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Memo

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To: Council of the Ontario College of Teachers
From: Diana Miles
Council Chair
Subject: Chair's Report to Council – December 7, 2023

At the December 7, 2023 meeting, Council will note a slight change to the format of the agenda. As suggested by a member of Council, the review of the College's quarterly financial results now appears as an attachment to the report of the Audit and Finance Subcommittee – a change that will result in discussions of a financial nature taking place together under a single business item. I would like to remind Council members that your feedback and comments are always very welcome, so please share suggestions that you feel will help us improve the efficiency of our meetings.

Also in December, Council will be asked to approve meeting dates for 2024 and 2025. By setting the dates early, the College will be better able to begin the work of data collection and performance measurement that supports the objectives of our recently approved strategic plan.

We look forward to considering and approving potential briefing and development topics for 2024. These informative sessions provide an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the work of the College that will help guide our decision-making and our work as Council members.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of Council, I am delighted to formally welcome our newest member of Council, Natacha Akineza, OCT. In addition to her role on Council, Natacha serves as a member of the Human Resources Subcommittee.

The December meeting will also provide an opportunity to say "thank you" and farewell to Jonathan Rose before his term ends on February 29, 2024.

Jonathan was first appointed to Council in 2018. As a member of the previous Governance Committee, he was integral in leading the charge to modernize the College's governance structure and was a strong contributor to the many discussions that took place at the Council table. Jonathan has continued his important contributions by serving as a member of the newly-structured Council and as a member of the Audit and Finance Subcommittee. His attention to detail and willingness to ask questions when greater clarity was required will be very much missed.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Briefing and Development

Following adjournment of the formal meeting on December 7, 2023, Council will receive a presentation on current best practices in professional regulation and potential impacts on the College's investigation and discipline functions. The presentation aligns very well with one of the important objectives of the 2024-2028 strategic plan: Have a collaborative system-wide prevention model aimed at reducing investigative and disciplinary matters through education, accountability and early intervention.

Subcommittee Reports

We look forward to receiving reports from all three of Council's subcommittees: Audit and Finance, Human Resources, and Selection and Nominating. Council will receive the report of Human Resources in an in camera session as it involves a personnel matter.

Committee Reports

In accordance with the *Schedule of Committee Reports*, I am pleased to welcome Kirby Chown, Chair of both the Discipline Committee and the Adjudicative Body of Chairs, and Rebecca Forte, Chair of the Fitness to Practise Committee, to present their committee reports at the December meeting.

The statutory and regulatory committees continue to play critical roles in the College's ability to meet its regulatory mandate. Maintaining a connection with these seven committees by regularly inviting committee Chairs to attend Council meetings and report on their activities will help Council understand how the College is functioning "on the ground" and consider legislative, regulatory and policy improvements where necessary. It also helps the committees understand the strategic decision-making role of Council and enhances transparency up and down the governance framework.

Future Meeting Dates

The December 7 meeting will be the final scheduled meeting for 2023. We anticipate that the next regular meeting of Council will take place virtually in March 2024.