



## **Highlights of the March 12, 2010 Meeting of Council**

The regular meeting of Council on March 12, 2010, had a principal focus on preparation for the Annual General Meeting including approval of the 2009 Annual Report, the audited Financial Statements for 2009, and finalization of a number of items for the AGM agenda including revisions to the Strategic Plan based on the consultation feedback received and a decision to proceed with the proposed changes to the registry numbers. Present for the meeting which was chaired by Vice President Derek Dagenais, were Bob Fenner, Kim Johnston, Jon Antal, Jamie Struthers, Karen Todd and Karen Wallace (for the afternoon).

Instructor Qualifications Policy Amended. Concern was raised by Coordinators at the training sessions regarding how the former policy was constraining their ability to include all staff in preparing and presenting materials for continuing education. Council has now responded to those concerns. Council approved a revision to the policy on instructor qualifications as proposed by the Education Committee. The policy has been modified to allow instructors with lower classifications than participants where the instructor has specialized expertise or where the subject matter is the same for all levels (eg. safe lifting and moving). The subject matter must be within the scope of practice of the instructor.

Appointment to the Education Committee. Council accepted the resignation of Teresa Cameron from the Education Committee and thanked her for her contribution. Council considered the 25 applications for appointment to the Education Committee in light of the challenges facing that committee. Tim Hillier, EMT-P, Saskatoon, was appointed to the Education Committee to fill the vacancy.

Annual Report on Members with Criminal Records. Council considered the annual report from the Registration Committee on members and applicants with criminal records. Council noted there have been 13 new applicants for registration who have had "positive" criminal record checks – most of them driving while under the influence. Council also noted that the Registration Committee had referred some members to the Professional Conduct Committee for failure to fully disclose their criminal records on initial application. The full record became available to the college as a result of the requirement for a Certified Criminal Record supported by fingerprints. This has confirmed the importance of this requirement.

Licensing Exam Fee Adjusted. After considering the hardship posed for initial applicants, Council has adjusted the policy on fees for licensing examinations. The fee had been charged for each attempt at writing the exam. The fee of \$300 will now cover all three trials of the exam. Anyone who has paid more than \$300 will receive a refund.