



COUNCIL MEETING

September 24, 2004

COMMUNICATION POINTS

Complaints

- Council received quarterly complaint statistics indicating that complaints have been reduced to 106 active files from 120. The timely resolution of complaints can only improve further with additional staff support, the appointment of a third deputy-registrar, Dr. Patricia Hunter.
- The Registrar will be developing training courses for the Practice Standards and Professional Conduct Committees, as well as a new course for the Inquiry Committee in light of the significant number of new appointments to that committee.

Finances

- The second quarter financial statements project a surplus for this fiscal year. However, legal expenses and possible litigation may heavily impact the actual financial outcome.

Council Members

- Council has agreed that in keeping with the *Dentists Act* and recognizing that all councillors are equal members of Council, whether dentists, certified dental assistants or public appointees, all members will be referred to as "Council members."

Executive Committee

- In order to be inclusive and ensure all members of the current 21 member Council will have the same information and participate in decisions, all members of Council were appointed to the Executive Committee.
- Council was divided into two groups; Executive A will serve until March 6, 2005, and Executive B will serve from March 7, 2005 until September 4, 2005.

Council Meetings

- Council will meet four times and Executive twice during the business year. They will continue to conduct business by way of closed meetings to facilitate candid discussion of issues. Individuals who wish to present matters to Council or guests may attend meetings by invitation.

Council Structure

- Council passed a motion to direct the Registrar to draft bylaws pursuant to the *Health Professions Act* that would reduce the size of Council to 15, based on the following structure:
 - One President – elected at-large
 - One President-Elect/Treasurer – elected at-large
 - Six Dentists – three elected at-large from the “urban” areas of Victoria, Vancouver and Fraser Valley and three elected at-large from the “rural” areas constituted by the remainder of the province.
 - One Specialist – elected from Specialists and UBC full time and part time dentists
 - One Certified Dental Assistant – elected at-large
 - Five Public Appointees
- The Registrar was also directed to explore the options and costs of electing a Council of 15 members under the *Dentists Act* in 2005 and present this report to Council at its next meeting on December 11, 2004.

Committee Membership

- Council approved the Appointments Committee’s recommendations appointing new members to various committees, including adding additional public representatives to the Ethics and Quality Assurance Committees.
- The Appointments Committee was asked to review terms of reference, size and business plans for all committees and working groups.

Fees for the Inspection of Facilities

- Council approved a fee of \$2,300, effective immediately, for tri-annual inspection of facilities offering general anaesthetic and deep sedation services in dentistry (non-hospital facilities). This fee is based on the Accreditation Committee’s recommendation that this amount is required to recover the cost of inspections.

Certified Dental Assistants

- Council approved a series of motions with respect to certified dental assistants.
- It was resolved that the CDSBC Council support continuing the joint regulation of dentists and certified dental assistants in one College, the CDSBC, in the public interest.
- Council directed the College to encourage the government to continue to support this joint regulation within CDSBC.
- The Elected Officers were directed to form a working group to consider concerns of certified dental assistants and develop a strategy for continuing the regulation of certified dental assistants within the College.

Registration Committee

- Council has directed the Registrar to convene Executive Committee meetings at the earliest opportunity to consider recommendations for licensing made by the Registration Committee.

Canadian Collaboration on Clinical Practice Guidelines in Dentistry (CCCD)

- Dr. Peter Fendrich, Chair of CCCD, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the work of CCCD and the importance of it continuing to develop national clinical practice guidelines based on evidence based dentistry.
- Council agreed to support CCCD by continuing funding for next year.