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The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario supports the principles of transparency, accountability and openness in its deliberations surrounding the regulatory framework for naturopaths and the Council's management of the College. All decisions must be made in an environment that is free from influence or the perception of influence of individuals or other organizations. As such, Council members and Committee members appointed by the Council, shall publicly declare on the College's Gift Registry, all gifts and benefits they receive as a result of their role with the College.

Definitions	Benefit	Means a service that is given at no cost to the recipient, but which provides assistance, support or reward to the recipient.
	Council member	Means a person appointed to the Council by the Lieutenant Governance in Council or a Registrant elected or appointed to the Council.
	Committee member	Means a person appointed to a Statutory or Council committee by the Council.
	Gift	Means a product that is given at no cost to the recipient, but which provides assistance, support or reward to the recipient.
	Remuneration	Means the provision of unrequested money, or the payment of a fee or stipend to the recipient for the provision of information or for attending a particular event or activity.

Accordingly,

- 1 Each Council and Committee member must register any gift, benefit or remuneration that they receive from any individual or organization while engaged in regulation or based on their knowledge of regulatory activities with the College.
- 2 Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the following would not need to be declared.
 - a) Any gift or benefit they receive as a corollary when on official College business, e.g., lunch is provided when at a meeting on behalf of the College.
 - b) Any gift or benefit they receive from the College for the performance of their duties, including but not necessarily limited to volunteer recognition gifts, per diems or expenses in accordance with GP18, a meal when at a meeting with the College.
- 3 Declarations of gifts, benefits or remuneration received must be made within seven days of receipt of the gift and on a form prescribed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- 4 A summary of all declarations received by the CEO shall be disclosed to the Council and publicly as part of the Consent Agenda of the College Council for the period covering the time since the prior Council meeting.
- 5 A full summary of all declarations shall be released by the Council via the College's website annually.

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- 6 Any Council or Committee member who is found to have failed to declare a gift of any value may be subject to removal pursuant to section 15.02 of the by-laws.

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