

SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF PODIATRISTS
SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2009
MEETING OF COUNCIL
SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

AGENDA

Old Business:

Matters arising from minutes

New Business:

1. Registrar's Update
2. Quality Assurance Chair Update
3. NIRO Committee Update
4. Website Committee Update
5. Infection Control Update / Pandemic Planning
6. Delegation of Podiatry Tasks
7. Prescription Drug and Diagnostic Test Bylaw Update
8. FNIHB List of Prescriber Reference Codes
9. Next Meeting Time and Location

Meeting called to order at 13:10 CST

AS sat as Chair, HJ recorded minutes

Membership initials: Terry Wharton to be initialed TMW, and Thomas Weisz initialed TW

Members Present: AS, AR, HJ, SH, AC, MD, TW, MJ, BR

Old Business:

Matters arising from minutes

Motion: SH moved to adopt the minutes from last meetings, seconded by AC

Discussion: nil

Motion passed, minutes adopted and archived.

New Business:

1. Registrar's Update

MD updates that he sent letters last week to two members regarding advertising practices. An updated membership directory divided into Licensed and Non-practicing members was posted on the website in September.

MD suggests that council raise College Fees

Motion: SH moved to amend Policy Statement (2007-003) College Fees to increase the reinstatement fee to \$500, seconded by AC

Discussion: Nil

Motion passed

2. Quality Assurance Chair Update
MD states Continuing Education Logs and Application forms have been prepared and plans to have them posted on the SCOP website.
3. NIRO Committee Update
AR attended a NIRO Meeting on Sept 22, 2009. The morning session was on Pandemic Planning and the afternoon session was on Pan-Canadian Framework for the Assessment and Recognition of the Qualifications of Internationally-Trained Workers. The powerpoint presentations on these topics were emailed to NIRO representatives by Sask Health. This is available to council & registrar for reference.
4. Website Committee update
SH makes corrections to names on SCOP committee list on website.
HJ suggests tagging new and amended policies with the word “new” after they are passed at a meeting, and then removing the tag after the following meeting.
HJ suggests moving the link of the Sask Health “Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Diabetic Foot Complications” from the member forum to links sections of the website.
HJ suggests posting the Dr. Hemendra Parmar scholarship information on the website, including details on the last recipient.
5. Infection Control Update / Pandemic Planning
SH states an infection control review will be provided to members at upcoming SCOP meeting. AS will post a notice on the SCOP website Home page supporting the Sask Health Pandemic Plan and provide a link to the Sask Health plan.
6. Delegation of Podiatry Tasks
AR states the manager of RQHR Podiatry Program (non-podiatrist) had enquired about whether unsupervised LPN footcare of Podiatry patients can take place in the Podiatry clinic without a Podiatrist’s involvement, but while a Podiatrist is on-site doing other things. She had recently met with AS and MD to ask about this. HJ states that Podiatrists at the RQHR should review Policy Statement (2007-004) Provision of Podiatry Care, Treatment, and Services. This clearly states that such practice is prohibited. HJ states a similar inquiry was made by the RQHR Podiatry Program Manager in 2007 investigating whether Podiatry Satellite clinics could operate without a Podiatrist on site. A detailed response was provided in a letter at that time. The Podiatrists employed there are advised to become familiar with their professional legislation to avoid being put in a position by their management that may expose them to litigation or disciplinary action.
7. Prescription Drug and Diagnostic Test Bylaw Update

SH had e-mailed several documents last week regarding legislation and prescription drugs. (Saskatchewan - The Drug Schedules Regulations 1997, Canada Food and Drugs Act, Canada Food and Drug Regulations, SCOP draft bylaw on prescription drugs and diagnostic tests, The Midwifery Act – Revised Regulations of Saskatchewan, Ontario Health Professions Regulatory Council Prescribing and Use of Drugs by Non-Physician Health Professionals: A Jurisdictional Review of the Professions of Chiropody & Podiatry)

Council agrees that the Midwifery documents may be a good template to follow for the SCOP submission because it is straightforward and uses drug categories rather than drug names, making less need for changes to the document if certain drugs are discontinued or new drugs are included in these categories. The Legislative Review committee will use information from the various documents to develop the bylaws on prescription drugs and diagnostic tests.

There is some discussion about Podiatrists who have not prescribed drugs or diagnostic tests for several years since working in Saskatchewan. Possible development of refresher courses with the U of S College of Pharmacy discussed. The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences is also offering continuing education courses on Pharmacology for Chiropodists.

8. FNIHB List of Prescriber Reference Codes

Dr. H. Shenouda has faxed a page of “Prescriber ID Reference Codes To Be Used On Claim Submissions” from the FNIHB manual. She saw that the Saskatchewan College of Podiatrists was not on the list. She sent this as an agenda item to be addressed at the meeting.

Action: AS to contact FNIHB and inform them that they had missed including the SCOP on their list of Prescriber ID Reference Codes.

9. Next meeting Location

The next meeting of council is to be held in Regina, SK on Saturday January 23, 2010
Time and location to be announced.

Motion: SH moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by AC

Discussion: None

Motion passed, Meeting adjourned at 16:45 CST.