

COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: January 28, 2023

Time: 9:00-12:15 p.m.

Location: Zoom Videoconference

Attendance: Christina Logee Margaret Cayenne Chinedu Ogbonna
 Rob Irwin Olatunde Olatona Lana Bentley
 Jennifer Bertrand Julie Therou Zechel

Sent Regrets: Stacey Dube

1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1 Pillars and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion 1.0: That the January 28, 2023, meeting agenda be approved. Moved by: Margaret Cayenne,
Seconded by: Olatunde Olatona Carried.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Motion 2.0: That the October 16, 2023, draft Council meeting minutes be approved. Moved by:
Margaret Cayenne. Seconded by: Lana Bentley. Carried.

1.4 Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared by those in attendance.

2. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT

2.1 President Report

The President's report was reviewed with Council. Information was shared regarding the free GBA Plus course. Council agreed that the course would be beneficial for all council members. No further questions were posed.

2.2 Governance and Audit Committee Report

The Chair of the Governance and Audit committee provided a report on the work completed during the previous quarter. No questions were posed.

2.3 Fute Marketing Presentation

Fute Marketing was invited to present information including statistics and analytics regarding the Licensed Optician website and marketing campaign for the Opticians Council of Canada (OCC).

2.4 OCC Briefing

As a follow-up to the June 2022 council meeting, the Council was asked whether to continue providing membership fees to the OCC.

Motion 3.0: That the COA continues its affiliation with the OCC at a \$5 per member for 2023. Moved by: Margaret Cayenne. Seconded by: Lana Bentley. Opposed:1. Carried.

2.5 Reimbursement of Regulated Council Member Registration Fees

The Council was asked to consider reimbursement of registration fees for the regulated members of the Council. The purpose of the reimbursement was to incentivize regulated members as a recruitment tool.

Motion 4.0: That the annual registration fees be reimbursed for regulated members of the council during their terms on the COA council. Moved by: Lana Bentley. Seconded by: Chinedu Ogbonna. Opposed: 1. Carried.

3. REGISTRATION AND COMPETENCE

3.1 Registration and Competence Committee

The Chair of the Registration and Competence committee provided a report on the work completed by the committee for the previous quarter. No questions were posed.

Council was asked to consider whether the approval of Register Changes was necessary as they were introduced as a courtesy to members prior to having the online directory and how had become redundant.

- **Action Item:** The council agreed that the register changes will be removed from the council meeting agendas going forward.

Motion 5.0: That the Register changes be accepted as presented. Moved by: Margaret Cayenne. Seconded by: Chinedu Ogbonna. Carried.

3.2 Accreditation Discussion

Concerns were raised by the SAIT Optical Program regarding how the conditional accreditation would

impact new graduates and their employment prospects. Following the concerns, the COA reached out to Accreditation Canada to better understand the accreditation with conditions process.

Council noted that because there currently was not enough information to prompt a change to the motion made at the last council meeting, the COA continues with the decision as is.

3.3 Final Draft Opticians Profession Amendment Regulation

The Council reviewed the draft Opticians Profession Amendment Regulation. The COA received a request from Alberta Health for Council approval by January 31, 2023

Motion 6.0: That the draft Opticians Profession Amendment Regulation be approved. Moved by: Margaret Cayenne. Seconded by: Olatunde Olatona. Carried.

4. OPERATIONS UPDATE

4.1 Q4 Operational Report

The CEO and Registrar reviewed the fourth quarter operational report with Council. The budget was showing a loss in revenue, but the loss was anticipated due to the payment provided to the Association of Opticians of Alberta and the new database and project.

Motion 7.0: That the Q4 operational report be approved as presented. Moved by: Margaret Cayenne. Seconded by: Chinedu Ogbonna. Carried.

Motion 8.0: That the HPA membership list be approved as presented. Georgina Bromley, Sukh Garcha, Kathie Melzer, Jasmina Miskic, Nicole Servold. Moved by: Chinedu Ogbonna. Seconded by: Olatunde Olatona. Carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kristie Murray
Recording Secretary*