

SCPT

MOMENTUM



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President's Message

Spring is often referred to as the beginning of a new cycle. The harsh winter slowly starts to soften, and warmer winds tempt us to leave our scarves and mittens at home. It is a chance for new beginnings, and opportunity for reflection as we read the final pages of a chapter.

At the Saskatchewan College of Physical Therapists, we know we are beginning a new cycle by the fast-approaching date of our Annual General Meeting. For the College, this AGM will have significance in different ways. This will likely be our last spring AGM. Cathy Cuddington, our Treasurer and Chair of the Finance committee, has put a substantial amount of time into addressing the office workflow. With registration of just over 800 members, and our fiscal year end occurring during the same time of the calendar year, our office staff have been stretched very thin. 2020 will require

two AGMs to present our membership with two budgets to allow us to even the office flow, and begin a new financial cycle. This was an extraordinary amount of work, as changing a fiscal year end is not an easy task. On behalf of Council and the office staff, our most sincere thank-you to Cathy and the finance committee!

Another significant component of this AGM will be a report from the working group that was established after a 'motion from the floor' was brought to the 2019 AGM. The committee has functioned at an arms' length from Council, and I am likely just as intrigued as you are to hear where the committee is at. As Council, we were appreciative of the openness and honesty that was brought to the 2019 AGM with regards to concerns about the clinical component of the National licensing exam. With the creation of this committee, we are doing our best to

examine our role in the situation and the options that are feasible. The committee has spent the last year interviewing, researching and exploring the situation. I am looking forward to hearing their results and their suggestions to move forward.

Council and the Legislation Committee will be bringing forth some bylaw revisions, which will also close a chapter on a substantial amount of thought, prudence, and hard work. Liz Rackow chairs the committee tasked with helping the College stay current and relevant in our most important duty, public protection.

Finally, we will have some Council members' with terms coming to an end, and committees that will have openings for new members. If you are interested in stepping forward to share your

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knowledge and perspective, I can attest from my personal experience that volunteering for the SCPT has been a meaningful, welcoming, and rewarding avenue towards fulfilling the professional obligation that each of us accepts when we are granted our licenses.

As we close this cycle, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our AGM. Details have been provided in this MOMENTUM newsletter, as well as on the SCPT.org website. Enjoy the freshness and warmth as the snow melts. Thank-you for your involvement in your College.

Respectfully,
Daysha Shuya, SCPT President



SCPT AGM 2020

Date: Friday April 24, 2019, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: Atlas Hotel, 4177 Albert Street, Regina SK

Important Information for the Membership:

Membership Motions:

- In order to provide an opportunity for general membership input into SCPT processes, Council will continue the process for Membership Motions from the Floor for this year's AGM. Pre-submission will allow time for Council to consider any motions brought forward and ask for further information and feedback as required. It will also allow for the pre-circulation of the motion and other information along with the AGM agenda and annual report to SCPT members
- Motions from the Floor will be accepted from a current SCPT member who must follow a pre-submission process and submit 30 days prior to the AGM. Please refer to the Motions from the Floor Document, as well as the IFD for submission document that must be completed for all submissions.
- IFD for Motions from the Floor:
<https://scpt.in1touch.org/uploaded/web/Motion%20from%20the%20floor%20IFD%202020.pdf>
- Motions from the Floor Process Document:
[https://scpt.in1touch.org/uploaded/web/Motions_from_the_Floor_Process_document%20\(1\).pdf](https://scpt.in1touch.org/uploaded/web/Motions_from_the_Floor_Process_document%20(1).pdf)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact president@scpt.org

SCPT Council Nominations Information

The SCPT has begun its nomination process for the upcoming 2020-2021 year. This year we are looking for President-Elect and Council Member at Large positions to be filled. Nominators are asked to submit a written statement describing what qualifies a nominee for this position and can be faxed (306-931-7333) or emailed (edr@scpt.org) by March 27, 2020.

Many of our committees are looking for volunteers for the upcoming year and information will be coming out in March via email. If you are interested in volunteering, please keep a look out for the upcoming email.

Nomination Form (see Appendix or link):

<https://scpt.in1touch.org/uploaded/web/Nomination%20Form%202020.pdf>



Frequently Asked Questions

In this edition of Momentum, the continuing competency committee is wishing to highlight some questions that have come to the SCPT regarding use of title and credentialing. I hope that these answers are informative for those who may also be questioning their use of title and credentials.

Question 1: What credentials can I use when signing a chart?

Answer: Your credentials are abbreviations used to denote your educational qualifications (i.e. academic degree and other accredited diplomas or certifications). You must use your protected physical therapy designation immediately after your name when signing a chart. Any other credentials may follow your physical therapy designation but they must be consistent with what is recommended and/or approved by the educational organization responsible for those achievements. If you have a PhD, you must not use Dr. in front of your name but you may still use the abbreviation PhD behind your other credentials. You may use a specialist title if the specialty is recognized by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators. This must also be used after your physical therapy credentials. Please see Clinical Practice Guideline #23: Use of Title, Credentials, and Specialist Designation for further details.

Question 2: What credentials can I use when doing animal therapy? What if I receive a certification in Equine Rehabilitation Therapy?

Answer: Care of animals does not fall within the regulatory authority of the SCPT. College members practicing animal therapy must not use their protected physical therapy designation when describing such practice. You must also disclose to your client that animal therapy is not regulated by the SCPT so any complaints that may arise during this therapy would be beyond the jurisdiction of the college. Please see Clinical Practice Guideline #19: Animal Therapy for further details.

Respectfully submitted, Karla Horvey, CCC chair

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