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College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario
Ordre des psychothérapeutes autorisés de l'Ontario

Council Meeting Highlights January 19, 2017

At its meeting on January 19, 2017, Council adopted a series of by-law amendments intended to increase transparency about College Members, approved a policy outlining zero tolerance of sexual abuse and elected Members to the Executive Committee.

Transparency By-law Amendments

Following stakeholder consultation, Council adopted the second phase of by-law amendments proposed by the Advisory Group for Regulatory Excellence (AGRE). The amendments will require publishing additional information about Members on the Public Register. The amended By-laws require:

- Retaining information about former Members on the Public Register for at least five years;
- Publishing a summary of existing restrictions on a Member's right to practise resulting from an undertaking between CRPO and the Member on or after April 1, 2017;
- Posting the fact, summary, date of decision and ongoing appeals of in-person cautions directed by the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC) made on or after April 1, 2017. This information will be removed twenty-four months after the Member has appeared before a panel of ICRC and received the caution; and
- Posting the fact, summary, date of decision and ongoing appeals of specified continuing education or remediation programs (SCERP) directed by ICRC. This information will be removed following completion of the SCERP directed by ICRC.

Council also considered whether to post active criminal charges relevant to a Member's suitability to practise, but, in order to ensure fairness, determined further research was needed before a final decision could be made.

Zero Tolerance of Sexual Abuse

As part of its mandate, the Client Relations Committee must consider measures to prevent and address instances of sexual abuse of clients by Members through the Client Relations Program. As part of the Committee's work, Council unanimously approved a policy reiterating CRPO's zero tolerance of the sexual abuse of clients by Members.

Executive Committee Elections and Committee Appointments

Elections of Council members to the Executive Committee took place at the meeting and the results were as follows:

President:	Andrew Benedetto
Vice-President:	Malcolm MacFarlane
Members at-Large:	Carol Cowan-Levine Mary Kardos Burton Sheldon Kawarsky

The position of President was acclaimed. The Vice-President and three Members at-Large were elected by Council.

The next Council meeting will take place Thursday, May 11, 2017.