



Highlights of the March 11, 2011 Meeting of Council

The last Council meeting before the AGM was held on March 11, 2011. Council members Brent Stewart, Karen Wallace, Bob Fenner, Derek Dagenais and Jamie Struthers attended the meeting. Highlights follow.

Registration Process

Council approved a proposal to make photos mandatory on wallet cards.

Council also approved a proposal to increase the ACP and the PCP exam time from 2 hrs to 2.5 hrs.

Scope of Practice and Protocols

Council was advised that the bylaw is now defunct. A new temporary solution was worked out with the College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSS) that was similar to the original aim of the bylaw. The air ambulance and in facility protocols are currently with CPSS waiting for temporary approval. The education materials are with an education sub-committee for review.

Council was also advised that the Legislative and Bylaw Committee is working on a scope of practice document similar to what other health professions have. SCoP intends to review scope of practice documents from other health professions.

Council also agreed that the College needs to develop some guidelines as to what needs to be disclosed regarding breach of protocol.

Canadian Organization of Paramedic Regulators (COPR) Update

Council received an update on COPR. The timelines for labour mobility have increased a little but the federal government remains pleased with the mobility of paramedics.

The NOCP document will form the basis of the national licensing exam. A firm in Edmonton has been contracted to develop the exams and working groups. A policy group and a development group have been established. The College Executive Director, Sheri Hupp, will sit on the policy group along with a contracted ACP member. On the development group, there will be two contracted ACP members and two contracted ICP or PCP members.

Audit Process

Council was advised that a review of the January 2011 CME Audit of agencies suggested four requirements that agencies should implement:

- 1) The need for the Agency's to develop a policy relative to the CME process. The College has prepared a draft policy that agencies can use as their starting point;
- 2) The need for the Agency to have an overall snapshot of the CME activity within the service which would identify the practitioner and the CME they had acquired;
- 3) The need to ensure that the Agency had evidence of assessment of skills, in particular the mandatories; and
- 4) The need to ensure that documents such as attendance sheets, had security measures (e.g. watermarks, Agency letter head, etc.)

CME Policy 2.1 has been updated to include a section on audits.

A list of agencies for audit in spring 2011 has been developed. Two members of the CME Audit sub-committee will participate on each audit.

Biomechanics of Safe Lifting

Council discussed in detail whether it was appropriate to remove Biomechanics of Safe Lifting as a mandatory skill in 2012 as recommended by the Education Committee. The Education Committee had researched the issue and determined that it was not an issue for the College to regulate as it properly belonged with Occupational Health and Safety. The skills could still be taught and may be approved for CME credits in appropriate circumstances. It was also noted that other regulators from around the country do not have a requirement for lifting. As such, Council approved the removal of Biomechanics of Safe Lifting as a mandatory skill in 2012 for all license levels.

MFI Protocol

Council discussed and approved the MFI protocol with some amendments. Council also requested some research into Flumazenil as an antidote be done in order to determine whether it should be included in the protocol. The aim is to get this protocol to PESPC for its May meeting so the Executive Committee will approve the final amendments.

Committees

Council was advised that there may be up to eighteen vacancies for Committee positions, including the five new positions on the Discipline Committee. Current committee members whose terms are expiring this year will be contacted to see if they wish to serve another term. Also forms for members to express interest in serving on a committee have been posted on the website.

Financial

Council approved the Three Year Budget for 2011-2013. There are three staff positions to be filled in 2011 which are all budgeted for. Currently, the Administrative Clerk, a new part time administrative position, and the current Investigations and Research Coordinator are posted on

the College website and Sask Jobs. We will also be posting the current Administrative Assistant position with an aim to hire replacements for both positions in 2011 as well.

Council approved the recommendation of the Audit Committee to exercise the 3 year option on our current leases location.

Council also approved the audited financial statements to the end of 2010.

Annual General Meeting

An educational session will occur at 2011 AGM with Kent Stewart from the Coroner's Office presenting.

Council approved the 2011 resolutions that will be presented at the AGM.

Lyle Karasiuk of Parkland Ambulance has offered to host the 2012 AGM in Prince Albert. It will be voted on at the AGM.