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News Bulletin

Change in College Leadership

The College of Dental Surgeons of B.C. wishes to announce that it has accepted the resignation of Ms. Heather J. Laing as Registrar of the College effective March 31, 2007.

Ms. Laing became Registrar of the College in September 2003 and during her tenure has assisted the organization in establishing its provincial and national reputation as a leading health regulatory body. She has helped strengthen public and professional trust in the College, and developed protocols and processes for managing change that will serve the College well in the years ahead.

While she was the Registrar, the College became debt free; gained control of its expenses; set in place a framework to transition from the *Dentists Act* to the *Health Professions Act*, and established a protocol to deal with complaints by alternative dispute resolution and remediation based on a fair, collegial and cooperative approach.

Ms. Laing's professional career has included managerial positions in human resources and labour relations, the practice of law in Toronto, pioneering alternative dispute resolution and mediation here in Vancouver and serving as Ombudsperson for BC Hydro. She now looks forward to pursuing new challenges.

The College is grateful to Ms. Laing for her significant contributions and wishes her every success in her future endeavours.

License Renewal deadline is March 1

The deadline for registrants to renew their license with the College of Dental Surgeons of BC for 2007/2008 is just four days away on **Thursday, March 1 at 4 p.m.** Note that dentists and certified dental assistants are not eligible to practise in B.C. without having paid the appropriate licence fee.

If you have already renewed, thank you!

CDAs: Note Change in Fee Collection – this year, your mandatory College licence renewal fee is being collected separately from the membership fee for the Certified Dental Assistants of BC. This means you will need to make a separate payment to each organization. Visit www.cdabc.org for more information about CDA member services.



Oral Sedation Course Clarification

Dentists across B.C. were recently sent a promotional letter from an organization called DOCS, urging them to attend upcoming courses in Seattle and San Francisco on oral sedation because of pending changes that would come into effect for their practices on March 22, 2007.

Please note there is no change pending to the College's oral sedation requirements and the DOCS course is not required for dentists in B.C. to be allowed to provide mild sedation. An active, practising dentist registered with the College can give a single, oral dose medication based on their undergraduate education; no further post-graduate education is needed.

The College sedation requirements cited in the letter from Michael Silverman, DOCS president, are not new and have been in effect since May 2003. These are available on our website at www.cdsbc.org under "About the College", "Standards".

While the College has not in any way endorsed the DOCS courses as implied in the promotional letter, it does not object to members wishing to attend for CE credit.

Please contact us if you require clarification or have any questions

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