



**College of Optometrists of Ontario
Council Meeting
January 22, 2021
APPROVED**

Attendance:

Dr. Patrick Quaid (President)
Ms. Suzanne Allen
Ms. Kathryn Biondi
Dr. Linda Chan
Dr. Lisa Christian
Mr. Ravnit Dhaliwal
Dr. Mark Eltis
Dr. Camy Grewal
Ms. Winona Hutchinson

Mr. Bashar Kassir
Mr. Howard Kennedy
Dr. Richard Kniaziew
Dr. Lindy Mackey
Dr. Annie Micucci
Dr. Areef Nurani
Mr. Narendra Shah
Dr. William Ulakovic

Staff:

Mr. Chad Andrews
Mr. Edward Cho
Ms. Hanan Jibry

Ms. Amber Lepage-Monette
Mr. Ira Teich, Interim Registrar and CEO

- 1 **1. Call to Order:** P. Quaid called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.
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3 P. Quaid opened the meeting with an inspirational reading from President Roosevelt and thanked
4 Council and staff for their hard work during a challenging year.
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6 **2. Adoption of the Agenda:** A draft agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.
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8 Moved by W. Hutchinson and seconded by N. Shah **to adopt the agenda.**
9 **Motion carried**
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11 **a. Conflicts of Interest:** P. Quaid asked Council members if anyone had a conflict of interest with any
12 item on the day's agenda. None declared.
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14 **3. Election of Officers for 2021 Council Year**
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16 Registrar I. Teich introduced the election and reminded Council of the by-law requirement that notes
17 the Executive Committee have one more professional member than public member and that this may
18 affect how we proceed through the vote.
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20 H. Jibry announced that P. Quaid was acclaimed as President.

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22 H. Jibry invited the three candidates for role of Vice-President to speak. W. Hutchinson, B. Kassir and R.
23 Kniaziew each presented their candidacy to Council.

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25 **B. Kassir was elected to the position of Vice-President.**

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27 H. Jibry invited the five candidates for the role of Chair, Governance/HR Committee to speak.

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29 W. Hutchinson and H. Kennedy withdrew their names from the election.

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31 K. Biondi, C. Grewal, W, and R. Kniaziew each presented their candidacy to Council.

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33 **K. Biondi was elected to the position of Chair, Governance/HR Committee.**

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35 H. Jibry noted that, since two public members had been elected to the Executive Committee, **L. Chan**
36 **was acclaimed as Chair, Audit/Risk/Finance Committee.**

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38 H. Jibry invited the three candidates for the role of Member-at-Large to speak.

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40 A. Nurani withdrew his name from the election.

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42 M. Eltis and C. Grewal presented their candidacy to Council.

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44 C. Grewal was elected to the position of **Member-at-Large.**

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46 I. Teich thanked all candidates for submitting their names and participating in the election and
47 congratulated all those who won their positions.

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49 Council took a 10-minute break.

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51 **4. Motions Brought Forward by Committees:**

52 **a. Governance Committee: Appointment of the Committee Chairs and Committee Members**

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54 K. Biondi presented a PowerPoint presentation that reflected the proposed slate of members for the
55 2021 College committees, as reflected in the briefing materials.

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57 Council had no questions regarding the proposed slate.

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59 Moved by L. Chan and seconded by R. Kniaziew **to approve the proposed committee memberships for**
60 **2021 as set out by the Governance/HR Committee.**

61 **Motion carried**

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63 R. Kniaziew asked about the status of the Registrar search interviews and if any optometrists were
64 included.

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66 Members of the Registrar Search Committee indicated that the search process is confidential and that it
67 is too early in the process to discuss candidates.

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69 P. Quaid confirmed that optometrists have been included in the process.

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71 Moved by C. Grewal and seconded by H. Kennedy **to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m.**