

Proposed Bylaw Changes

#	Current Bylaw	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
1)	<p>13.3.1 An elected Member's position shall be declared vacant when the Member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is absent from three council meetings in any council term year; or (b) violates Council's Code of Conduct; or (c) is not a Regulated Member; or (d) has been disciplined under the Act; or (e) has resigned; or (f) ceases to be a member in good standing. 	<p>13.3.1 A Member's position shall be declared vacant when the Member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is absent from three council meetings in any council term year; or (b) violates Council's Code of Conduct; or (c) is not a Regulated Member (if applicable); or (d) has been disciplined, or is under investigation under the Act; or (e) has resigned from Council; or (f) ceases to be a member in good standing; or (g) has criminal charges pending or issued; or (h) acts in a manner contradictory to the College's obligations under the Act. <p>13.3.3 If a public member violates 13.3.1, Council will request Alberta Health to implement a process to remove that member from Council.</p>	<p>Some changes make it clear that the bylaws apply to both public and elected members. Each member is integral to the work of Council, regardless of whether they are an elected or a public member of Council. The criterion used to determine inability to continue on Council should apply equally to all Council members.</p> <p>An investigation is concluded when the College reaches a decision. A decision may be appealed and reviewed by Council. For this reason a person being investigated should not still be on Council. This solidifies Council's impartiality and legal authority to review decisions regarding a regulated member serving on Council.</p> <p>Some additions are clarifying language to make the bylaws more reader friendly.</p> <p>Section (g) and (h) are added as they represent concerns that can impact the integrity of Council's work as provided in bylaw 13.1 'Powers and Duties' of Council.</p> <p>The Government of Alberta alone has the authority to appoint and remove public members from Council.</p>

2)	<p>16.3 Meetings may be in person, or by:</p> <p>(a) teleconference, where all members participate by teleconference, and permits all persons participating to hear each other;</p> <p>(b) video conference, where all members participate by video conference and permit all persons participating to hear and see each other.</p>	<p>16.3 Meetings may be in person, by teleconference or by any other technology that permits all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other:</p> <p>(a) motions made through any of these mediums will hold equal force.</p> <p>(b) a written record of the vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.</p> <p>(c) voting can be done by email and motions circulated by email.</p>	<p>These changes update Council's ability to hold meetings and take decision in a timely manner.</p> <p>Allows for efficiency and effectiveness of Council processes.</p>
3)	<p>16.2 A minimum of one (1) months' notice of a meeting must be given unless all of members of the Council agree to waive notice.</p>	<p>16.2 A minimum of one (1) months' notice of a meeting must be given unless a majority of members of the Council agree to waive notice.</p>	<p>This is in keeping with best practice for good governance.</p>
4)	<p>16.4 A quorum for meetings of the Council shall be:</p> <p>(a) at least five (5) of the elected Regulated Members; and</p> <p>(b) at least one (1) of the Public Members.</p>	<p>16.4 A quorum for meetings of the Council shall be:</p> <p>(a) at least four (4) of the elected Regulated Members; and</p> <p>(b) at least one (1) of the Public Members.</p>	<p>There are 8 elected regulated members, a quorum of 50% is in keeping with best practice and ensures that Council is able to function effectively at all times.</p>
5)	<p>18.5 A Member is eligible to be re-elected after one year has passed since the expiry of his/her last term.</p>	<p>18.5 A Member is eligible to be re-elected after two years have passed since the expiry of his/her last term.</p>	<p>This increased 'cooling-off period' enables innovation at the Council table through new members.</p>
6)	<p>24.2 Branches exist for the purposes of furthering the Ends of the College as stated by Council in its Ends policies.</p>	<p>24.2 Branches exist for the purposes of furthering the Mission of the College.</p>	<p>The Mission Statement encompasses the mandate and aspirations of the College. This change is to update language in line with the current governance structure.</p>
7)	<p>24.3 The object of such Branches is to provide members with a forum for discussion, professional development and networking consistent with the Council stated Ends policies.</p>	<p>24.3 The object of such Branches is to provide members with a forum for discussion, professional development and networking consistent with the Council stated Mission.</p>	<p>The Mission Statement encompasses the mandate and aspirations of the College. This change is to update language in line with the current governance structure.</p>

8) 36. Council and committee panels shall be established as necessary in accordance with section 18 of the Act.

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In line with bylaw 13.3.1, formalize Council's ability to guide the work of the College.