

Council Update



The following is an update to registrants from the CPSM annual general meeting (June 28), Council Meeting (June 28) and a Special Council Meeting (July 4).

Visit our [website](#) for information on Council meetings.

Annual General Meeting

CPSM held the annual general meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, June 28.

- Minutes from the June 21, 2022 AGM were approved.
- The audited financial statements for the fiscal year May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 were approved.
- Members approved BDO Canada LLP to be appointed as auditors for all CPSM accounts in the forthcoming fiscal year 2023/2024 as recommended by the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee.
- The following bylaw was amended in the past year.

Central Standards Bylaw amendment December 2022:

1) Delete reference to:

- CPSM Maternal and Perinatal Health Standards Subcommittee
- CPSM Child Health Standards Subcommittee.
- WRHA Oral Health Standards Committee
- WRHA Clinical Psychology Standards Committee

2) Delete references to the Schedules of Standards Subcommittees.

3) Delete the four schedules to the Central Standards Bylaw containing lists of all Standards Subcommittees.

4) Permit the Central Standards Committee to approve all Standards Subcommittees.

5) Update the reference to the new legislation – *The Health System Governance and Accountability Act* - and delete the reference to the now repealed *Hospitals Act*.

- Each year, an election is held for one Councillor from the Associate Member register. Christopher Barnes was re-elected.
- Transfer of office: Dr. Jacobi Elliott's term as president concluded and automatically proceeds to the role of Past-President. Dr. Nader Shenouda assumed the position of President and Dr. Charles Penner assumes the role of President-Elect.

Council Meeting

The following are highlights from the June 28 CPSM Council Meeting.

Fee Increase

Council approved a fee increase of 8% for all annual certificates of practice, raising the fee to **\$2,220**. The monthly fee is adjusted by the same percentage, raising the fee to **\$350**.

- **Educational** annual certificate of practice fees will increase by **\$80**.
- **Clinical Assistant and Physician Assistant** annual certificate of practice fees will increase by **\$432**.
- **Medical Corporation fees** will increase by **\$215**.

All increases are effective November 1, 2023. View the Fee Bylaw [here](#).

Public Consultations

A Quality Prescribing Rules Review Working Group, made up of representatives from CPSM, the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (CPhM), and the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM), is currently addressing various topics related to prescribing.

Council approved the following for public consultation:

1. **DRAFT Standard of Practice – Prescribing Requirements, and**
2. **DRAFT Practice Direction on Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions**

Based on the discussion at the Council meeting, both the Standard of Practice and Practice Direction required further amendments. Details about the consultation will be communicated to registrants in an email from the Registrar in the near future.

3. **Amendments to the Standard of Practice on Research**

Council approved the proposed amendment to the Standard of Practice on Research for consultation. The amendment is regarding Research Ethics Board approvals.

- Read the background information and the proposed amendment to the Standard of Practice on Research [here](#).
- Submit your comments by email to CPSMconsultation@cpsm.mb.ca by Friday, August 4, 2023.

NEW Standard of Practice and Practice Direction Effective Immediately:

1. Standard of Practice – Social Media

Council approved the new [Standard of Practice – Social Media](#), effective June 28.

A public consultation for the draft Standard was held in January 2023. The working group met in March to review the feedback and amendments to the Standard were made according to feedback.

Thank you to those who provided their input; registrant feedback is critical for developing standards that balance public safety with reasonable expectations for registrants.

2. Practice Direction – Professional Practice and Inactivity

Council approved the new [Practice Direction – Professional Practice and Inactivity](#) to be effective immediately. The draft Practice Direction was distributed in March for public consultation; due to feedback, a clause regarding family practice including anaesthesia was added.

Special Council Meeting

A special meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, July 4 to discuss the proposed amendments to the CPSM General Regulation which streamlines registration for qualified internationally trained physicians. A consultation regarding the proposed amendments was held between May 30-June 30; CPSM registrants, stakeholders, and the public were invited to submit feedback.

Council approved the amendments to be taken to the Manitoba Government Cabinet for consideration. More information will be forthcoming throughout the summer.

This communication was sent to all CPSM registrants, including all physicians, residents, clinical assistants, physician assistants, and medical and physician assistant students in Manitoba. Communications from the Registrar contain important regulatory information regarding new regulations, Standards of Practice, Practice Directions, guidance, advice, education, disciplinary decisions, and any other information the Registrar deems appropriate. CPSM registrants are responsible for being aware of the contents of all CPSM communications from the Registrar.
