

REPORT

TO: Council

FROM: Fazal Khan, Registrar

DATE: December 3, 2018

SUBJECT: 11.1 Registrar's Report

Highlights:

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AOE, OOA, National Meetings
- Health Canada Cosmetic Contact Lens Inspection
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2019 Renewal Season Open:

October 31, 2018 marked the opening of the renewal period for the 2019 registration year. This is the second year with our new database. Improvements for this year include being able to access the renewal portal from the Member Profile Portal (launched in September) and the ability to upload Professional Liability Insurance certificates directly during the renewal process rather than submitting documents separately to the College.

Elections District 2:

The results of the College of Opticians of Ontario's first online election are now in. Voting in District 2 closed at noon on Wednesday November 14th.

Ingrid Koenig has been re-elected as the District 2 Council Representative. A warm congratulations to Ms. Ingrid Koenig.

This year District 3 was also up for election and Mr. Bryan Todd was acclaimed. Congratulations to Mr. Todd. Both he and Ms. Koenig will begin serving a three-year term of office effective January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021.

External Relations:

Saturday October 20-21, 2018 AOE Trade Show and Education Seminar, Brampton. The College had a speaking spot on the October 20th. Approximately 300 opticians were in attendance and engagement was positive. Membership dues continue to be a topic of interest. The College had a booth on the 21st of October which was also well attended.

Sunday October 21, 2018 OOA Trade Show and Education Seminar, Richmond Hill. The College attended the 1-day meeting with both a speaking spot and a booth. Again, engagement was excellent during the membership address with almost 500 members in attendance at the two speaking sessions.

Both tradeshow provided an excellent opportunity to engage with the membership. Other positive outcomes included recruiting possible applicants for appointed members, assessors and examiners. The new member portal was very well received.

Friday October 12th-Saturday October 13, 2018 National Meetings in Quebec City. The primary focus of the National Meetings from the NACOR perspective was further development of the revised National Competencies. The educators and association were invited to a working session to give input on the competency document. Other developments included the withdrawal of the Opticians Association of Canada (OAC) from the Opticians Council of Canada (OCC). For further details please see the NACOR report included in the Council Package.

Health Canada Cosmetic Contact Lens Inspection:

Health Canada sent a memo to the NACOR office on October 17th advising them that they were undertaking a targeted inspection blitz of various retailers of cosmetic plano contact lenses including online, physical retail and practitioner offices. Since Bill 313 mandates that all cosmetic contact lens are now classified as Class II medical devices, Health Canada was inspecting to ensure these lenses are now properly manufactured and labelled in accordance with Class II requirements.

The College reached out to Health Canada to request further details of the inspection program and to highlight that although under Bill 313, cosmetic contact lenses must be manufactured and labelled to higher standards, the risk mainly lies in improper dispensing and follow up of these lenses that can be found in party store outlets and cosmetic sections of pharmacies.

Registration Regulation:

The Ministry of Health has responded back to the College with comments on the draft updated Registration Regulation. The ministry feedback is being reviewed by our legal and will then go to the Registration Committee for its input.

Respectfully submitted by:
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