

Present: Michael Sangster; Aimee Cooke, Shanna Thompson; Wayne Carlon; Deanna Landry; Kristen Taylor; Craig White; Shaun Sangster
Joan Ross, Registrar; Patrick King, Executive Director.

Regrets with cause: Jeff Knowles

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order::	The Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Chair Sangster introduced new Board Member Shanna Thompson and asked the current Board members to introduce themselves to Shanna.	
2. Review of Agenda:	The agenda for the meeting was reviewed.	MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be accepted as circulated.
3 (a) Review of Minutes:	The Chair requested a motion to approve the February 22, 2017 minutes of the NSCP Board of Directors.	MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Board meeting be approved
3 (b) Business from Minutes:	None	
4. Registrar Report:	Attached.	MOTION: In two separate motions it was moved and seconded that the Registrar's Report and the Additions to the Register be approved
5. Executive Directors Report	Attached	MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Executive Director's Report be approved.
6. Treasurer's Report	Kristen Taylor, Board Member, reviewed the March 31, 2017 NSCP Financial Statements.	MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the financial statements be accepted.
7. Committee Reports:		
a) Investigations Committee:	Mr. King reported that the one complaint remaining was dismissed	
b) Alliance:	Report attached	
c) Practice Standards:	Shaun Sangster reported that a couple of Standards were being reviewed including Malpractice Insurance and the Sponsorship Standard.	

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<p>d) Peer Assessment:</p> <p>f) Nominating Committee:</p> <p>g) Committee Reports</p>	<p>See Executive Directors Report for stats.</p> <p>Mr Sangster provided a Nominating Committee report: Aimee Cooke: Chair Jeff Knowles: Vice President Michael Sangster: Past Chair Kristin Taylor: Treasurer Craig White: Secretary</p> <p>It was moved and seconded that the Committee Reports be accepted.</p>	<p>MOTION: Michael Sangster then called (s) for further nominations, there being none the officer were declared elected by acclamation.</p>
<p>8. New Business:</p> <p>9. Discussion:</p> <p>10. Correspondence:</p>	<p>1) AGM Review. The Board discussed ideas re the AGM including: a) More timely communications and see if we can accommodate tablet and phone layouts. b) Consider a balance between regulatory and practice topic for CE. c) Consider webinar/gotomeeting as a tool for the CE. d) Inquire of members re CE topics. e) Introduce PT of the years in attendance</p> <p>2) New Membership Classification: Practicing NC Considerable discussion by those present but a unanimous agreement it should be done. See attachments.</p> <p>3) Initial Registration Appeal Process – The Board confirmed minor changes to the ad-hoc creation of, and responsibilities of the Credential Committee regarding an Appeals Process were reviewed and signed off.</p> <p>None</p>	<p>MOTION: It was moved and seconded that a new Member Classification: Practicing Non-Clinical / Practicing NC be introduced effective April 24, 2017.</p> <p>MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the revised Initial Registration and Appeals processes be approved as attached to these minutes.</p>
<p>11. Conflict of Interest Declaration</p> <p>12. Adjournment:</p>		<p>None</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned</p>
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Next meeting Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - IWK</p>	

Secretary – Jeff Knowles

Recorder – J Patrick King – Ex Dir

Item 8.2.1 Practicing vs Practicing (Non-Clinical) Licenses

➤ In our regulations ... we define Scope of Practice as...

2. "scope of practice" means,

- (i) the specialty in which the member is registered in the Specialists Register,
- (ii) the type of practice as specified in any other Register in the Act,
- (iii) the type of practice determined by any terms or conditions attached to a licence,
- (iv) those aspects of the practice of physiotherapy for which a physiotherapist possesses appropriate education and experience, as determined by the Board, or
- (v) any other non-clinical physiotherapy practice

Sec 19 of Act indicates that for entry into the Register one must meet the requirements stated in the regulations

Sec 25 of the Regs. defines **practicing** as actively engaging in practice, and **non practicing** as not engaging in practice, but meets requirements.

➤ HOWEVER...

General registration Regulations

28 An applicant who is accepted by the Board as a member of the College engaging in the general clinical practice of physiotherapy and who is not otherwise registered in the Provisional Register or the **Defined Register** may be registered in **the Register** pursuant to Section 19 of the Act.

29 (1) In order to be registered in the Register pursuant to Section 28, the applicant shall meet the minimum clinical practice hour requirements as determined by the Board.

(2) Where the applicant wishes to be registered in the Register pursuant to Section 28 and does not satisfy the minimum clinical practice hour requirements, the applicant shall be required to meet the requirements of Section 30 governing the re-entrance process.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It means that in order to continue to be registered in the General Register, you must meet the 1200 clinical hours requirement for registration and license renewal. You must also meet the 200 CE hours requirement and partake in the Quality Practice activities. (Or do re-entry to practice to meet those clinical hours for registration)

We should in actuality be using the Defined Register for those individuals who do not meet the clinical practice requirements, but members like one register...

