



Memo

To: MEMBERSHIP
From: SCO
CC: Registrar/council
Date: 08/04/2013
Re: Educational Credits

The SCO encourages all members to keep up to the industry by continuously learning new skills and keeping abreast of new products and processes and will continue to sponsor annual conventions that offer enough con- ed credits for you to maintain the minimum balance required for re-registering.

For those that attend non sponsored events, such as national shows in Las Vegas and New York, or optometric sponsored events, or through on line modules such as those offered by the OAC, the College is prepared to accept and honour those credit hours. However, members are reminded that all education acquired at events not sponsored by the SCO, **require prior approval** or we cannot accept them.

The pre-approval process is relatively simple, and only requires that when a member makes a decision to attend a non sponsored event, the member contacts the SCO office in Saskatoon and provide a copy of the material for review. The College will review the material being offered at the event and

pre-approve those seminars qualifying for education credits. The member could also request that the sponsors of the event, forward their material directly to the college for review and approval prior to the member registering for the event. The college would be pleased to review the material being offered at the event and advise the sponsor which seminars can be approved for credits and the amount of credits to be awarded to each seminar.

Some organizations already submit their material directly to NACOR or College for consideration, and as such, members should ask when registering for seminars, whether or not the seminar has received NACOR or SCO approval for accreditation. The College is also in the process of setting up a database to contain a list of the seminars that are pre-approved by the SCO or NACOR for future reference. Members will be able to access this database through the College or the SCO website and view the list of seminars already pre-approved.

Anyone having any questions or concerns should contact the office at 306.652.0769 or by email at office@scoptic.ca

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