

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Council

FROM: Executive Committee

DATE: October 1, 2018

SUBJECT: Appointed Member Policy

Purpose: To consider making amendments to the number of appointed members, and to consider creating a new category of appointed members solely for filling positions on discipline panels.

Background:

Since the implementation of the revised Quality Assurance Program in 2014, there has been a significant increase in the number of referrals to ICRC and accordingly, the Discipline Committee. On account of this increase, challenges have arisen around processing these cases expeditiously, while also ensuring that any potential conflicts of interest are avoided by not having members consider the same case at multiple committees or panels.

For Consideration:

To ease the difficulty in striking panels, the Executive Committee is recommending the following:

- 1) **Addition to the Appointed Member Complement** to eight, up from the current seven. Increasing the appointed member pool brings the benefit of more members to place on committees and discipline panels.
- 2) **Creation of a New Category of Appointed Member** whose sole purpose would be to participate on discipline panels. Executive Committee is recommending that two positions be created. These members would not attend Council meetings, nor participate in Council strategic initiatives, but would be provided with appropriate training. This position may appeal to opticians who wish to participate, but may not be able to commit the amount time necessary to sit on multiple committees.

Recommendation/Action Required:

That Council approve the amendments to the Appointed Member Policy, as recommended by the Executive Committee.