

REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Fazal Khan, Registrar, CEO

DATE: March 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Registrar's Report

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Government Relations:

Regulations

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. The Ministry was in contact with us during the first week of January to discuss possible in-force dates for the new regulation. This likely indicates final stages for the new regulation. That said, shortly after that exchange, the provincial government announced an election and during this period, the internal staff have placed a pause on this type of activity until the completion of the election.

Staffing:

With preparation for our 3-year Strategic Planning session this fall, we have brought on Ms. Ranee Law as a Project Assistant to support the process.

Special Projects:

Aside from day-to-day routine operations, the staff are focused on preparing for the upcoming Strategic Planning session in April as well as co-hosting the next Industry Round Table event, tentatively in May.

External Relations:

Below is a list of events attended/engaged in since the last report as well as upcoming events in the fall:

February 11, 2025: Industry Consultation Focus Group

February 13, 2025: Registrant and Educators Consultation Focus Groups (afternoon/evening sessions)

March 11, 2025: Seneca Trade Show

March 23, 2025: AOE Trade Show, Markham

April 6, 2025: OOA Trade Show, Richmond Hill

April 15, 2025: NACOR virtual meeting

May 2025: Industry Round Table (exact date to be confirmed)

The College is once again participating in the Ontario Opticians Association's multiple city road show that included shows in London, Sudbury, Ottawa and Toronto. The pilot program in 2024 was received as a success by our registrants and provided the College an opportunity to interact with its many registrants outside of the GTA.

The College will be hosting several engagement webinars as we prepare for the upcoming Strategic Planning session this Spring. We are hosting sessions with educators, industry and registrants. The registrant sessions seem to be of particular interest with 2 full sessions and possibly a third being added based on demand.

Collaboration Efforts

The Board will be hearing from our consultants regarding our joint Indigenous Engagement project with the College of Optometrists at the March Board meeting. This project was undertaken to better understand the Indigenous community's challenges and experiences 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 cost sharing, but it is also aimed at developing aligned standards which would benefit both professions and ultimately the patient.

The College is also collaborating with the College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists to co-host two free DEI education events targeted at our respective registrant bases. These webinars are being held in May and April.

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