Alternately, you will have the choice of switching to a practicing non-clinical category, and staying in the General Register as Practicing non clinical. You may also choose to go Non- Practicing, but this is a time limited option valid only until as long as you meet the registration criteria.

PRACTICING

Maintain 1200 clinical hours
Maintain 200 CE hours
Partake in Portfolio Reviews
Complete Patient Care Self Assessments
Complete Jurisprudence Exams
Partake in Onsite Practice Reviews
Use of PT title
Appear in General Register as "Practicing C"
Right to own clinic(s)
Provides Direct Patient Care

PRACTICING -Non clinical

Do not need to maintain 1200 clinical hours
Do not need to maintain 200 CE Hours
Do not need to complete Portfolio process
Have no patients to report on
Complete Jurisprudence exam
No Onsite Practice Review
Use of PT title
Appear in General register as "Practicing NC"
Right to own clinic(s)
Does not provide direct patient care

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8.2.2 Important Notice re PT Classifications:

As you are aware the NSCP uses two Categories to describe your membership type: Practicing or Non-Practicing. In the Non Practicing Category we have a number of sub-categories that help explain why the PT is not practicing e.g. NP(LOA) Non practicing Leave of Absence, Non Practicing in NS: for those licensed by NSCP but practicing in another country or province and Non Practicing (Seeking Employment). Physiotherapists in the Non-Practicing categories cannot practice in NS without having their Category switched to Practicing.

In the Practicing Category we have Practicing or Practicing Sponsored.

But here is the problem, each year during the portfolio Review Process we run into a larger and larger number of PT's who cannot complete all aspects of the Portfolio Review because they are non-clinical practitioners. They cannot do the Patient Care Self-assessment form as they have no patients, they do not acquire 1200 Practice hours as clinical practitioners as they have no patients and so on. BUT they do not want to be classified as Non-Practicing, they want and need in some cases to use Title and in some cases they are owners and need to have a Practicing License to own a physiotherapy clinic.

The NSCP is pleased to announce that effective April 26, 2017 the Board of Directors has added another sub-category to the Practicing category: Practicing Non-Clinical or Practicing NC.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It means that in order to continue to be registered in the General Register, as Practicing; you must continue to meet the **1200 clinical hours in the previous 5 years** requirement for registration and license renewal. You must also meet the **200 CE hours in the previous 5 years** requirement and partake in the **Quality Practice Activities** (Portfolio Review, and On-site Practice Reviews)

Alternately, you will have the choice of switching to the Practicing NC category, and staying in the General Register as Practicing Non-Clinical.

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PRACTICING NC

Do not need to meet 1200 clinical hours rule
Do not need to meet 200 CE Hours rule
Do not need to complete Portfolio process
Must Complete Jurisprudence exam
No Onsite Practice Review
Use of PT title
Will Appear in General register as “Practicing NC”
Have Right to own clinic(s)
Cannot Sponsor or Mentor
Cannot provide direct clinical care*

PRACTICING

Maintain 1200 clinical hours
Maintain 200 CE hours
Partake in Portfolio Reviews
Complete Patient Care Self Assessments
Complete Jurisprudence Exams
Partake in Onsite Practice Reviews
Use of PT title
Appear in General Register as “Practicing”
Right to own clinic(s)
Can provide direct clinical care*

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Item 8.3

INITIAL- REGISTRATION APPEAL

If an applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the Registrar, he/she may appeal the initial registration decision to a Registration Review Panel.

- The applicant shall forward written reasons for his/her Appeal, together with any additional information the applicant wishes the Registration Review Committee to consider.
- The request for review must be received by the Executive Director, in the College office within thirty (30) days of the date of the Registration decision.
- Upon receiving written notice of an Appeal, the Executive Director in consultation with the Chair of the Board, will appoint a member of the Board to Chair a Registration Review Panel and appoint one other member to the Panel. The additional member does not have to be a member of the Board.
- The Registration Review Panel may request legal counsel if, in the opinion of the Panel members, in consultation with the CEO, there are issues that require legal input to ensure appropriate disposition of the Appeal. No member of the Review Panel shall have participated as a reviewer or sponsor with respect to the applicant's application or nor should they have any other conflict of interest with respect to the appellant or the appeal issues.

Terms of Reference for Review Panel

Composition Each Review Panel will consist of:

- Chair, selected by the Executive Director and the Chair of the Board and must be current member of the Board.
- One (1) other member selected by the Executive Officer and the Chair of the Board.
- The Panel is dissolved on completion of the Registration Review Report.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Review the file information from The Registrar's office
- Participate in teleconference(s) as scheduled to discuss the information provided
- Determine if further information is needed
- Participate in interviews, gather information as required or direct staff to gather information as needed
- Make a decision on the Appeal issues
- Review and approve the written Registration Review Report.
- Maintain confidentiality of all materials, discussions and decisions.