

Highlights of the June 19, 2015 Meeting of Council



The June 19, 2015 Council Meeting was held at the SCoP office with a teleconference option also made available. Six members of Council attended in person and three sent their regrets.

Registration Process

National Exam

- Exam results were circulated to Council.
- PCP performance declined a little bit, but within acceptable standards.
- One last sitting of PCP 2001 NOCP exam to occur in August, then only the 2011 NOCP exam will be available.
- ACP applicants continue to do very well.
- COPR has launched practice exams online - \$75 per attempt, unlimited attempts.
- COPR released a request for proposals for the delivery of the national exam.

EMR Exam

- Some cohorts are still underperforming. Speculation that certain programs may not match up to the NOCPs. Follow up to occur.

Scope of Practice and Protocols

Research

- Met with Ron Bowles, Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) to discuss potential joint research re: EMR utilization in industry. An environmental scan would be performed. Would include Alberta and BC.

SCoP Council and Committees

SCoP Strategic Plan Update

- Next steps: finalize the strategic planning document and determine priority action items for the fall meeting.
- Policy update:
 - Interviewing for public policy intern – 8 month term
 - Will be partnering with Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (SAMRT) on cost and mentorship.
 - Have identified policy priorities based on strategic objectives.

- 1/3 of the project will be for SCoP, 1/3 for SAMRT, and 1/3 will be something the student chooses. This is their final steps for their master's degree.
- Candidates are pre-screened by the University.

Executive Committee

- All licence extensions requested were for training.
- Discussion regarding giving new grads a longer period in which to write the exam.
 - Changes to restriction time period would require a bylaw change.
 - Executive Director will look at what this change will require.

Education Committee

- No minutes to report.
- Next meeting is June 29, 2015.
- CME approvals
 - Can a time frame for approvals be set? Currently, there is no standard response time.
 - Executive Director will report back in September with a recommendation.
- PESPC Revised Terms of Reference
 - The revised Terms of Reference were circulated to Council. Now called the Paramedic Practice Committee (PPC).
 - Ministry has asked for approval from Council.
 - This committee looks at scope of practice and protocol changes. Large committee (10-12) and meets twice a year.
 - Council would like quorum defined in the Terms of Reference.

MOTION: That Council accepts the document, with provisions for quorum added, and that members 5, 6, and 7 from the Advisory Committee be moved to the Stakeholder Consultation Group.

Betty/Jamie.

Add to the motion:

- Consists of 50% of the voting members, with representation from each voting group.
- Wherever it says ad hoc or ex-officio, it means non-voting.

4 in favour. 1 opposed. Carried.

Audit Committee

- Minutes from last meeting were circulated.
- Auditor's report: unqualified report (positive result).

Professional Conduct Committee

- 2 open files now.
- Have the info to resolve one.
- Committee wants to appropriately address the member who posted a complaint on social media. Not the only profession experiencing this problem. Issue is where does public life end and private life begin.
- Sent out one consensual complaint resolution.
- To date, SCoP has supported NIRO members by completing investigations (both in-kind and compensated). Examples include: SALPN (Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses) and SAMRT.

Discipline Committee

- No hearings scheduled
- Still waiting to hear the results of an appeal, heard 90 days ago.

Legislation & Bylaws Committee

- Starting the process of implementing the restricted licence changes.
- Once the policy analyst is here, will work on Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) resolution.

Nominations Committee

- Nominations committee recommendations were circulated to Council.

MOTION: Bill Fischer be chair of the Education Committee, Doris Derbyshire's term expires, William Breen goes on Education Committee and Matt McGurk go on nominations.

Betty/Jason. Carried.

Stakeholder Meetings and Conferences

Saskatchewan Emergency Medical Services Association (SEMSA)

- Use of term “Paramedic”:
 - SEMSA is interested in changing the branding for their name to Paramedic Chiefs Association of Saskatchewan, to align with the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada.
 - Paramedic is a protected title and SEMSA asked if it would be in breach of the legislation.
 - SEMSA will send some correspondence to SCoP to outline a plan to protect the term.

SCoP Annual General Meeting

- Lots of media interest in the media, helped improve public perception.
- Members were pleased with the meeting overall.
- SCoP would consider continuing to partner with organizations, including members of NIRO (Network of Inter-professional Regulatory Organizations)
- Executive Director will present location options for 2016 AGM at the fall Council meeting.

Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC) – the National Occupational Competency Profiles (NOCP) Steering Committee meeting update

- PAC is working to redevelop the NOCPs. Likely not a complete redevelopment, but everything reframed in a different structure. Won't be many clinical changes, but changes in format.
- Liability insurance for individuals
 - The College will inform members of the risks of not having personal professional liability insurance. Begin with an article for The Pulse, “What is professional liability.”

Canadian Organization of Paramedic Regulators

- Excellent face to face with COPR Council and Exam Committees.
- Strategic Planning exercise: Redrafted vision/mission statements. Priority initiatives reframed as desired outcomes with action attached.
 1. Establishing tools and policies to support a consistent approach to regulatory practice across jurisdictions.
 2. Relates to stakeholder relationships.
 3. Establishing reliable tools to evaluate practitioner competency.

4. Relates to organizational security and sustainability.

- Saskatchewan is the new COPR Chair; Chair-elect is BC.

eHealth Saskatchewan

- Working with eHealth Saskatchewan to determine the value of providing paramedics with access to patient electronic health records. Would be the first province in Canada to do this. Looking at running a pilot in the fall.