



Highlights of the June 10, 2011 Meeting of Council

The first Council meeting after the AGM was held on June 10, 2011. Returning Council members Brent Stewart, Derek Dagenais, Jon Antal, and Karen Wallace and new Council members Karen Bullock and Lindsay Holm attended the meeting. Highlights follow.

Registration Process

Registry System

Council was advised that work is continuing on the new registry system. It was noted that continuing medical education will need to be reviewed by the Education Committee as it is very complicated to build into an electronic system without high costs. The aim is to implement online registration and payment for 2012, but continue to take the paper CME form for 2012 as our members have been utilizing it all year. The CME will go online at the end of the year for the 2013 registration renewal. Each member will have a user name and password to access his status. It was noted that information entry will fall on the practitioner rather than the coordinator.

Council was also advised that a new member registry numbering system will be implemented because of the complications that are occurring using the current numbers received from the Ministry of Health including limited available numbers, the reuse of numbers etc. However, SCoP will continue to assist the Ministry with their 4 digit numbering system in the short term in order to allow them the opportunity to update their system.

Restricted License Extensions

Council made a motion to not allow restricted licenses to continue for members that have already had six months worth of extensions to obtain ITLS or ACLS. They will be required to take the course within their six month extension or work with a restricted license that requires them to work at a lower license level or work with another member that is licensed at the same level as they are. It was deemed that during the extension, there was access to the courses required to fulfill these members' licensing requirements.

EMR Exams

Council was advised that work was continuing on the development of an EMR exam. A draft has been prepared and is currently being piloted. Fees and locations will need to be discussed at the fall Council meeting. A risk management document is going to be prepared to assist in making further decisions and communicating them.

Equivalency Assessments

Council was advised that we are seeing an increase in requests for equivalency assessments for paramedics trained outside of Canada.

Scope of Practice and Protocols

Council was updated in regards to a meeting that took place on May 30, 2011 that included representatives from Air Ambulance, STARS, the Ministry of Health and SCoP. The meeting discussed the opportunity for one flight protocol to be developed and a process was developed to try to achieve the development and College of Physicians and Surgeons approval of a flight medic protocol sometime in the fall of 2011.

Council was also advised that work is continuing with the Legislative and Bylaw Committee on a scope of practice document similar to what other health professions have. SCoP has reviewed scope of practice documents from other health professions.

SCoP Council and Committees

Council determined which members would be appointed to vacant positions on SCoP committees for the next term of three years. Work is underway to confirm appointments and announcements will follow thereafter. There is a requirement for a public representative on the Education and Nominations Committees. A posting on the main page of our website encourages public members to submit their names and should be forwarded to anyone that may be interested.

Council supported the survey results from the AGM and agreed to set the terms of office for an elected member of council and an elected and appointed member of college committees at two years rather than three years. Work will begin to amend the bylaws accordingly.

Canadian Organization of Paramedic Regulators (COPR) Update

Council received an update on COPR. The development a national exam is continuing with participation from Saskatchewan. COPR will also be meeting later in June to continue to focus on the national licensing exam.

Provincial Emergency Services Practice Committee

The Council President and Executive Director attended a PESPC meeting in May. Counsel was advised that new protocols were moving forward to the College of Physicians and Surgeons for approval including STEMI, Sepsis, Syntocinon and MFI. There are further protocols that are still in the development phase and will be moving forward in the future for approval.

Counsel was also advised that PESPC has developed a process to approve new technology and devices. A new device will go through this process if it is not approved by Health Canada or being used in a manner that the device was not designed for.

It was noted that protocols will be updated to account for the 2010 ACLS Changes. PESPC agreed that as protocols are developed and amended, the committee would try to be more generic and stay away from specific dosages and specific drugs.

PESPC also agreed to amend the protocol implementation guideline to reflect that if a service has done their approved training, they can proceed with using the protocol. Other services can take 180 days to implement their training.

It is anticipated that the next PESPC Meeting will occur in fall in order to focus on approving a flight medic protocol in sufficient time for STARS to enter Saskatchewan.

Professional Conduct

Council was provided with a copy of a letter sent to a physician that had requested guidelines as to what they should do to the college regarding professional incompetence and professional misconduct. It was agreed that this guidance should be communicated on a wider basis via the newsletter and website.

The PCC Anonymous Complaints Policy was approved. It will be moved into the policy manual shortly. This policy will better assist in how anonymous complaints will be handled.

Annual General Meeting

Council was advised that the survey results from the AGM were very positive. There was plenty of support from everyone to hold another CME session.

Council was advised that preparation was started for the 2012 AGM being held in Prince Albert in 2012. The catering and room has been booked.

Lease Renewal

Council supported the renewal of the lease option for another 3 years as we can continue to lease our current space for a reasonable rate.

Personnel Hiring

Council was advised that SCoP has concluded hiring three positions. We are pleased to welcome Caitlynn Collinson as our new Administrative Assistant, Miranda Koot as our part-time Administrative Clerk and Dale Backlin as our Investigation and Research Coordinator.