



Council Highlights December 10, 2004

Budget & Finances

Council approved a balanced budget for 2005-2006. More information will be provided in the Treasurer's Annual Report to be mailed to all registrants in January 2005 and posted on www.cdsbc.org. The third-quarter financial statements continue to project a surplus for this fiscal year. Legal expenses and ongoing litigation are expected to impact the actual financial outcome. Council directed that any surplus at the end of the fiscal year will be applied to pay down the College's demand loan for College Place.

Licence Fees

Council approved licence fees of \$2,595 for dentists and \$218 for certified dental assistants, which must be paid by March 1, 2005.

Pacific Dental Conference

Council approved transfer of the ownership of the Pacific Dental Conference (PDC) to the British Columbia Dental Association (BCDA) effective March 1, 2005, honouring the 1997 recommendation of the Task Force for the Future Structure of Organized Dentistry in B.C. The BCDA agreed its active members will continue to be able to register for the PDC by the "early bird" date without cost. It is understood that future excesses of revenues over expenses of the PDC will be used to reduce the annual license fee for active members of the BCDA.

Dental Clinic at College Place

Council directed the Elected Officers to seek alternatives for the ownership of the Dental Clinic at College Place, with the understanding that, with consultation with all stakeholders, the College should cease operation and ownership of the Clinic by June 2006. Council established a working group to consult all stakeholders on ownership, operation and all future directions of the Clinic, and appointed the following to the working group: Dr. Susan Chow (chair), Ms. Betty Larsen, Dr. Alan Lowe, Dr. Ed O'Brien or designate, and Dr. Margaret Webb or designate. Ms. Jane Faulafer will be the staff person.

Complaints

The quarterly Complaints Team Report indicated that on November 30 the College was investigating 108 complaints. It was noted that the College has a policy of answering telephone calls within 24 hours and in practice, the majority of telephone calls are answered within two hours. Callers are told that formal complaints must be in writing and signed. On November 6, the College provided a one-day training program for members of the Practice Standards and Professional Conduct Committees. On November 22, Mr. David B. Wende, counsel to the Inquiry Committee, provided an evening training session for all members of the Inquiry Committee.

Registration and Licensing

The quarterly report from the Registration and Licensing Team indicated the team received 8,907 phone calls between March 1 and November 30. Staff processed 103 applications from dentists and 308 applications from certified dental assistants. Eighty-eight dentists and 173 certified dental assistants paid late penalties. Staff responded to 38 formal inquiries for licensure from dentists who graduated from non-accredited schools (internationally trained dentists). Twenty-five internationally trained dentists and 31 out-of-province certified dental assistants enquired about having their qualifications assessed to sit the CDA Board Examination. Ninety-nine certified dental assistant applied for and received the Orthodontic Module designation and 17 applied for and received the Prosthodontic Module designation.

CDA Examinations

Results from the CDA Examinations conducted by the College indicated that of the 24 candidates who sat for clinical examination, 21 were successful. Of the 11 candidates who wrote the theoretical examination, nine were successful. No appeals were filed.

Internationally Trained Dentists

Dr. Lowe briefed Council on meetings held in Montreal in October and in Ottawa in November 2004 about internationally trained dentists. Facilitating access to licensure of internationally trained dentists who are as competent as those already licensed by CDSBC will be studied and discussed in the coming months with interested individuals and groups. Discussions will include input from the Registration Committee before Council considers any policy decisions.

Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting will be held May 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel in Richmond. The Audited Financial Statement for the year ended February 29, 2004, and the year ending February 28, 2005, will be presented to the membership at that time.

Council Size

Council passed a motion to maintain a Council of 21 members until such time as the profession is designated under the *Health Professions Act*.

Election 2005

Election date was set for May 26, 2005, with close of nominations on March 31, 2005. All positions will be for a one-year term.

CDA Member on Council

With the resignation of Ms. Janice van Veen, Ms. Kathy Boyd was appointed the sole CDA Council member for the remainder of 2004-2005 Council year.

Working Group on Certified Dental Assistants

Ms. Boyd provided a progress report on the activities of the Working Group on CDAs. The following recommendations were approved by Council: A CDA Council Member Election Working Group will be formed to make recommendations on a process to move from an appointed to an elected CDA Council member; A CDA Bylaws Working Group will be established to draft bylaws for the transition from the current Rules and to incorporate any proposed and/or desired changes to the Rules made under the *Dentists Act*; and a CDA Advisory Committee will be created to address CDA regulatory issues, receive information, monitor and provide updates to Council on matters relating to CDAs.

Prosthodontic Module

Council rescinded the motion made June 18, 2002, requiring a syllabus for fabrication of a single unit provisional restoration. Council recognised that the Prosthodontic Module is accepted as the reference for the construction of single unit provisional restorations under Article 10.17 (u) of the Rules made under the *Dentists Act*.

Orthodontic Module

Council accepted the recommendations of the BC Society of Orthodontists to update the Orthodontic Module with full consultation of all parties involved.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee conferred awards – to be presented at the Awards Reception on March 10 at the PDC – to the following individuals.

Honoured Member Award

Dr. Neil Basaraba

Dr. Ted Ramage (presentation postponed from March 2004)

Distinguished Service Award

Dr. John Fraser

Dr. Alan Hannam

Ms. Suzette Jestin

Dr. Gordon Jinks

Certificate of Merit

Ms. Margaret Dennett

Ms. Rosie Friesen

Dr. John Garforth

Dr. Rick Hallett

Dr. Peter Kearney

Dr. Eric Kjekstad

Dr. Ron Komm

Dr. Ken Neuman

Dr. John Nasedkin

Dr. Ed Penner

Dr. Bud Sipko

Certificate of Appreciation

Ms. Patti Schom-Moffatt (Principal, Karyo Communications)

Mr. Neal Russell, (President, Protec Dental Laboratories)