

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: MEETING SUMMARY

FOR INFORMATION

This document provides a summary of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 3, 2023. The full minutes of this meeting will be approved at the next meeting and circulated.

Discussion and information items

Appointment of Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO) representative to the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB)

The Executive Committee had directed the Registrar to conduct further exploration of the RCDSO appointment to the NDEB Board.

The Registrar reported that there are significant issues facing NDEB, including concerns from internationally-trained dentists and the focus on third-party providers by Fairness Commissioners. It will be important to have a representative who is current and well-versed in the ongoing activities.

The Executive Committee discussed several options for this appointment and asked the Registrar to obtain further information from NDEB on its by-laws and requirements, and to bring back additional options for the Committee's consideration.

RCDSO Strategic Plan

Staff is currently developing a summary report containing RCDSO's 2020-2022 strategic plan accomplishments. This report will be presented to Council at the April 4, 2023 meeting.

The Deputy Registrar reported that staff have developed an action plan, key resources and reporting tools to support the 2023-2025 strategic plan.

Regulation Amendment – Emergency Class of Licensure

The Deputy Registrar reported that the draft regulation amendment is currently out for a mandatory 60-day consultation with a deadline of March 24, 2023 for feedback. The draft regulation amendment and a full overview of the feedback received will be provided to Council for its consideration at the April 4, 2023 meeting. Pursuant to Council's approval of the regulation amendment, a formal submission will be made to government.

The legislation requires the regulation amendment to be finalized by Cabinet by August 31, 2023.

“As of Right” New Legislation

Staff reported on draft legislation recently released by the Ontario government related to licensure and registration for some professions (physicians, nurses, medical laboratory technicians and respiratory therapists). If individuals are already licensed in a Canadian jurisdiction the proposed legislation will allow them to practice in Ontario while they are seeking Ontario licensure. The draft legislation does not currently apply to dentistry.

The Executive Committee discussed some of the implications this draft legislation could have on the professions and the public.

Professional Liability Program (PLP) Expert Review Task Force update

The PLP Expert Review Task Force has met twice. Their report is expected to be presented to Council at the September 21, 2023 meeting.

Council Onboarding and Continuing Education Framework

The Committee considered a proposed continuing education framework for Council members for the coming year, with the goal of Council members gaining a deeper understanding of the strategic plan projects, governance fundamentals (e.g. conflict of interest) and current information about regulatory programs within the College.

Education sessions will be held during regular Council meetings. There was discussion on the resources available for Council members through the College's membership to the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD).

A joint one-day meeting of the oral health colleges' Councils is being planned for Indigenous awareness training. Further details will be shared when available.

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