

**COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**NOVEMBER 28, 2003 COUNCIL MEETING**  
**COMMUNICATION POINTS**

***COLLEGE FINANCES***

- Current revenues and expenditures reflect a small surplus.
- Due to additional costs in the 2003/2004 fiscal year relating to the appointment of a new Registrar and CEO and the retirement of a Deputy Registrar, there is less flexibility in the budget for the rest of the fiscal year.
- Council has approved licence fees for 2004/2005 of \$2,495 for dentists, and \$210 for certified dental assistants.
- Council approved a budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year which includes funds to hire two new deputy registrars and a part-time communications coordinator, and to develop a contingency fund.
- Council decided the debt on College Place will be paid down at \$125,000 plus interest annually; Council also decided to use any surplus funds to pay down the debt on College Place to an annual maximum of \$250,000.

***HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT***

- Bills 62 and 81, amending the *Health Professions Act*, have been passed by the Legislature.
- These bills give the government the authority to designate the professions of dentistry, medicine, registered nursing, chiropractic, optometry, podiatry and pharmacy as "health professions" under the *HPA*.
- Bills 62 and 81 will not affect the College until the government passes regulations.
- Until dentistry is designated as a health profession under the *HPA*, the College and the profession of dentistry will continue to be regulated by the *Dentists Act*.
- Before dentistry can be designated a health profession under the *HPA*, the government will need to make regulations governing the scope of practice of dentists, and changes to the College's Rules (to be called Bylaws under the *HPA*) will also be required.
- Council passed a motion that all College registrants must continue to practise and teach based on current practice standards during the transition from the *Dentists Act* to the *HPA*.

***COUNCIL SIZE*** (See page 5.)

- Council decided to reduce the size of Council from 27 to 21 persons, as of the 2004 elections.
- The result is that Council as of the 2004 election will be comprised of:
  - 1 President
  - 1 Treasurer
  - 9 members from the existing dental electoral districts
  - 1 specialist
  - 1 UBC representative
  - 1 certified dental assistant
  - 7 public representatives
- Council also discussed the possibility of more restructuring after dentistry is designated a health profession under the *HPA*, and the *Dentists Act* no longer applies.
- A substantial majority of Council members at the meeting favoured reducing the size of Council to 15 persons under the *HPA*, to consist of:
  - 1 President
  - 1 President-elect
  - 6 members from dental electoral districts
  - 1 specialist
  - 1 certified dental assistant
  - 5 public representatives
- The proposal contemplates the amalgamation of some dental electoral districts:
  - Kootenay and Thompson-Okanagan
  - Prince George and Peace River
  - Upper Island and Victoria & District
- The proposal also contemplates:
  - the specialist representative on Council will be an elected position, with all certified specialists eligible to vote for the specialist representative, but not for representatives of dental electoral districts;
  - the certified dental assistant on Council will also be an elected position;
  - a third elected officer, in addition to the president and president elect, will be selected from the dentists on Council.
- Although the proposal does not require a UBC representative on Council, Council favours using other means (like UBC representation on College committees) to preserve the strong relationship between the College and UBC.

- The restructuring of Council under the *HPA*, including the election procedures to be used, will need to be established in bylaws approved by Council under the *HPA*.

## ***2004 ELECTION***

- Council approved the following dates for the 2004 election:
  - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations: no later than February 3, 2004
  - Close of Nominations: Wednesday, April 7, 2004
  - Mail ballots, voting instructions, and candidates statements: Monday, May 3, 2004
  - Election count: Thursday, May 27, 2004

## ***COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP***

- The College Committees and Task Forces Committee has agreed on principles for the selection, rotation, and reappointment of committee members, and intends to report to the Executive Committee in 2004 on the implementation of those principles.
- In the interim, the College Committees and Task Forces Committee recommended the elected officers randomly select volunteers from existing volunteer lists to fill vacancies on committees for one year terms.

## ***ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE***

- Council approved some changes to the Minimal and Moderate Sedation Services in Dentistry document.

## ***NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE***

- The Awards to be presented at the 2004 College Awards Ceremony are:

### Honoured Member Award

Dr. Ron Markey  
Dr. Ted Ramage

### Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Norman Ferguson  
Dr. Raymond Greenfeld  
Dr. Douglas McDougall  
Dr. Charles Slonecker  
Dr. John Zaporinuk

Certificate of Merit

Dr. Phil Barer  
Dr. David Christie  
Dr. Bob Clarke  
Dr. Myron Faryna  
Dr. Larry Goldstein  
Ms. Dianna Hiebert  
Dr. Dave Hodges  
Dr. Ernie Schmidt  
Ms. Sherry Sikora  
Dr. Richard Wilczek  
Ms. Jane Wong  
Dr. Maurice Wong  
Dr. Leon Woolf

Certificate of Appreciation

Mr. Gordon McConnell  
Dr. George Maryniak  
Dr. John Gould

- The Nomination and Awards Committee will be responsible for ensuring candidates are nominated for each position in the College elections, and choosing candidates to be acclaimed for any unfilled positions.

***INSURANCE COMPANIES/PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT***

- Council members were of the view that the Association of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia would be the appropriate body to contact insurance companies to voice concerns of B.C. dentists about access to patients' insurance coverage information and related *Personal Information Protection Act* limits on that access.

<b>COUNCIL SIZE</b>					
		2004 (Under <i>Dentists Act</i> )		2005 (Under <i>Health Professions Act</i> )	
		Number of registrants	Councillors	Number of registrants	Councillors
Elected Officers	President	2697	1	2697	1
	Treasurer	2697	1	2697	1
Constituents	UBC	329	1		0
	Specialist	287	1	287	1
	Certified Dental Assistant	5475	1	5475	1
Electoral Districts	Fraser Valley	425	1	425	1
	Kootenay	81	1	336	1
	Thompson-Okanagan	255	1		
	Peace River	17	1	94	1
	Prince George	77	1		
	Northwest	38	1	38	1
	Upper Island	169	1	440	1
	Victoria	271	1		
	Vancouver	1364	1	1364	1
Public Appointees			7		5
<b>Total</b>			<b>21</b>		<b>15</b>