

Highlights of the November 7, 2014 Meeting of Council



The November, 2014 Council Meeting was held at the SCoP office. Five members of Council attended in person, and three by telephone.

Registration Process

National Exam

- National exam results were shared with Council.
- Pass rates continue to be strong.

EMR Exam

- EMR exam results were shared with Council.
- Pass rates are improving.
- SCoP met with training providers to discuss exam performance.

Jurisprudence Exam

- SCoP is examining the possibility of joining forces with the Network of Interprofessional Regulatory Organizations (NIRO) group to deliver a jurisprudence exam as a group. NIRO will be meeting later in November.
- SCoP will need to upgrade some web technology before moving forward with the exam.

Member Renewal

- The College is working to inform members who choose a non-practicing licence that they will be required to take a refresher course after 2 years of non-practicing, and that refresher courses will not be available for practitioners at the EMT level.

Scope of Practice and Protocols

PCP Scope of Practice

- 242 members have successfully upgraded to the PCP 2011 NOCP level.
- 13 are sitting in the queue awaiting more information from members.

MFI Research Project

- The data-gathering stage of the project has been completed.

SCoP Council and Committees

- A member-at-large has submitted their resignation to Council, due to time constraints.
- Created a vacancy on the Education Committee in the position of Chair, which was filled by Bill Fischer.
- A vacancy on Council remains through to May, 2016. A recommendation on next steps will be made in January.

SCoP Strategic Plan Update

- Date for strategic planning session was set for January 29, 2015 with the Council meeting set for January 30. Note: This date has since been changed to April 2, 2015.

Administrative tribunal training

- Looking to schedule for January, in conjunction with the Council and strategic planning meetings.

Education Committee

- Council considered a number of motions from the Education Committee, recommending the following policy changes regarding CME requirements:
 - New graduates will no longer be eligible for a 2 year exception for licencing requirements.
 - New graduates are at an entry to practice competency level. Additional education is an important component that is necessary in order for the member to become a more experienced provider.
 - New graduates and new members of the College will have now CME credit requirements prorated based on the date the individual applies for licensure. The proposed CME requirements are as follows:
 - January/February/March: 15 CME Credits
 - April/May/June: 10 CME Credits
 - July/August/September: 5 CME Credits
 - October/November/December: 0 CME Credits
 - Members who are currently enrolled in a paramedic program at a higher level than they are currently licensed at, will be granted 20 CME credits by providing a copy of an unofficial transcript validating they are enrolled in the program at the time of renewal.
 - Rationale: This policy recognizes the value of program as an alternative to CME.
 - Council also tabled a motion from the Education Committee that recommended allowing the medication review licence requirement to be met by self-review and a declaration on the renewal form. Before approving, Council asked the education committee to provide a core training requirement document outlining what the self-

review must include. Council will review the core training requirements at their next meeting and make their decision regarding the recommendation.

Audit Committee

- Minutes from the last meeting were circulated.
- Members are using e-transfer this renewal season, saving the College a transaction fee.

Professional Conduct Committee

- Last met on October 8. Next meeting is November 12.
- 1 active investigation; 2 new complaints.
- The College has been approached by another regulatory body to help them investigate one of their members due to conflict of interest.

Discipline Committee

- Discipline hearing was October 20; Decision is forthcoming.

Nominations Committee

- Next meeting will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.
- The College may have located a public representative, filling the current vacancy.

Legislation & Bylaws Committee

- Currently working with a consultant to finalize the bylaw changes regarding proration of fees.
- The College will create a bylaw page specific to fees, so that future changes can be addressed by inserting a new page.

Stakeholder Meetings and Conferences

SCoP Annual General Meeting

- Next SCoP AGM is May 11, 2015. The SCoP AGM will be in the morning. A keynote speaker will present in the afternoon to allow members of the Saskatchewan EMS Association (SEMSA) to attend, allowing SCoP and SEMSA to share costs of an international presenter.
 - Keynote speaker identified presents on violence in EMS and PTSD in the workplace.

Ministry of Health (MOH)

- Meeting of large Lloydminster working group. Presented recommendations which were endorsed. Next meeting is later in November.

- The College attended a Rapid Process Improvement Workshop regarding designing a provincial program for the delivery of RSV Prophylaxis (vaccination for infants) and whether or not paramedics could be involved in the vaccination process.

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

- Next meeting is December 7 and 8.
- Insurance plan for individuals will be launched soon. SCoP will post a link from our website to the information.
- SCoP is not a member of PAC.

CLEAR Conference Update

- Investigations and Research Coordinator attended the Council on Licensure Enforcement

University of Regina/Johnson Shoyama Training

- Health Care Regionalization in Alberta: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
- Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) Presentation for Right to Know Week
- SIHL (Sask Institute of Health Leadership) – looking into how SCoP can become affiliated with the program. It could be good training for members.