610	Taylor	Michelle	15070
Hutzul	Shawna	16384	Therres	Colleen	11988
Illerbrun	Jenna	47424	Thorimbirt	Nicholas	16994
Isaac	Jared	47500	Tibbets	Peter	37290
Jacobucci	Kevin	16388	Toderan	Brook	46305

Johns	Kirby	14750	Tollefson	Tif	17096
Johnson	Zachary	48425	Tubera	Donaldson	46824
Judkins	Monica	47277	Turkenburg	Korrina	15227
Kane	Jason	15436	Ulmer	Evan	48098
Karapita	Jolene	17516	Wacholtz	Jennifer	48144
Karst	Kelsey	13952	Warren	Chris	17477
Kemp	Joseph	13038	Watson	Amanda	14857
Kerr	Joel	48048	Watt	Tracey	11978
Kerr	Amanda	14640	Weisner	Josie	47181
Kindiak	Jake	48128	Weiss	Jayne	12623
King	Sinead	44941	Wildeman	Brock	47900
King	Ken	25820	Williams	Jen	15825
Kirby	Mike	15478	Williams	Ronda	12828
Klemenz	Tricia	17535	Wilson	Connie	15843
Kobylak	Daniel	11155	Woytiuk	Diana	16062
Kohl	Alyssa	40894	Woytiuk	Keith	15126
Kopera	Michael	11213	Yingzhe	Sui	46460
Koskie-Williams	Megan	12212			
Koteck	Braeden	48231			
Krasko	Cherie	11400			

Non-Practicing Members in Attendance

Duff	Delainee	36203	Gadzella	Teri	15407
Elrayah	Ala	46922	Hiebert	Jan	14713
Fraser	Caitlin	41435	Mijatovic	Milan	47921

The Zoom meeting was held on May 4, 2023.

Jacque Messer-Lepage welcomed members in attendance to SCoP's fourth annual virtual meeting.

Agenda for the meeting:

- Call to Order
- Land Acknowledgement
- Blessing
- President's Address
- Recorded Message - Greetings from the Minister
- College Update
- Question and Answer session
- PSPNET Services
- Business Meeting
- Introduction of New Council Members
- Appreciation of Departing Council Members
- Speaker – Dr. James Makokis
- Speaker – Dan Fraser

Attendees will be in view and listen mode until the Q&A portion of the meeting.

Matt McGurk, president of Council, called the meeting to order at 9 am and welcomed attendees. He opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement.

Elder Lorna Standingready provided the blessing.

President's Address

Matt expressed gratitude for being part of the College. It is a privilege and responsibility to shape the way the profession grows. He thanked council and committee members for their hard work and commitment and acknowledged the efforts of staff and volunteers to make the College a leader in self-regulation in the province and across Canada.

Matt introduced the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors, and Rural and Remote Health, Everett Hindley. The Minister expressed gratitude for the work done by paramedics and EMRs. He then provided a summary of the various initiatives the government has undertaken.

College Update.

Jacque Messer-Lepage, ED, reviewed the activities of SCoP in the past year:

Review of the College's mission statement and vision.

Congratulations to Saskatchewan graduate, Philip Robinson for the highest score on COPR exam.

She provided her annual review of statistics such as number of members, licence levels, P and NP numbers, labour mobility numbers.

She provided highlights of activities undertaken in the past year:

Clinical Advancements.

- Completed an evaluation of the CME program and made adjustments that would more accurately assess CME credits. This new system for CME credits will be implemented for the upcoming renewal.
- Reviewed Scope of Practice changes to improve health care requirements. Developed palliative care protocols and launched a Treat and Release pilot project.
- Maintained an active research portfolio.
- SCoP has partnered with the University of Regina and Saskatchewan PolyTechnic on the following:
 - SCoP is engaging with stakeholders to assess the comfort level they have with the use of virtual reality technology.
 - Validation study underway to determine if the VR assessment is comparable to a clinical setting assessment.
- The college completed a paper on the public perception of cost of paramedic services which was presented at PACE.

Stakeholder Relationships.

- Maintained relationships with stakeholders that include SHA, SaskPoly (paramedic advisory committee), University of Regina, Luxsonic Technologies.
- Supporting JIBC to develop standards for a paramedic information system.
- Collaborating with the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training and the University of Saskatchewan, College of Medicine to use international medical graduates as paramedics.

Financial Health

- Currently the College has 1890 practicing members and 240 non-practicing members.
- The College has received approximately a half million dollars in grant funding from ESDC. It also received a small grant from SHRF.
- Continues to maintain hybrid operations.

- Continues to maintain a balanced budget. Legal fees including PCC related costs, Discipline costs and general legal fees are the largest general expenditure.
- Excess of Revenues over Expenses (General Fund) for 2021 was \$202,836. This amount was transferred to the VAPOC project.
- VAPOC is a multi-year project with an end date of June 30, 2023. Three modules have been completed– respiratory, cardiac, orientation. The fourth module is underway – sepsis.
- The project has been funded by ESDC in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Risk Mitigation

- Implemented business continuity plan.
- Implemented succession plan.
- Investments are starting to recover.
- Transferred to a cloud-based server.
- In 2024 the College will be working towards a cloud-based registry system.

Jody Burnett provided a brief introduction to PSPNET Services.

Question and Answer session.

Topics under discussion included:

How do the CME renewal requirements work? Jacquie provided a brief review.

Do community paramedics have the same requirements for renewal? Yes

The documentation course is now available online.

Is the SHA drug monograph available to all SCoP members?

