



Board Highlights at a Glance

June 20-21, 2024 [meeting](#) of CDO Board of Directors



Governance

Election: The Board of Directors held its annual election to the executive committee and elected Denis Tsang, RD (Chair), Ann Watt, RD (Vice-Chair), Donna Hennyey, RD (professional member), and Brenda Murphy (public member) for the fiscal year 2024-25.

Confirmation: The Board approved annual committee compositions and appointed Registered Dietitians Antonia Morganti, Emma Kaye, Gina Carvalho, Helen Tomalik, Hilary Monteith, and Julie Slack as committee members. The Board also approved its workplan and training schedule for the fiscal year 2024-25.



CDO Policies & Guidelines

Approved in Principle: Draft advertising and marketing standards and practice guidelines as recommended by the professional practice committee that provide key principles and set expectations for dietitians when navigating business and commercial relationships.

Approved: Revisions to Bylaw 1 and the Governance Manual that will modernize the role of the audit and finance and governance committees, allow the Board to meet more quickly when special meetings are needed, and increase the cooling-off period for committee appointees to three years to promote objectivity and diverse perspectives in decision making. A record keeping and minutes policy was also approved to reflect the evolving practices of CDO's board and committees.



Learning & Reflection

Indigenous Peoples Day: The Board engaged in a reflective land acknowledgement recognizing the importance of the summer solstice and the wild strawberry to Indigenous cultures and traditions.

Strategic Planning: To kick off planning for CDO's next four-year strategic plan, the College engaged in a full-day strategic planning session, focusing on system partner feedback. The Board also engaged in a strategic workshop related to its investment strategy.

Brand Guidelines: CDO's new brand identity, which includes a refreshed logo and design guidelines, was introduced to the Board with a preview of the College's new website and platform.

Operational Highlights

Melanie Woodbeck, Registrar & Executive Director, presented the management report, which included the following highlights:

System Partners

The Health Profession Regulators of Ontario (HPRO) welcomed the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, to its annual general meeting. The Minister expressed appreciation to HPRO and all regulatory boards for the work they do. Minister Jones shared the government's commitment to access to care, scopes of practice and the patient experience. The Registrar was also appointed to the HPRO Management Committee for a one-year term.

Professional Practice

The Director of Professional Practice gave two presentations on the responsible and ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) and technology, one for registrants and one for regulators, discussing principles for registrants as incorporated in the College's recently revised Code of Ethics. The College has also submitted a scope of practice expansion proposal to the Ministry of Health related to lab ordering authority for dietitians.

Registration

The Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) policy has been updated to provide internationally educated applicants with a fairer exam to demonstrate their knowledge and mirror the process of Canadian graduates in obtaining Total Parenteral nutrition (TPN) knowledge by taking a short course in critical care nutrition before becoming registered.