

Winter Newsletter
March 10
Dear Registrant,

Updated Terminology for the College's Council and RO Members

To improve clarity for the public, changes to the College's [by-laws](#) were made to amend the terminology used for the College's Council and Registered Opticians (RO) Members. ROs will now be referred to as registrants rather than members and the Council will now be referred to as the Board. Also approved were changes to the Board and Committee eligibility criteria.

Guidance on Preventing the Spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Dispensary

The College is monitoring the situation regarding the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Ontario. Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health advises that the risk remains low, however, the College has put together some information to assist opticians in their practice. These guidelines can be read in conjunction with the College's existing Standards of Practice. Please visit our [website](#) for more information. We will continue to provide updates on social media as new information becomes available. Opticians can also refer to the [Ministry of Health website](#) for additional information.

We Need your Input on Proposed Changes to the Information Available on the Public Register

The board is seeking stakeholder feedback on a proposed by-law, which, if approved, would remove information about the gender of registrants from the public register. Share your thoughts on the proposed change by completing the [survey](#).

Competency Review and Evaluation Process

Due Dates for registrants randomly selected to participate in the Competency Review and Evaluation Process are:

- Deferral/Extension Requests – March 15, 2020
- Professional Portfolio – April 2, 2020
- Multi-source Feedback – May 4, 2020

New [portfolio forms](#) are available on our website. The Quality Assurance Committee will accept forms from 2019 or 2020. Portfolio's should be submitted by email to qa@collegeofopticians.ca. Please contact the Quality Assurance Department should you require accommodation.

May 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

The May Board of Directors meeting, which is open to the public, has been moved to May 11 and May 12. Please contact us at mail@collegeofopticians.ca if you are interested in attending.

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The Board met on February 26, 2020. To review the full meeting highlights, please visit our [website](#).

Membership Renewal Experience Survey

A big thank you to everyone who completed the online survey after submitting their renewal. Your feedback helps us make continuous improvements to our process.

Many thanks,
Fazal and the COO team