

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 26-27, 2015

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### Welcome to New Council Members

Newly elected Council members Neda Mohammadzadeh (District 8 – Central) and Jeff Fernandes (District 5 – Toronto) were welcomed.

### Election of 2015 Executive Committee

Council elected the following individuals to the 2015 Executive Committee:

Ingrid Koenig RO, Elected Member – President

David Milne, Public Member – Vice-President

Hugh Corbett, Public Member

Michelle Rivais RO, Elected Member

Janice Schmidt RO, Elected Member

### Committee Slate and College Representatives 2015

The composition of each of the College's committees was determined. Council also elected the following representatives:

Georgian/ Seneca College.....Mike Smart

NACOR .....Ingrid Koenig

National Examinations Committee/

Chief Examiner for Ontario.....Mike Smart

Eye Health Council of Ontario.....Janice Schmidt

### Strategic Plan

Council approved the *COO Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017* which was developed in 2014 by Council, Appointed (Non-Council) members, staff and Jim McKinlay from The Centre for Strategic Management. The document will be posted on the College website.

### Ad Hoc Committees

Council struck two new ad hoc committees. The Illegal Dispensing Ad Hoc Committee was created as a result of an action initiative in the COO Strategic Plan. The Honoraria Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee was established to review and provide recommendations to Council on the aforementioned policy.

### Financial – COO 2015 Budget

Council approved the 2015 budget.

### Standards of Practice

Council approved the draft *Standards of Practice for Opticians in the Province of Ontario* for circulation to stakeholders to provide feedback within 90 days. It was also determined that focus groups will be held to enable interested stakeholders to discuss the proposed amendments.

### Treating Spouses Regulation

Council approved a draft version of a regulation that would permit opticians to treat their spouses. The draft regulation will be circulated for stakeholder feedback once feedback on the regulation is received from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Council also determined that guidelines will be developed to assist members in determining when it may be appropriate to treat their spouse.