Will COPR be offering more exam writings? In the future, yes

Will the ACP initial training meet the requirement for a mental health course on renewal? Yes

Will endorsements approved by other jurisdictions be recognized by SCoP? No

How can someone make a proposal for a change to scope or protocol? Information is available on the SCoP website.

Are there any plans to increase the scope of EMRs? Not at this time.

Will SCoP be proceeding with professional liability insurance for its members? A resolution is on the agenda.

Are there any plans to increase the scope of PCPs and ACPs? SCoP is currently in talks at the PPC and with CPSS and MOH regarding RSI (ACP level).

Are there any plans to increase the length of training for EMRs? This is under consideration.

How many credits for attending the AGM? 8 credits.

Is Vector Solutions an approved provider of CME? SCoP has not received any CME approval requests from Vector.

Are there any plans to increase PCP scope re: narcotics? Since narcotics are federally regulated, this would be a much bigger and more complex process.

The business portion of the AGM was called to order at 10:37am.

Matt introduced the parliamentarian, Merilee Rasmussen of Rasmussen Law Firm. Merilee reviewed the role of the parliamentarian.

MOTION: To approve minutes from the 2022 AGM. Moved by Matt McGurk. Seconded by Destin Ash. Carried.

Resolution #1.

TITLE of RESOLUTION: Mandatory Professional Liability Insurance

WHEREAS: Section 15(2) of *The Paramedics Act* provides for Regulatory Bylaw making provisions pursuant to section 14; and

WHEREAS: Section 15(2)(q) permits the creation of a regulatory bylaw prescribing the minimum amount of liability protection that members are required to obtain;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Saskatchewan College of Paramedics - Regulatory Bylaws be amended as follows:

Registration

Addition of Section 2(1)(f) Provide evidence of personal professional liability insurance in accordance with College policy.

Licensure

Addition of Section 4(1)(d)(4) Provide evidence of personal professional liability insurance in accordance with College policy.

Resolution submitted by: The Saskatchewan College of Paramedics

Moved: Connie Wilson

Seconded: Cheryl Solonenko

The Parliamentarian interrupted to clarify the process. First step is to introduce the resolution with a mover and a seconder. Second step is to allow questions from the members. The third is to vote on the resolution.

Considerable discussion followed before the members voted.

Motion was defeated.

Resolution #2.

TITLE of RESOLUTION: Removal of timeline requirements for examination application

WHEREAS: Section 15(2) of *The Paramedics Act* provides for Regulatory Bylaw making provisions pursuant to section 14; and

WHEREAS: Section 15(2)(a) permits the creation of regulatory bylaws prescribing the qualifications, standards, and tests of competency for:

- i. The registration of persons in any category of persons as members; and
- ii. The issuing and renewing of licences;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Saskatchewan College of Paramedics - Regulatory Bylaws be amended as follows:

Registration Amendment

Section 3(b)(i) Remove unnecessary timeline requirements for licencing exam application

- Application within 60-days of becoming licenced
- Minimum 15-days between exam attempts

3. A person applying for registration as a practicing member, in addition to meeting requirements of subsection (1), shall:...
- b. provide evidence of successful completion of the licensing examination approved by council or evidence of having applied to take the examination.

A person will be limited to 3 attempts at the licensing examination. ...

Resolution submitted by: The Saskatchewan College of Paramedics

Moved: Pam Rowland

Seconded: Christina Robinson

Call for discussion. No discussion.

Motion was carried.

Resolution #3

TITLE of RESOLUTION: Clarification of program completion Continuing Education Credits

WHEREAS: Section 15(2) of *The Paramedics Act* provides for Regulatory Bylaw making provisions pursuant to section 14; and

WHEREAS: Section 15(2)(a) permits the creation of regulatory bylaws prescribing the qualifications, standards, and tests of competency for:

- i. The registration of persons in any category of persons as members; and
- ii. The issuing and renewing of licences;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Saskatchewan College of Paramedics - Regulatory Bylaws be amended as follows:

Registration Amendment

Section 5(3)

Clarification of intent:

- New graduates may use program completion as Continuing Education credits for the first renewal following initial licensure.

5. Maintaining Eligibility as a Practicing Member

3. a person who has completed the requirements for initial registration and has graduated from the initial education program in the previous two years shall be exempt from meeting the continuing medical education requirement for the first licence renewal cycle following initial licensure.

Resolution submitted by: The Saskatchewan College of Paramedics

Moved: Christina Robinson

at 1:59

Seconded: Dale Backlin

Call for discussion. No discussion.

Motion was carried.

Motion: to amend the agenda to allow Dr. Makokis to present at this time.

Moved: Christina Robinson.

Seconded: Kaitlyn Fraser. Carried.

Presentation by Dr. James Makokis.

Meeting resumed at 12:02 pm.

The 2023 Election Results are:

Fire Representative:	Jason Farago
Member at Large:	Michael "Jesse" Chorkawy

The 2022/2023 Council was introduced:

President:	Matt McGurk
Vice-President:	Noel Dunn
Past-President	Kyle Sereda
Fire Representative:	Jason Farago
Member at Large:	Donna Dohms
Member at Large:	Michael Slater
Member at Large:	Jesse Chorkawy
Public Representative:	Karen Gibbons
Public Representative:	Joel Gritzfeld
Public Representative:	Roger Carriere

Public representative to Council, Olu Adetunji has completed his terms on Council. Matt thanked him for his service.

Council member William Breen has also completed his term on Council. Matt thanked him for his service to Council.

Matt introduced the recently appointed public representative, Roger Carriere.

Motion to adjourn at 12:07 pm. Moved: Derek Dagenais.

Meeting was followed by a presentation from Dan Fraser.