

REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Fazal Khan, Registrar, CEO

DATE: June 3-4, 2024

SUBJECT: Registrar's Report

Highlights:

- Government Relations and Approved/Pending Regulations
- Examinations Update
- External Relations
 - Event dates
- Collaboration Efforts
- Elections

Government Relations and Approved/Pending Regulations:

As per the previous report, the Registration Regulation has now received formal government approval and will be coming into force on July 1, 2024. Work is already underway to implement all the policies and processes necessary to support the new regulation and to communicate the upcoming changes to applicants, registrants, and other affected system partners. To date, the College has presented at two large continuing education events and held two 'Lunch and Learn' webinars regarding detailed aspects of the new Registration Regulation.

The College received the final version of the Professional Misconduct Regulation for signature by the College Chair and Registrar. Much like the Registration Regulation, the revised Professional Misconduct Regulation has been pending with the Ministry for several years. Changes are not as far reaching as the Registration Regulation and the administrative team is developing a roll out program for this new regulation, which is expected to have an effective date of July 1, 2024, in line with the effective date of the Registration Regulation.

We are continuing to work with the Ministry of Health, with the support of Counsel Public Affairs, for our request for an exemption for Spousal Treatment.

Examinations Update

The College entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Alliance of Canadian Opticianry Regulators (NACOR) with respect to national examinations for opticians as of January 1, 2024.

May 3-5th marked the first exam in Ontario with NACOR fully administering the examination session. Our Chief Examiner, Peggy Dreyer was in attendance. Our initial internal debrief indicates that the session was successful.

External Relations:

The College has had a busy season of external events this Spring. The College has participated in the following speaking engagements, trade shows, and national events:

February 23rd: Georgian College Student presentation

March 24, 2024: AOE CE Day and Tradeshow.

March 25, 2024: Seneca Student Event

April 21, 2024: Ontario Opticians Association (OOA) CE Event and Tradeshow

May 1 & 2, 2024: NACOR national regulatory meeting (Halifax)

May 4-6, 2024: Registration Exams, Toronto

June 23, 2024: OOA CE Event and Tradeshow-Sudbury

With the approval of the amended Registration Regulation, the College has conducted several webinars and a social media campaign to educate our registrants and community partners with respect to the impact of the changes to them. The College will leverage the Ontario Opticians Association's multiple city road show that will include London, Sudbury, and Ottawa to spread awareness of pending changes to the incoming Registration Regulation.

Collaboration Efforts

The COO and the College of Optometrists conducted a facilitated meeting on March 21st and April 26th with several members of the Indigenous community to better understand the challenges and experiences this community has faced as patients seeking eye care. This project is a cornerstone of the College's strategic initiative around diversity, equity, and inclusion with an end goal of developing a standard of practice which guides the registrants regarding Cultural Safety and Humility. This collaborative effort has not only resulted in costs sharing, but it is also aimed at developing aligned standards which would benefit both professions and ultimately the patient.

The COO is working with our real estate agent to finalize a space sharing contract with the College of Respiratory Therapists. Expected move in date is October 1, 2024.

Elections

Nominations have closed for Districts 2 (Eastern) and 3 (Northern). We will be conducting elections in both districts as we have 2 candidates in each district who have all successfully passed the screening interview process.

Elections will be held for Board of Directors positions in District 2 (Eastern) and District 3 (Northern) from June 7 to June 21, 2024. Voting will open on Friday, June 7, 2024, and run until Friday, June 21 at noon!

The Candidates in District 2 (Eastern) are:

- Tarah Potts
- Derick Summers

The Candidates in District 3 (Northern) are:

- Kevin Cloutier
- Ariadne Gubbels

Respectfully submitted by:

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CEO, Registrar