

REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Fazal Khan, Registrar, CEO

DATE: December 4, 2023

SUBJECT: Registrar's Report

Highlights:

- Government Relations and Pending Regulations
- External Relations
 - Event dates
- Collaboration Efforts

Government Relations and Pending Regulations:

The Ministry of Health had assured us that pending amendments to our Registration and Professional Misconduct regulations would be prioritized with the passing of the Emergency Class regulation this past summer. The College also asked that consideration be given to our request for an exemption for Spousal Treatment.

Proposed amendments to the College's Registration Regulation have now been signed by the Chair and Registrar and sent to the Ministry of Health to be sealed. This is the final step before formal government approval. The College hopes that this approval will go through before the end of the year, but this cannot be guaranteed. If approved, the amendments to the regulation will come into force on July 1, 2024.

External Relations:

The fall is always a busy season for the College. The College has already participated in the following events:

September 9, 2023: Ontario Opticians Association (OOA) CE Event and Tradeshow

October 19th: NACOR national regulatory meeting (BC)

October 27-29th: Registration Exams-Toronto

October 23rd: Georgian College Student presentation

November 4th: Ontario Opticians Association Student Night

November 5th: Ontario Opticians Association Toronto Trade Show & CE Event.

November 12th: AOE CE Day and Tradeshow.

November 17-19th: Registration Exams-Ottawa

These events have been well attended with excellent engagement at all venues. Our presentations remain well attended with registrants asking practice advice questions and the staff at the booth report that registrants regularly come by to seek guidance on registration and quality assurance related matters.

Collaboration Efforts

The COO will be partnering with the College of Optometrists as part of our strategic initiatives, to engage the Indigenous community as we seek input to assess challenges, they may face in accessing eye health care services and to inform the development of standards of practice around Cultural Safety and Humility which would guide both professions. This collaborative effort would not only result in costs sharing, but it would also assist in developing aligned standards which would benefit both professions and ultimately the patient.

The COO will be hosting the College of Respiratory Therapists at our office as part of a pilot program to explore space sharing to utilize the premises when not in use by our organization. Dependent on the number of days and the number of partners, the College could realize premises cost savings of 20-50%. As part of the project, the College will incur some startup costs in the way of equipment upgrades at workstations as well as some cosmetic alterations to reflect a joint premises.

Respectfully submitted by:

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CEO, Registrar