

Council Meeting Highlights December 2&3, 2022

The College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba protects and serves the public by regulating and ensuring competent, safe, ethical practice of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in Manitoba. At every regular Council meeting, the Registrar and President report on operations of the College and correspondence with local and national regulatory bodies. The financial condition of the College is reviewed and discussed, and all committee chairs provide updates on committee work. Statutory Committees are the Complaints Investigation Committee, the Inquiry Committee, and the Continuing Competency Committee. Standing Committees such as the Practice Advisory Committee and ad hoc committees or working groups (created as needed) also give regular updates.

Decisions Pertaining to Registrants as of December 3, 2022

Practice Advisory Committee (“PAC”) & Advanced Competency Working Group (“ACWG”) Updates

- The PAC has completed the Advertising Practice Direction and FAQs with feedback from registrants. This practice direction is available on the CASLPM website.
- The PAC will prioritize the practice direction related to M.A.I.D. as their next initiative.
- Discussion regarding required practice hours for those in leadership roles within the professions are ongoing.
- The PAC, on behalf of the ACWG, recommended that the council adopt the revised Advanced Competency #4 and the council approved.
- The ACWG recommended that the Advanced Competency Notice of Intent and Application be combined into one document. This has been implemented and is available as a .PDF on the CASLPM website.
- The next Advanced Competency to be reviewed is #5: Videofluoroscopic Assessment of Adult Swallowing Disorders.
- SLP Advanced Competencies will continue to be reviewed with Audiology Advanced Competencies to follow.

Continuing Competency Committee (“CCC”) Updates

- The CCC is rolling out a review/audit process for continuing competency and learning plan in 2023.
- The College will continue to open the renewal of registration period in September annually to allow more time for registrants to complete their renewal.
- The online Self-Assessment Tool has been adjusted to remain in “complete” status once complete per feedback from the 2023 renewal process.

Items of Note to Registrants as of December 3, 2022

- CASLPM Council discussed legal, investigation, and quality assurance reserves and the long-term financial health of the College. The Council agreed to allocate funds to short- and long-term savings accounts to secure funds where they may be easily accessible when required.
- In late 2022, CASLPM wrote to the Minister of Health to request a review of CASLPM's General Regulations as they relate to the requirement of Provisional applicants to complete a national exam prior to registration in Manitoba.
- There is a vacancy on Council for a Speech-Language Pathologist.
- Council and Committee remuneration was reviewed and revised to reflect parity with colleagues in Manitoba and across the country. Remuneration had not been modified since CASLPM's inception in 2014.
- CASLPM by-laws and policies are now on a rotating schedule to be reviewed in full annually. All proposed changes will be available to registrants for review prior to calling for approval at annual general meetings.