

November 22, 2008

The following highlights and summarizes key discussions/decisions of Council that may be of interest to members of the College and key stakeholders:

- Ratified volunteer committee appointments as follows: 2009 Chair for Registration Committee – Krista Patriquin; 2009 Chair for Continuing Competence Committee – Rita Pigeon; 2009 – 2011 Continuing Competence Member – Sandra Breckenridge; 2009 – 2011 provincial representative on the CSMLS Council on National Certification (CNC) – Krista Patriquin.
- Approved College expense policy linkage to Alberta Government mileage rates.
- Directed Legislation Sub-Committee and Registration Committee to review and revise Substantial Equivalency policy and process at January 2009 scheduled meetings.
- Reviewed preliminary draft budget for 2009.
- Directed Substantial Equivalency Applicant appeal to Registration Committee for further document assessment and decision.
- Approved the 2008 AGM minutes and directed office staff to publish in February issue of Under the Microscope.

September 13, 2008

The following highlights and summarizes key discussions/decisions of Council that may be of interest to members of the College and key stakeholders:

- Approved College Network Security Policy in relation to all College volunteers and staff
- Approved Version 2 of the Continuing Competence Committee profile
- Approved increased application fee for Substantial Equivalency applicants pursuing alternate route to MLT registration
- Approved Safe Practice Position Statement and directed staff to post to College website
- Approved MLA Area of Practice Position Statement and directed staff to post to College website and send to all employers
- Approved continuation of the College Professional Development Certificate Program as there is value for members
- Directed new volunteer and staff confidentiality agreements be drafted to include areas of conflict of interest, conscientiousness, and copyright

June 14, 2008

Council Highlights - June 14, 2008

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Council:

- Awarded the 2008 College Award of Distinction to Margaret Smith
- Agreed that Councilors would volunteer their time to introduce speakers at the 2008 Convention
- Discussed retention strategies for staff
- Directed Legislation Sub-Committee to revise MLA Area of Practice position statement
- Reviewed Bill C54 – Human Pathogen Legislation and noted CSMLS will appeal for 5 year deferral at second reading
- Ratified one volunteer appointment to the MLA Regulation Steering Committee effective March 27/08 and three volunteer appointments to the Continuing Competence Committee effective January 1/09
- Acknowledged acclamation of one Council position for the 3-year term beginning Jan 1/09 to Judith Welke
- Directed that the College not pursue the development of a certification and regulation process for Pathologist Assistants, in response to a request by The University of Alberta Hospital
- Heard a presentation on Brand Building and directed that this be addressed at the October Strategic Planning meeting
- Directed that SAIT arrange for a pilot test exam prior to the implementation of the General Knowledge Exam for College Substantial Equivalency Applicants which it developed for the College
- Supported the discontinuance of the Professional Development Committee of the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science as professional development is being addressed at the provincial level

March 8, 2008

The following highlights and summarizes key discussions/decisions of Council that may be of interest to members of the College and key stakeholders.

Council:

- Reviewed progress reports from the Executive Director/Registrar Search Committee and
 - Approved revisions to the ED/R Job Description
 - Approved the ED/R position as a full time position versus a contract position

- Directed that an Agenda item regarding a College Operational Review including the topic of splitting the ED/R position into two staff positions be placed on the June Council Agenda
- Accepted the year ending December 31, 2007 Audited Financial Statements
- Approved 2009 MLT annual dues of \$415 (a 1% increase). There were no changes to Voluntary member dues or the MLT discount for early renewal.
- Approved MLT annual dues pro-rating for Initial or Reinstating MLT applicants only, registering mid-year onwards to become effective July 1, 2008.
- Approved NMLW funding requests in support of NMLW activities planned in accordance with established funding guidelines.
- Approved Policy revisions for approval by members in attendance at the 2008 AGM in Calgary.
- Noted that there was no member feedback on the draft Code of Ethics or new Standard 4 (Safety) as published in the January/February Spectrum. Draft revisions to both the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics will go to government for consultation as required under Section 133 of the *Health Professions Act*.
- Accepted the proposal from SAIT to develop a General Knowledge MLT exam specifically for use with applicants under Substantial Equivalency.
- Directed the Legislation Working Sub-Committee to draft a position statement on Medical Laboratory Assistant Scope of Practice.