

## **ELECTION 2011 NOMINATION PROCESS AND CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY**

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The annual election of Officers and Board Members will be held in accordance with the provisions in the *Health Professions Act* (HPA), CDSBC Bylaws and Schedule E. Under the HPA, two certified dental assistants (CDAs) are included in this election.

This information sheet provides directions and deadlines about the Board nomination process for dentists and CDAs.

The Board is the governing, policy-making body of CDSBC. Three to four Board meetings are held annually, as well as an Annual General Meeting and other special meetings as required. Board members are also encouraged to serve on Standing Committees and Working Groups as appropriate. Board members serve the interests of CDSBC and do not formally represent the district or constituency from which they are elected.

The Board consists of 18 members, including a president, vice president, treasurer, five dental electoral district representatives, a certified specialist representative, a UBC Faculty of Dentistry representative, two CDAs, and six public members appointed by government.

Only those dentists and CDAs who are in good standing and who hold an unexpired registration/certification, issued no later than March 1, 2011, will be:

- Eligible to nominate a candidate
- Eligible to be nominated in the appropriate category
- Eligible to vote for a candidate in an election

Terms of office for all positions are in accordance with CDSBC Bylaws.

### **Candidate Eligibility:**

A dentist is eligible to run for the position of an Officer (President, Vice President or Treasurer) or a Board Member, and a CDA is eligible to run for the position of a Board Member provided that they:

- Consent to the nomination, in writing, to the Registrar;
- Provide written support from five dentists (for dentist nominees) or five CDAs (for CDA nominees).



In addition, there are specific requirements for each category:

1. President, Vice President, Treasurer

All dentists in good standing in B.C. (registered effective March 1, 2011) are eligible to nominate a dentist in good standing with CDSBC as a candidate for the position of President, Vice President or Treasurer.

2. Dentist Board Members from Electoral Districts

All dentists in good standing in B.C. (registered effective March 1, 2011) are eligible to nominate a dentist in good standing of CDSBC as a Board Member from an electoral district, provided the principal practice of both dentists is located in the same dental electoral district.

3. CDA Board Members

All CDAs in good standing in B.C. (certified effective March 1, 2011) are eligible to nominate a CDA in good standing with CDSBC as a Board Member. CDAs are not elected from electoral districts; they are elected from the CDA population at large in B.C.

**Nomination Package:**

For each candidate nominated, CDSBC must receive a Nomination Form and a Nomination Consent Form. These forms are contained in the Nomination Package, which you can request by calling Betty Richardson at 604-736-3621 (or 1-800-663-9169 outside the Lower Mainland).

The Registrar must receive both the Nomination Form and Nomination Consent Form for each candidate **no later than 4:30 pm, Thursday, March 17, 2011.**

**Candidate Statement/Biography Sheet**

Each candidate may submit one typewritten sheet (double-sided is acceptable), which may include a photograph. The sheet must include the following disclaimer:

“Other than reviewing for accuracy, CDSBC does not edit, or in any way modify the self-promotional material provided by the candidate, nor does CDSBC take an official position with regard to anything stated in any of this material.”



The Registrar must receive the Candidate Statement/Biography Sheet **no later than 4:30 pm, Monday, April 4, 2011**. Contact Karen England at 604-736-3621 (or 1-800-663-9169) for further information.

### **Election**

Election packages will be mailed to dentists and CDAs no later than April 21, 2011. Ballots must be received by the Registrar **no later than 4:30 pm Thursday May 19, 2011** in order to be eligible to be counted in the Election.

The Election Count is scheduled for May 19, 2011 at 4:30 pm.