

BY-LAW 7: ELECTIONS (WITHIN COUNCIL)

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- 7.1 An elected member of the Council is eligible:
- (a) to vote for elections within Council;
 - (b) for election to the position of president, vice-president or treasurer; and
 - (c) for election to the position of chair or member of a statutory or non-statutory committee;
- if the member is eligible for election to Council as of that date.
- 7.2 An appointed member of the Council is eligible:
- (a) to vote for elections within Council;
 - (b) for election to the position of president, vice-president or treasurer; and
 - (c) for election to the position of chair or member of a statutory or non-statutory committee.
- 7.3 The Council shall at the first meeting of Council following the general election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, elect a president, vice-president and treasurer to hold office until the first meeting of Council following the general election in the subsequent year, and if an election is not so held, the president, vice-president and treasurer for the preceding year shall continue in office until their successors are elected.
- 7.4 The election of the president, vice-president and treasurer shall be by secret ballot using generally accepted democratic procedures, and where more than two council members are nominated, the nominee who receives the lowest number of votes on each ballot shall be deleted from the nomination unless one nominee receives a majority of the votes cast on the ballot, and this procedure shall be followed until one nominee receives a majority of the votes cast.
- 7.5 Each member of Council has one vote with respect to each of the offices of president, vice-president and treasurer.
- 7.6 The president is the chief officer of the College and the vice-president shall assist the president in the discharge of his/her duties.

- 7.7 The president, vice-president or treasurer, may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Council at a special meeting called for that purpose, and the Council may elect a new president, vice-president or treasurer from its members to hold office for the remainder of the year.
- 7.8 The office of president, vice-president or treasurer becomes vacant if the holder of the office dies, resigns or stops being a council member.
- 7.9 If the office of the president becomes vacant, the vice-president shall become the president for the unexpired term of the office and the office of vice-president thereby becomes vacant.
- 7.10 The Council shall fill any vacancy in the office of vice-president or treasurer using the procedures in By-law 7.4 at a special meeting which the president shall call for that purpose as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs.
- 7.11 The president of the Council shall be the chair of the Executive Committee.
- 7.12 The Council shall at the first meeting of Council following the general election, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, elect the chairs and members of all statutory and non-statutory committees of the College. If such elections are not so held, the chairs and members of the committees for the preceding year shall continue until their successors are elected.
- 7.13 The election of chairs and members of statutory and non-statutory committees shall be by secret ballot using generally accepted democratic procedures, and where more council members are nominated than available positions, the nominee who receives the lowest number of votes on each ballot shall be deleted from nomination and this procedures shall be repeated until each nominee receives a majority of the votes cast.
- 7.14 Following the election of a particular committee, a member of that committee shall be elected as chair. Each member of Council has one vote with respect to the position of chairs of all statutory and non-statutory committees.
- 7.15 The chair of any statutory or non-statutory committee may be filled by an elected or appointed member of Council but not by a non-council member of the College.
- 7.16 A chair of a statutory or non-statutory committee may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Council at a special meeting called for that purpose, and the Council may elect a new chair to hold the position for the remainder of the year.

- 7.17 The position of chair of a statutory or non-statutory committee becomes vacant if the holder of the position dies, resigns or stops being a Council member.
- 7.18 If the position of chair of a statutory or non-statutory committee becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a chair for the unexpired term of the position.
- 7.19 The duties and powers of the Council include:
- (a) administering the *RHPA, Chiropractic Act* and the regulations and by-laws under those acts;
 - (b) reviewing the activities of statutory and non-statutory committees of the Council and requiring committees to provide reports and information to the Council;
 - (c) requiring statutory and non-statutory committees of the Council to do anything that, in the opinion of the Council, is necessary or advisable to carry out the intent of the *RHPA, Chiropractic Act*, and the regulations under those acts;
 - (d) finalizing and proposing amendments to regulations and by-laws under the *RHPA* or the *Chiropractic Act*.
- 7.20 The duties and powers of the president of the Council include:
- (a) directing the activities of the College;
 - (b) chairing meetings of Council;
 - (c) chairing meetings of the Executive Committee;
 - (d) approving agendas of the meetings of Council and meetings of the Executive Committee;
 - (e) supervising the arrangements for the annual meeting;
 - (f) taking all reasonable steps to ensure that orders and resolutions of the Council and the Executive Committee are implemented;
 - (g) ensuring the College is represented at all relevant meetings;
 - (h) presenting an Executive report at each Council meeting;

- (i) acting as a liaison between the College and other professional organizations as appropriate; and
 - (j) performing all acts and deeds pertaining to his/her office and such other acts and deeds as may be decided by Council.
- 7.21 The president, while chairing a Council meeting or Executive Committee meeting, votes only to break a tie.
- 7.22 The president of Council shall be eligible for election to a maximum of two consecutive one-year terms in the presidency.
- 7.23 The duties and powers of the vice-president include:
 - (a) assuming the role of president in the absence of the president or when appointed to do so by the president; and
 - (b) performing all acts and deeds pertaining to his/her office and such other acts and deeds as may be decided by Council.
- 7.24 The vice-president shall be eligible for election to a maximum of two consecutive one-year terms in the vice-presidency.
- 7.25 The duties and powers of the treasurer of the Council include:
 - (a) supervising all matters relating to the financial affairs of the College; and
 - (b) performing all acts and deeds pertaining to his/her office and such other acts and deeds as may be decided by Council.
- 7.26 The treasurer shall be eligible for election to a maximum of two consecutive one-year terms in the office.
- 7.27 The duties and powers of the secretary of the Council include:
 - (a) preparing agendas for the meetings of Council and meetings of the Executive Committee and submitting such agendas to the president for approval;
 - (b) keeping a record of matters that the Council has referred to the committees;
 - (c) having custody and care of the records and documents of the Council;

- (d) giving or causing to be given notice of all council meetings and statutory and non-statutory committees; and
 - (e) performing all acts and deeds pertaining to his/her office and such other acts and deeds as may be decided by Council.
- 7.28 In preparing agendas for the meetings of Council, the secretary shall include a period during which council members may raise for discussion topics relevant to the affairs of the College.
- 7.29 The registrar shall be the secretary of the Council.
- 7.30 The duties and powers of the chairs of each committee shall include:
- (a) directing the activities of the committee and reporting to Council;
 - (b) chairing meetings of the committee;
 - (c) preparing and approving agendas of the meetings of the committee;
 - (d) taking all reasonable steps to ensure that orders and resolutions of the committee are implemented;
 - (e) acting as a liaison between the Council or Executive Committee and the committee;
 - (f) reporting to the Executive Committee upon reasonable request by the Executive;
 - (g) reporting in writing to the Council at the annual meeting of Council on the activities of the committee for the preceding year;
 - (h) preparing a work plan for the subsequent year, which includes all budgetary requirements for the committee, by November 1 of each and every year, or by such other time as directed by Council;
 - (i) ensuring the activities of the committee are conducted in a fiscally responsible manner within approved budgetary restraints; and
 - (j) performing all acts and deeds pertaining to his/her office and such other acts and deeds as may be decided by Council.

- 7.31 The chair of every statutory and non-statutory committee shall be eligible for election to a maximum of two consecutive one-year terms.