

Minutes
Teleconference Meeting
Council of Alberta College of Pharmacists
April 9, 2018

1. Call to Order

President Couldwell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Registrar Eberhart called the roll call, identifying the following members of Council in attendance and declaring that a quorum was present:

- District 1 - Brad Willsey
- District 2 - Peter Eshenko
- District 3 - Rick Hackman
- District 3 - Fayaz Rajabali
- District 4 - Stan Dyjur (President-Elect)
- District 5 - Brad Couldwell (President)
- District 5 - Kamal Dullat (Executive Member At Large)
- District A - Kelly Boparai
- District B - Dana Lyons
- Al Evans - Public Member
- Irene Pfeiffer - Public Member
- Taciana Pereira - Past President (Non-Voting)
- Neal Davies – Dean (Non-Voting)

Also in attendance:

- Greg Eberhart - Registrar
- Leslie Ainslie - Executive Assistant

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: to approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved by **Rick Hackman**/Seconded by **Kelly Boparai**/CARRIED

3.1 Consent Agenda - Report from the Registrar

3.1(a) Appointment of Inspectors and Field Officers

Through the Consent Agenda, Registrar Eberhart reported to Council that he appointed Jeff Whissell and Kaye Moran as Inspectors pursuant to Section 53.1 of the *Health Professions Act*; and, as Field Officers pursuant to Section 20 of the *Pharmacy and Drug Act*.

3.1(b) NETCARE Access Requirements

At its March 1-2, 2018 meeting, Council approved a policy requiring pharmacies to have access to Netcare. The policy outlined that for new pharmacy applications, effective July 1, 2018, new applicants would be required to complete all the steps necessary to obtain Netcare access prior to opening a community pharmacy, and existing community pharmacies without access to Netcare must complete all the required steps to obtain Netcare access by September 30, 2018.

Subsequent to Council's decision and further engagement with Alberta Health, ACP was advised that the feasibility these requirements being met within this timeframe was uncertain. Registrar Eberhart asked Council to consider a transitional approach, consistent with the goal of Council, that he will present at the June council meeting.

MOTION: to approve the Consent Agenda

Moved by **Irene Pfeiffer**/Seconded by **Peter Eshenko**/CARRIED

4. Proposed Amendment to Section 24 of ACP's Bylaws

At its March meeting, Council approved a 60-day consultation with registrants to consider amendments to ACP's bylaws to address a potential conflict that exists between Sections 23 and 24 of ACP's Bylaws as it relates to council elections, when two council positions are up for election in the same year in either District 3 (Edmonton) or District 5 (Calgary). Council reviewed the feedback received from the consultation, and approved amendments to section 24 of the bylaws.

MOTION: to approve the proposed amendments to ACP's bylaws.

Moved by **Al Evans**/Seconded by **Dana Lyons**/CARRIED

5. Amendment to the Pharmacy and Drug Regulation

Alberta Health contacted Registrar Eberhart to seek Council's approval to amend the *Pharmacy and Drug Regulation* by deleting the current expiry date of September 1, 2018. The previous government incorporated an expiry date as a standing policy to ensure legislation remained current and relevant during its regulatory review processes. Council considered the following alternatives propose by Alberta Health:

- a) Delete the date on the legislation allowing the regulation to continue; however, removing the requirement of when regulatory review must occur;
- b) Retain the current date of September 1, 2018; which would mean the Regulation would expire September 1, 2018 with no legislation to replace said Act; or,
- c) Change the date to one in the future allowing for a broader timeframe for when the regulatory review would need to occur.

Registrar Eberhart shared that he had the commitment of the Deputy Minister of Health, Milton Sussman, to continue working with department on policy development. Council agreed that in the spirit of collaboration the best approach is to approve the amendment proposed by Alberta Health to delete the date on the legislation; however, asked that Registrar Eberhart relay Council's decision in writing while affirming the urgency to amend the *Pharmacy and Drug Regulation* due to substantive changes that have occurred since they were last amended.

MOTION: to approve the amendment to the regulation proposed by Alberta Health by removing the date for the *Pharmacy and Drug Regulation*.

Moved by **Rick Hackman**/Seconded by **Al Evans**/CARRIED

6. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn the teleconference meeting of Council at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by **Irene Pfeiffer**.