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Dear MANAGER;



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## President's Message

Admittedly, it is a stretch to believe that all that many centuries ago, when Confucius uttered these words of wisdom, he was speaking to the role of the Councillors and the committee members of our College and their labour and efforts to fulfil its mandate...

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## From the Registrar

As we bring 2021 to a close, it's worthwhile noting that this is, and will continue to be, a really exciting time for the College. Not only is the College poised to complete its 2021 College Performance Measurement Framework (CPMF) with many notable improvements, the College Council has taken important steps towards continuously improving the College's processes...

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## Executive Committee Update

The College welcomes its new Executive Committee for 2021-2022. At the October Council meeting, Peter Stavropoulos was acclaimed as President of the College and Peter Ferguson was acclaimed as Vice-President. The remaining positions on the Executive Committee of Council were filled by Matthew Doyle, Winnie Linker (Public Member), and Jim Daley (Public Member).



## Elections Update

Elections were held in September 2021 for District 5 and 6 for Chiropodists, and Combined District 3 for Podiatrists. Donna Shewfelt, Chiropodist, was elected in District 5, Patrick Rainville, Chiropodist was acclaimed in District 6, and Ed Chung, Podiatrist, was appointed in combined District 3. ...

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## Practice Advisory Services Update

The Practice Advisor, Meghan Hoult, continues to be on an indefinite leave. In her absence, please contact Peter Ferguson, the Acting Practice Advisor at [practice@cocoo.on.ca](mailto:practice@cocoo.on.ca) with any practice-related questions or concerns. Peter is pleased to discuss issues either via email or by phone and will endeavour to respond within 24 hours...

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## Orthopaedic Footwear Standard – Updated

On October 29, 2021, Council approved updates to the Orthopaedic Footwear Standard. The new standard is available on the College's website in the list of "Standards of Practice for Chiropodists and Podiatrists". There are some important changes in the amended standard, and it is the members' responsibility to ensure they fully understand the standard and ensure they comply with the amendments going forward. Members who have any questions relating to this standard, or another standard, are encouraged to contact the Practice Advisor...

[Click here for the Orthopaedic Footwear Standard](#)



## Honorarium Policy – Updated

At its October 2021 meeting, Council approved a new honorarium policy for Council and non-Council committee members that replaces the old policy, which had not been updated since 2002. To draft the policy, College staff conducted an environmental scan that looked at the rates other regulatory health colleges pay professional members for College business. The results of the scan indicated that the College's honoraria rate was significantly lower than other RHPA Colleges. It is in the public interest that the College fairly compensate members of Council and its committees, because without active and engaged professional members, the College cannot fulfill its regulatory mandate of protecting the public....

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## Bylaw Amendment Update – Fee Increase

In June 2021, Council passed two bylaws in principle that were circulated to the membership for consultation via email. Members were asked to provide feedback by August 29, 2021 about the proposed amendments to the annual renewal fee. The feedback was provided to Council for review.

At its October 29, 2021 meeting, Council voted in favour of amending Bylaw 2 to allow a \$100 increase to the 2022 annual renewal fee, and a subsequent cost-of-living increase annually beginning in 2023. The fee increase acknowledges that costs have gone up since the last fee increase in 2014, and the College requires additional funding to fulfill its mandate of regulating in the public interest. As well, the cost-of-living increase is intended to avoid the need for larger fee increases in the future.



## Registration Exam Update

Based on the results of the online written exam in June and the OSCE in August, the College has welcomed 38 new members.

On October 23, 2021, the College's second online written exam of the year took place and we look forward to registering our new members before the end of the year.

On November 20, 2021, the College's second OSCE took place.



## Inhalation Course

On October 23 and 24, 2021, the College's second Inhalation course was held for 16 members, all of whom passed. Congratulations!



## ICRC & Discipline Committee Update

Between June and October 2021, the College received 13 complaints, and opened two Registrar's investigations. These numbers are consistent with last year. By comparison, in the same period in 2020, the College received 11 complaints and did not open any Registrar's investigation...

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## Quality Assurance

The 2021 Practice Assessment cycle is underway. To date two assessments have been completed of a total of 19. The entire Practice Assessment process is now paperless which has made it easier for both assessors and members to provide their material to the College...

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