

**MINUTES**  
**Alberta College of Pharmacy**  
**Videoconference Meeting of the Council**  
**August 10, 2020**

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**1. Call to Order**

President Dana Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Registrar Eberhart called the roll call and confirmed the attendance of the following council members. A quorum of council was declared.

- District 1 – Peter Macek(President-Elect)
- District 2 – Patrick Zachar
- District 3 – Fayaz Rajabali (Past-President)
- District 3 – Craig MacAlpine
- District 4 – Stan Dyjur
- District 5 – Judi Parrott
- District 5 – Shereen Elsayad
- District A – Don Ridley
- District B – Dana Lyons (President)
- Public Member – Irene Pfeiffer (Executive-Member-at-Large)
- Public Member – Christine Maligec
- Public Member – Carmen Wyton

**Also in attendance:**

- Greg Eberhart – Registrar
- Kaye Moran – Deputy Registrar
- Jeff Whissell – Deputy Registrar
- Leslie Ainslie - Executive Assistant

**3. Proposed Amendments to Health Professions Act**

ACP received a discussion paper from Alberta Health that contains proposed amendments to the *Health Professions Act* and was invited to provide comment prior to August 18, 2020. The paper states that the proposed amendments to the Act are to “improve regulatory effectiveness and efficiency”. The discussion paper proposes substantive change to the regulation of health professionals in Alberta. In addition to improving regulatory effectiveness and efficiency, the paper also proposed amendments that would:

- enhance the ability of government and regulated health professionals to respond to public health emergencies;
- strengthen the prohibitions on the performance of female genital mutilation or cutting;
- extend the *Health Information Act* to all regulated health professionals;

- enhance professional governance and discipline;
- enable professionals in addition to physicians, dentists, chiropractors and optometrists to provide services through professional corporations; and
- enhance provisions for engagement and collaboration.

Registrar Eberhart engaged legal counsel, Bill Shores to review and provide his comments for Council's consideration. To further guide Council discussions, Registrar Eberhart developed a series of questions for Council to consider as they reviewed the proposed amendments, along with Bill Shores comments for each. Council considered which amendments they strongly opposed and why; which amendments Council was prepared to support and why; and which amendments Council was prepared to "live" with and why. Registrar Eberhart will collate Council's feedback in consultation with Bill Shores to prepare a response to Alberta Health prior to the feedback deadline of August 18, 2020.

#### **4. Adjournment**

MOTION: that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Moved by **Irene Pfeiffer**/Seconded by **Judi Parrott**