

AGENDA
Teleconference Meeting of ACP Council
Thursday, July 31, 2008
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** (President Siemens)
2. **Roll Call** (Registrar Eberhart)
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. **Additions to agenda**
4. **Appointment of Pharmacy Technicians as Observers to Council (Report from Nominating Committee)** – Enclosures to be circulated separately prior to meeting
5. **Amendments to Schedule 19 of the *Health Professions Act*** (for review and comment)

Alberta Health and Wellness wishes to amend Schedule 19 of the *Health Professions Act* by including a scope of practice and identifying restricted titles for Pharmacy Technicians during the fall sitting of the legislature. The development of regulations will occur during 2009. The appended DRAFT role statement and restricted titles have evolved through two meetings with the department. The role statement is based on the competency-based standards for entry to practice that were developed by NAPRA, and the restricted titles were extracted from the report of our Pharmacy Technician Working Group (2007). These statements have been vetted within members of the working group, and there has been unanimous support, except that it has been recommended that the restricted title of “PT” be deleted, as this is used by physiotherapists. Again, this suggestion has been strongly supported by working group members.
6. **Amendments to the *Pharmacy and Drug Act*** (enclosure)

Appended is correspondence received from Alberta Health and Wellness on July 3, 2008, proposing amendments to the *Pharmacy and Drug Act*. The concepts in the discussion document are to replace those sections that were to regulate “mail order” pharmacy, but that were deferred through supplementary regulation introduced by the Minister last summer. This submission was not received until July 10, after which I discussed it with Bill Shores on July 16. We determined that the document lacked clarity with respect to intent, and sought a meeting with AHW, accommodated on July 25. While we gained insight and understanding, we left concerned that the principles that the fundamental interest and priorities of ACP and the department differed. Therefore, we are in the process of DRAFTING a written response for council’s consideration during the teleconference meeting. We have been advised that our written response is required this week, as the department intends to prepare drafting instructions for leg counsel in August. It is unknown to what extent we will be further consulted before amendments are submitted to the legislature.
7. **Adjournment**