

# REPORT

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Fazal Khan, Registrar, CEO

**DATE:** October 3, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Registrar's Report

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## Highlights:

- Remote Operations
- Government Relations and Pending Regulations
- MOH
  - College Performance Measurements Framework
  - Bill 106
- External Relations
- Elections
- Strategic Planning
- Consultations

## Remote Operations:

The College continues to operate remotely with no impediment to timelines or workflow. Staff are entered Phase I of our return to office program with a mandatory once/week attendance by department to ease the return to office and promote collaboration. Phase 2 is expected to start at the beginning of October with 2 days a week in-office attendance.

Over and above the expected 2 days per week in-office attendance, staff are prepared to support the Board and its committees with any in-person meetings.

Again, we continue to monitor the environment for any uptake in COVID numbers as we approach the cooler indoor season. Staff continue to be consulted as we return to the office.

## Government Relations and Pending Regulations:

Internal bi-weekly update meetings are being held with Counsel Government Relations. Counsel is actively following up on pending regulation updates as well as monitoring the landscape for possible governance and regulatory model changes. While we were pleased to see some activity from the Ministry with regards to the pending Registration and Professional Misconduct Regulations, progress

with the Regulations appears to have slowed with the Provincial election and Bill 106 consuming much of the government's time over the summer.

### **Ministry of Health:**

#### **College Performance Measurements Framework (CPMF)**

As well, the COO Registrar was invited to participate on the Ministry's CPMF Working Group committee to review and provide input for future reporting requirements. Committee work has wrapped up as of August and we await the Ministry's report and next evolution of the tool.

#### **Bill 106 – Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Act, 2022**

On April 14, 2022, the Ontario government enacted Bill 106, the Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Act, 2022. Bill 106 amended the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA) to add new requirements to the Health Professions Procedural Code (Code) and to grant the power for the government to pass further regulations relating to:

- Language proficiency requirements
- Canadian experience requirements
- Time limits for registration decisions
- The establishment of an emergency class of registration

The Ministry of Health is currently in the process of developing regulations that will give effect to these amendments. An initial proposal was posted to the Regulation Registry for comments from April 21, 2022 to June 10, 2022, and a proposed draft regulation was circulated to the colleges on August 30, 2022 for comments by September 2, 2022.

### **External Relations:**

As organizations begin to return to in-person for events, the College has been invited to participate in speaking engagements, trade shows and national events. This includes:

- October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ontario Opticians Association AGM-Virtual speaking invitation
- October 16<sup>th</sup>: AOE Optifair, trade show booth and speaking initiation.
- October 21-23: COO Examinations
- October 25-26: CNAR Symposium
- November 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Ontario Opticians Association student night and trade show
- November 16-17: NACOR National meetings in Toronto

## Elections

The nominations window has closed for District 4 (Western), District 6 (Ontario/Contact Lens Mentor) and District 7 (Central Western). The Screening Committee has completed the screening of all eligible candidates. District 4 and 6 have been acclaimed and District 7 is moving to elections, opening October 14 and closing October 28<sup>th</sup>. All of those who are acclaimed or elected will start their term January 1, 2023 for a three-year period.

**District 4 (Western)**—Acclaimed. Ms. Tonya Nahmabin (currently held by Mr. Mike Smart).

**District 6 (Ontario/Contact Lens Mentor)**—Acclaimed. Mr. Rob Vezina (currently held by Ms. Amber Fournier).

**District 7 (Central Western)** --Election Open Oct 14, Closes **Oct 28th**

Mr. Samir Modhera (incumbent)

Ms. Heena Sharma

## Strategic Planning Session

Staff have been working over the summer to synthesize the information gathered at the Board's Strategic Planning session this past Spring and will be on track to present this work to the Board for the October meeting.

## Consultations

Staff conducted an elections information webinar for perspective applicants as well as several survey consultations including the Registration and Quality Assurance departments to support ongoing policy work.

Respectfully submitted by:

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