

TO: Council

FROM: Governance Committee

DATE: May 28, 2018

SUBJECT: By-Law Amendment – Electoral District 6
Feedback from Public Circulation

PURPOSE:

To review the feedback received from COO members about proposed amendments to the by-laws regarding the eligibility criteria for election to Council in District 6.

BACKGROUND:

The Governance Committee was tasked with reviewing a proposed amendment to section 6.3 of the College's by-laws which pertains to the eligibility criteria for election to Council in District 6 (all of Ontario). The District 6 seat is currently reserved for an individual holding a specialty designation as a Certified Contact Lens Fitter (CCLF). The proposed by-law amendment would replace the CCLF seat with a seat reserved for an individual who has been approved by the College as a Contact Lens Mentor.

At the October 2 meeting, Council approved the draft by-law amendment for public circulation. The draft by-law amendment was initially circulated via e-blast to members on October 20, 2017. A second e-blast was sent to members on November 11, 2017 with additional background information. In addition, links to the proposed amendment, background information and survey were posted to the College's website. Individuals were invited to answer survey questions and provide any comments before January 23, 2018.

A total of 126 responses were received. A summary of the survey results, together with comments, is attached for review and consideration. Based on the responses received, the majority of individuals are in favour of the proposed by-law amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

In light of the positive feedback received from members, the Governance Committee recommends that the Council approve the proposed by-law amendment.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Council is asked to decide whether to approve the amendment of the by-laws, as set out in the attached chart.

Current Language	Proposed Amended Language	Rationale
<p>6.3 Eligibility for Election</p> <p>A Member is eligible for election to Council in an electoral district if, on the deadline for the receipt of nominations and up to and including the date of the election:</p> <p>(m) in the case of electoral district 6, the Member is currently a holder of a Certificate of Proficiency in the Fitting of Contact Lenses issued by the Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers under the <i>Ophthalmic Dispensers Act</i>;</p>	<p>6.3 Eligibility for Election</p> <p>A Member is eligible for election to Council in an electoral district if, on the deadline for the receipt of nominations and up to and including the date of the election:</p> <p>m) in the case of electoral district 6, the Member is currently <u>recognized by the College as a Contact Lens Mentor in accordance with the College's contact lens mentor policy as approved by Council</u>;</p>	<p>Currently, one seat on Council is reserved for an individual holding designated by the College as a Certified Contact Lens Fitter, or "CCLF". The College has not issued any new CCLF designations since 1991, and it is not recognized as a protected title under the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i>.</p> <p>This amendment would replace the current seat on Council reserved for an individual holding a CCLF designation with a seat reserved for an individual recognized by the College as a Contact Lens Mentor. Contact Lens Mentors are those individuals recognized by the College as having sufficient experience and expertise to supervise the contact lens fittings of student or intern opticians.</p>