

**COUNCIL MEETING
BY TELECONFERENCE
2012.01
March 7, 2012**

The meeting was conducted by teleconference with facilities provided for observers to attend to hear the proceedings in the Council Chamber of the College at 110 Eglinton Avenue West, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario.

PARTICIPATING:

Milan Pomichalek, Ph.D., C.Psych., President
Robert Gauthier, M.Ed., C.Psych. Assoc., Vice-President
Ian D.R. Brown, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Abby Goldstein, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Allyson Harrison, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Mustaq Khan, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Lise Mercier, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Dalia Slonim, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Judy Cohen, Public Member
Vincent Lacroix, Public Member
W. Peter McKeegney, Public Member
Cheryl Rampersad, Public Member
Ethel Teitelbaum, Public Member

Regrets:

Jane Ledingham, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Glenn Webster, M.Ed., C. Psych. Assoc.
Ivan McFarlane, Public Member

Staff:

Catherine Yarrow, MBA, Ph.D., C.Psych., Registrar & Executive
Director
Rick Morris, Ph.D., C.Psych., Deputy Registrar & Director,
Professional Affairs
Barry Gang, Dip.C.S., C.Psych. Assoc.,
Director: Investigations & Hearings
Lesia Mackanyn, Director: Registration

Prema Shankaran, Assistant to the Registrar, Recorder

2012.01.00

Call to Order

The President called the Council meeting by teleconference to Order at 8:30 AM.

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Approval of the agenda

It was MOVED Teitelbaum

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2012.01.02

**Registration Regulation: Proposed Amendments
Further Discussion**

The Registrar confirmed with all Council members participating in the teleconference that they had received the materials that had been sent for this meeting.

The Registrar reviewed the issues that were brought forward for discussion at this teleconference.

At the meeting on October 25, 2011, the Council approved the proposed amendments to Registration Regulation dealing with the Mobility “patch”, academic credentials criteria, elimination of reference to “guidelines” in non-exemptible requirements and housekeeping/administrative amendments for submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Of the approved amendments, only the amendments dealing with the Mobility “patch” and housekeeping amendments have been drafted and approved by the legislative Counsel and the Ministry. These amendments have been sealed and signed. They will be incorporated in to the Registration Regulation and will go into effect once they have been approved by cabinet and filed.

The Ministry has indicated that the other amendments including the academic credentials criteria, elimination of reference to “guidelines” in non-exemptible requirements are more substantive and drafting of these amendments will take more time.

In December 2011, the Council approved a further amendment for submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care that those who are currently registered as Psychological Associates and those who become registered as Psychological Associates until December 2020 would be issued forthwith with certificates registering them as Psychologists; the new certificate would be for the same authorized areas of practice and client groups, as well as

subject to the same terms, conditions and limitations as the Psychological Associate certificate. The intention was to address the inequities perceived by psychological associates and to allow time to determine whether or not to continue with some form of masters level registration.

When the Office of the Fairness Commissioner (OFC) was consulted about this proposed amendment, the OFC commented that they would consider the amendments when the College also proposed what the College intended to do with masters level registration after December 2020.

In addition, the policy analyst at the Ministry was of the view that the legislative drafters would not be satisfied with a proposal that had an end date of December 2020 with no recommendation for what would happen after the end date.

The Registrar commented that the question for the Council at this teleconference was whether the amendments approved at the December 2011 Council meeting should be included in the submission of the proposed amendments along with the academic credentials criteria and the elimination of reference to “guidelines” in non-exemptible requirements. It is unlikely that the OFC or the Ministry would approve the amendment proposed in December 2011.

The Task Force on Shaping the Future of Psychology Regulation in Ontario is discussing the future of masters level registration and expects to bring a recommendation to the Council meeting in March 2013.

The Council discussed the following options:

whether the proposed amendments from December 2011 should be reworded to eliminate reference to an end date and included in the submission to the Ministry

or

to wait for a recommendation from the Task Force in March 2013.

The Council agreed that it was important to have the other amendments on the academic credentials criteria and the elimination of reference to “guidelines” in non-exemptible requirements incorporated into registration regulation as soon as possible.

In December 2011, the Council agreed that the College would have time to consider the future of masters level registration since a December 2020 end date was proposed. One of the options suggested at this teleconference was to add a statement to the effect that if the question of masters level registration was not resolved until December 2020, after that date, masters applicants would be registered as Psychological Associates.

The Council agreed that the issues of title and masters level registration are complex and need more time and they should not be submitted to the Ministry at this time.

In response to a question about the timing of this teleconference to discuss proposed amendments to Registration regulation instead of at the scheduled Council meeting on March 23, 2012, the Registrar commented that the Ministry is waiting for the other proposed amendments to the Registration regulation from the College. It would be helpful to receive direction from Council at this teleconference to prepare the submission to the Ministry as soon as possible instead of waiting until the Council meeting on March 23, 2012.

**It was MOVED McKegney
That the College move forward with amendments to the
Registration Regulation approved in October 2011 which have
not already been advanced by the Ministry of Health and Long
Term Care.**

**All in Favour
No abstentions
Public members All in Favour
CARRIED**

2012.01.03

Adjournment
There being no further business

**It was MOVED Brown
That the Council meeting be adjourned.**

CARRIED

The Council meeting by teleconference was adjourned at 9:05AM.

Milan Pomichalek, Ph.D., C.Psych,
President

Robert Gauthier, M.Ed., C.Psych. Assoc.,
Vice-President

Minutes to be approved at the Council meeting on March 23, 2012