



## **Highlights of the June 15, 2012 Meeting of Council**

The first Council meeting after the 2012 AGM was held on June 15, 2012. Council welcomed Derek Dagenais as the new president and Dan Lewis as the new vice-president. Council also welcomed two new public members to Council: Tom Janisch who was able to attend and Betty Hoffart who was unable to attend on short notice. Also attending the meeting were Jon Antal, Karen Bullock and Jamie Struthers who was reappointed for a second term as a public representative.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The 2012 AGM held on April 20, 2012 in Prince Albert was a success. The costs to the College came within budget, all submitted resolutions were passed and general feedback indicated appreciation that some unique speakers were included such as STARS and drug abuse in the paramedic profession. The electronic voting was successful resulting in an increase of votes and the College saw Dan Lewis elected as the new vice president.

The 2013 AGM is scheduled for April 19, 2013 in Saskatoon with Saskatoon Fire hosting the College.

### **Registration Process**

#### *National Exam*

The June exam is implementing with two provinces participating. An additional two provinces will be joining the offering happening in September. COPR is currently looking at offering the exam every two to three months for students.

#### *Jurisprudence Exam*

A draft of the jurisprudence exam has been received from our member consultant. The College is currently having some committee members take the test and provide feedback. The results of the draft test as well as the feedback will be utilized to adjust the current draft.

Work is also underway to investigate how the College could implement a jurisprudence test at the lowest possible cost with the goal to be as electronic as possible. Alberta and British Columbia have provided input in regards to how they implemented an online jurisprudence test which has been helpful in moving Saskatchewan towards a decision in regards to how to implement in the near future.

#### *EMR Exam*

The first EMR exam was held on June 4, 2012. The passing rate was 35% which was not too different than the first writing of the PCP exam back in 2010. The exam was reviewed in great

detail to ensure that the results were fair and some questions will be taken back to the Education Committee for additional review. Council supported sharing the statistical results of the exam with the Red Cross and St. Johns Ambulance.

## **Scope of Practice and Protocols**

### *Scope of Practice for Paramedic Professionals*

Work has continued on the Scope of Practice document. Feedback was solicited from all of the College committees and Council reviewed the provided feedback and recommended changes to the Scope of Practice document. The next step will be to solicit input from College stakeholders on the most recent draft including SEMSA, Fire Chiefs, SIAST etc

### *PCP Scope of Practice*

Council saw a presentation comparing the licence levels from the 2001 NOCPs to the 2011 NOCPs. Discussion occurred in regards to next steps in putting together a scope change plan. It was agreed that consultation with various stakeholders needs to occur as well as a survey of the membership. Work will continue on this item throughout the summer.

### *Protocol Manual*

Council reviewed a proposal from a local company, Solvera Solutions, in regards to possible solutions for a revamped protocol manual. It was agreed that their proposal on requirements gathering, researching existing solutions, researching custom solutions and documenting a business case of recommended solutions was an appropriate place to start determining how the College can migrate the current manual into a new format and ensure that format fulfills the needs of our members going forward.

## **SCoP Council and Committees**

### *New Council Members*

SCoP welcomed three new members to Council. Dan Lewis joined his first Council meeting as vice-president. SCoP was also excited to welcome two new public members: Tom Janisch who is a retired RCMP officer and a current Business Performance and Process Manager at Sask Power and Betty Hoffart who is a CMA and is the current CEO of CMA Canada (Saskatchewan).

### *SCoP Strategic Plan Update*

The SCoP strategic plan is ending in 2012. As such, Council has agreed that it is important to continue with the plan by updating it for another few years. It was agreed that contact should be made with D.C. Strategic Management as they assisted the College with the previous plan. SCoP is currently awaiting a proposal including time line and costs from the indicated consulting firm.

### *Training*

CADTH and SCoP, with support from SIAST, held two half-day training sessions at the end of April on critical appraisal of evidence. Positive feedback was received from the PESPC, Education Committee and Council members that attended.

Coordinator Training took place on May 10, 2012 in Saskatoon.

A PESPC Meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2012 using Telehealth.

As indicated previously, the Saskatchewan Network of Inter-Professional Regulatory Organizations (NIRO) had been granted funding from the Ministry of Health to pay for governance training. A contract was received and reviewed from Johnson Shoyama Graduate School on Public Policy. It is anticipated that this training will occur on November 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> and that SCoP will be able to send two Council members at no cost to the College. It was agreed by Council that one of those members should be Dan Lewis, the new vice-president, as he will be a member of Council for the next four years.

#### *Education Committee*

Council was advised that CME audits have commenced. Some agencies visited have struggled with producing records and as such, received a not in compliance rating. Further audits may occur with these agencies to ensure that better documentation is being kept.

#### *Registration Committee*

Council supported a motion from the Registration Committee to phase out that committee and phase its remaining duties back into the Education Committee.

#### *Nominations Committee*

Council supported the recommendations of the Nominations Committee for appointments to committees. The committees with vacancies for members were Education, Discipline and Nominations (elected position). Council was pleased with the amount of applicants received but unfortunately, it did mean that some interested members were not appointed to committees. There was impressive interest from ACP members but there were no available positions on committees for an ACP member as other licence levels were needed to provide better representation.

In addition to member appointments, public members were appointed to Discipline, Audit and PCC.

SCoP is currently waiting for oaths of office to be completed by the members recommended for appointment and will release names once those have been received.

### **Community Paramedicine**

#### *Mobile Health Advisory Committee*

Derek Dagenais continues to represent SCoP on this committee. They are researching community paramedicine options in different settings.

*Primary Health Care*

Council discussed the fact that the Ministry of Health is continuing to focus on primary health care and has launched a new webpage that focuses on it:

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/primary-health-care>. Work has been done to prepare a primary health care page on each type of health care professionals including paramedics which included input from SCoP.

*Better Care Sooner – Nova Scotia*

The Ministry of Health, SRNA and some health regions have made a trip out to Nova Scotia to look at their health care system. Nova Scotia has implemented some new roles for paramedics that are resulting in a reduction in Emergency room visits and Saskatchewan is interested in exploring these new roles to assist in their health care model.