

REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Fazal Khan, Registrar, CEO

DATE: March 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Registrar's Report

Highlights:

- Remote Operations
- Registration Examinations
- Government Relations and Pending Regulations
- MOH
 - College Performance Measurements Framework
 - Governance Reform Consultation
- External Relations
- Training and Education

Remote Operations:

With the onset of the Omicron variant the College temporarily halted plans to return to office in December of 2021. The College continues to operate remotely with no impediment to timelines or workflow. As provincial restrictions ease, the staff are accessing the office space for necessary functions such as mail and copying. Administration continues to review the situation with its focus on staff and visitor safety. Return to office guidelines for staff have been developed based on feedback from staff and it is expected that small teams of staff will be working on site minimum once a month for collaborative sessions as well as supporting any Board functions possibly by the late Spring or early Summer contingent on conditions.

Registration Examinations:

The College's third session of bilingual examinations will be held at La Cité College in Ottawa on March 26th-27th. Following this session, the College will be hosting its next set of examinations at Seneca College in Toronto, April 29th-May 1st.

Government Relations and Pending Regulations:

Internal bi-weekly update meetings are being held with Counsel Government Relations. Counsel is actively following up on long pending regulation updates as well as monitoring the landscape for possible governance and regulatory model changes. We are pleased to see some activity from the Ministry with regards to the pending Registration and Professional Misconduct Regulations. The misconduct regulation has been posted on the Ministry's website for feedback and the Registration Regulation is nearing its final stage, seeking Legislative Counsel approval. There is a possibility that this regulation could come into effect as soon as the fall of 2022 which has implications for considerable effort to support the pending regulation through updated policies and bylaws.

Ministry of Health:

College Performance Measurements Framework (CPMF)

The administration team is working towards completing the 2021 CPMF Report to be submitted by March 31, 2022. This represents the College's second report. The Ministry has made small updates to the reporting tool. The draft report will be circulated to the Board prior to submission.

Governance Reform Consultation

The Ministry of Health engaged all health colleges in a consultation as they seek to modernize governance structures for regulatory health colleges in Ontario. An information slide deck was circulated to the Board in January and the administration team is working collaboratively with the other members of HPRO to provide feedback to the Ministry. Many of the proposed reforms are in line with best practices that this college has been exploring over the past three years including the use of competencies for incoming board members.

External Relations:

Several members of the administration team are providing multiple information sessions to opticianry students at Seneca and Georgian College. Topics covered include an overview of the College, professional and ethical obligations, Quality Assurance requirements and an overview of the Registration Exam process. These remote and interactive sessions include small breakout sessions to discuss practice scenarios and have been very well received.

The upcoming NACOR national meetings in April will once again be held remotely with a view to holding a hybrid session in the fall based on environmental conditions.

Training and Education

Aside from the Board and Appointed member orientation session this past January, the staff participated in a Relational Communications training session and will be taking additional Zoom training. A Facilitative Chair training session is being arranged for all board and committee chairs and vice chairs.

Respectfully submitted by:

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