SCPT Council Meeting Minutes via Teleconference on January 18, 2022 via Redbooth 7:30 pm

Present through Zoom: J. Vogelsang (EDR); C. Cuddington; D. Pitura; L. McLellan; J. Hunchak; A. Crow; K. Horvey; J. Grant; K. Mueller; K. Large; L. Hall., K.Neill, W. Chukwu.

Absent: None.

Call to Order: 7:30 pm by D. Pitura.

President acknowledges resides in Treaty 4 territory and is running the meeting from this location.

Agenda

1.1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve agenda

Mover: L. Hall

Seconder: C. Cuddington

CARRIED: MOTION: 22.001

1.2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest- none declared

2. Items for Decision

2.1 Strategic

- 2.1.1 CAPR Loan Request
- EDR reviewed updated briefing note. Provincial updates provided, every province providing loan except Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. Yukon cannot provide a loan but maybe a grant.
- Manitoba and Quebec indicating they may provide a grant for innovation agenda or expert panel.
- Reviewed SCPT legal counsel update relating to concerns about loan repayment.
- All provinces providing loans would be secured creditor.
- Colleges would have access to clinical exam equations but CAPR is cautious with releasing written questions as they are still providing written exam.
- Reviewed increased financial transparency CAPR. Regular confidential financial statements may be available to Councils as long as confidentiality can be maintained.
- 2022 fees for exams already announced so won't impact students at this time but 30% increase in fees for following still predicted.
- Financial numbers support ability to continue with written exam and credentialling.
- Group of regulators relating to consent regarding changes to the loan (compared to individual agreements) was discussed.
- Repayment plan from CAPR outlined.
- Special meeting of members to vote on CAPR's request to terminate Ontario's membership in CAPR
- Based on projections from CAPR they are saying they can still be financially viable even if Ontario is no longer a member of CAPR. They have not factored in possible loss of written examination candidates from Ontario, and therefore income from their fees.

- Multiple factors contributing to this decision regarding Ontario's membership (not just unwillingness to provide loan), and this imposes an increased financial risk-
- Ontario has written a letter indicating they want to stay in CAPR.
- All indication is that Ontario will have access to written exam if not a CAPR member?
- For Ontario it is an economic decision, does it make financial sense to use CAPRs exam or develop their own? Ontario has the capacity and economy of scale to do their own exam.
- It is anticipated the exam revenue from Ontario would still be available for one to two years (if Ontario develops their own exam)
- EDR clarified budget line items for Council in relation to how the loan was identified in the budget.
- Reviewed updated budget from CAPR
- Concern about the 11 FT equivalent positions removed however total salary's have reduced only 15%. Discussed, possibly CAPR could be looking at bringing in more staff for credentialling to address backlog and would be a net financial gain.
- Can we wait to see what Ontario does?
- -Does the loan buy us time to get our examination process ready?
- Is there indication we can wait? EDR said there has been a message from CAPR that there can be some of money provided now/later but they need the bulk of the loans by June at the latest. EDR inquired what would happen with Ontario but not sure we have the option long term.
- Council agrees with risk with Ontario on the fence puts the whole organization in a lot of risk. If we pull out it will impact the written and credential process. What would be the impact on the backlog of candidate? Will our loan buy us time?
- If we don't contribute, what is the risk? Depends on the scenario. CAPR has not made a motion to cut access to exams for Manitoba or Ontario yet. With Ontario out, our loan amount is much more important.
- Do we trust the organization to be successful with this? Do we have confident to say what they are going to do? Transparency is key.
- We have made a plan for replacing practical exam. There are other aspects of the challenges of dealing with international graduates (reviewing and registering foreign trained graduates). Concerns from some members about CAPR not being able to access an option for a loan from other financial providers.
- Continued extensive discussion.

Motion: the SCPT to provide CAPR with the loan of the requested amount of \$54 per registrant (approximately \$43 200)

Mover: W. Chukwu

Seconder: K. Horvey

Opposed: C. Cuddington, L. Hall, J. Hunchuk.

CARRIED: MOTION: 22.002

ACTION 2.1.1. EDR to inform CAPR that SCPT Council has approved the loan.

2.1.2. CAPR Special Meeting of Members

Motion from CAPR to remove Ontario from its membership

- How do we want our CAPR representative to vote at this Special Members Meeting?
- Our CAPR rep will be voting for what Council/membership wants, not representing CAPR.
- Extensive discussion for the resolution for the Special Meeting, including reflecting on each option.
- Council consensus is vote for Ontario to remain a member of CAPR.
- Council wants a more cooperative Alliance to be encouraged.

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- 3. Meeting Summary
 - 3.1 Action Plan Review

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- 3.2 Closing Comments, Next Meeting Date- March 16, 2022
- 3.3 Adjournment. 8:39 pm.

| President | Date <u>March 26, 2022</u> |
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| Secretary Mam MCML | |