

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

1. Call to Order

President Rick Siemens called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Registrar Eberhart called the roll call and identified the following individuals in attendance:

- District 1 – Wilson Gemmill
- District 2 – Rick Siemens (President)
- District 3 – Jeff Whissell
- District 3 – Catherine McCann
- District 3 – Krystal Wynnyk
- District 4 – Dianne Donnan (Past-president)
- District 5- Anjali Acharya
- District 6 – Mervin Bashforth (President-elect)
- Pat Matusko (Public Member)
- Joan Pitfield (Public Member)
- Stan Dyjur – APSA (Ex-Officio) (joined at 8:08 p.m.)
- Bill Shores – Legal counsel

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOVED BY Dianne Donnan/SECONDED BY Pat Matusko/CARRIED

4. Appointment of Pharmacy Technicians as Observers to Council

Rick Siemens, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, briefed council about applications/nominations that the Nominating Committee had received. Pursuant to the Nominating Committee's recommendations, the following motion was passed:

MOTION: That council appoints Robin Burns and Teresa Hennessey as Pharmacy Technician Observers to the Council of the Alberta College of Pharmacists for a period to extend until the end of 2010, or until such time that Pharmacy Technicians become regulated, whichever comes first.

MOVED BY Catherine McCann/SECONDED BY Joan Pitfield/CARRIED

Jeff Whissell abstained

5. Amendments to Schedule 19 of the *Health Professions Act* (for review and comment)

CONSENSUS: That the proposed Role Statement for Pharmacy Technicians be accepted in principle, understanding that it is subject to legal drafting and further deliberations with Alberta Health and Wellness.

6. Amendments to the *Pharmacy and Drug Regulations* (enclosure)

Registrar Eberhart and Bill Shores (legal counsel) briefed council on their discussions about the proposed amendments to the *Pharmacy and Drugs Regulation* to address Mail Order

Pharmacies. It is apparent that government is addressing the amendments from a perspective of “permitting practice in accordance with our standards, accompanied with provisions to indemnify ACP in instances where services are delivered outside of Alberta,” whereas, ACP’s interest focuses on quality patient care and to ensure that jurisdiction is not an impediment to exercising our regulatory responsibilities and accountabilities. Aside from everyone’s frustration with the “undefined” process and lack of transparency by the department since the Minister deferred implementation of sections of the regulations, it was noted that some new opportunities were being proposed.

During the discussion, Registrar Eberhart introduced the fact that in medicine, only physicians could own a medical practice. There was consensus that ACP might propose this as a regulatory requirement to assist in refocusing professional responsibility. In conclusion, Mr. Shores and the Registrar were given direction to formulate a response to the department that, to the greatest extent possible, would allow ACP to exercise its regulatory authority, including the ability to share and collect information relevant to any investigations that it is required to undertake.

7. Adjournment

Next meeting dates:

- October 10, 2008 – Canadian Western Bank Building
- December 12, 2008 - TBA
- April 3, 2009 (proposed)
- May 21-23, 2009 (AGM, tri-professional Conference, and APEX Awards – Banff Springs Hotel)
- June 24-26, 2009 (Ghost River Crossing)

MOTION: That this teleconference meeting be adjourned (circa 9:00 p.m.)
MOVED BY Jeff Whissell