

SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF PODIATRISTS
THURSDAY JULY 4, 2008
MEETING OF COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE

AGENDA

1. Incorporation Bylaws
2. SCOP Website
3. NIHB Inquiry
4. Advertising (misrepresentation)

Meeting called to order at 17:00 CST

AS sat as Chair, HJ recorded minutes

Members Present: AS, TMW, SH, NP, HJ

1. Incorporation Bylaws

For review prior to the teleconference, AS had e-mailed council draft copies of *The College of Podiatrists Professional Corporation Bylaws* and *The College of Podiatrists Limited Liability Partnerships Bylaws* as well as drafts of Application Forms for Professional Incorporation and Limited Liability Partnerships. AS had used Saskatchewan College of Psychologists application forms as a template.

HJ identifies some wording on the application forms that may need to be changed to correspond with the terminology used in the regulatory bylaws. AS states he can make these terminology adjustments to the application form.

Motion: TMW moved to approve these bylaws for submission to Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, seconded by SH

Motion passed

2. SCOP Website

AS identifies that it has taken longer than anticipated to get the SCOP website up-to-date and functioning at full capacity. The IT website designer who originally created the website was no longer able to maintain or assist with the site. AS had appointed the Registrar AC to update and operate the site. There appears to be some technical difficulties in entering new information onto the site. TMW suggests hiring an actual website designer to maintain the site, so that council would only need to forward the information to be posted and not be burdened with the technical aspect of operating the website. SH will contact the Registrar to find out what progress has been made so far and what difficulties she may be experiencing in order to determine what level of technical support if any is required.

3. NIHB Inquiry

AS received an e-mail inquiry from the Director of Provider Relations, First Canadian Health conducting audits for NIHB. She asked whether the SCOP could provide an opinion on the practice of a college member providing footwear at no extra charge when providing internal custom orthotics. AS replied that the SCOP has not deterred members from providing products to patients out of their own good will, however the SCOP would have concern if business was solicited by the offering of free shoes. AS replied that he would forward her inquiry to Council for further discussion. Council agrees that provision of a product for free is not something that the SCOP has deterred, however solicitation of business by offering free products would be an area of concern. AS will notify this Director that the SCOP would investigate further if a formal complaint and evidence of this practice is provided.

4. Advertising – Misrepresentation

NP states there is an advertisement in a Saskatchewan newspaper stating that a Podiatrist will be joining a Podiatry practice and will start seeing clients at a fast approaching date. The areas of concern with this advertisement are that the individual being advertised has not applied for membership and licensure with the SCOP, and that the protected titles of Dr. and Podiatrist have been used to advertise an individual who does not have membership or licensure with the SCOP. AS will request the Registrar AC, to contact and notify the advertised individual of the requirement for membership & licensure with the SCOP in order to utilize the titles, and practice the profession of Podiatry in Saskatchewan. Owners of the advertising practice are also to be informed of this situation and will be required to cease and desist their advertising until registration and licensure is obtained by the individual.

NP states that a Podiatry Practice with the names of 2 Podiatrists is advertised in the yellow pages of a Saskatchewan phonebook. One of the Podiatrists listed has membership with the College, but does not have license to practice the profession. AS will request the Registrar AC to contact the practice owner(s) with concerns to advertising a non-licensed member. A Podiatrist cannot provide services to the public without a valid license to practice.

Motion: SH moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by NP

Discussion: None

Motion passed, Meeting adjourned at 19:29 CST.