



## COUNCIL MEETING May 13, 2005

### COMMUNICATION POINTS

#### Finances

- Council approved the audited financial statements for the year ending February 28, 2005, as presented by the Treasurer, Dr. Lobb.
- Council authorized the Treasurer to use any surplus money to pay down the debt on College Place, allowing payment of \$125,000 on the demand loan and paying off the long-term loan of \$375,000.
- On the recommendation of Dr. Lobb, Council approved paying off the remaining \$500,000 of the demand load using the remaining surplus from 2004-2005 and contingency funds from the current fiscal year. Council is pleased to announce that the College will be debt free for the first time in a generation, a significant achievement for the profession.
- Dr. Lobb cautioned that the College's 70 percent ownership of College Place is its only non-dues source of revenue and the cornerstone of the College's financial stability. As the College is a corporation of members, all dentists of the province will continue to retain shared ownership of the building with the College. Our legal advice supports the security of this ownership whether the members are regulated under the *Dentists Act* or the *Health Professions Act*.
- The Audit Committee made its preliminary report and will present its inaugural final report at the September Council meeting. The Committee is satisfied that the College's finances are being well managed and recommend that BDO Dunwoody continue as the College's auditors.
- The auditor recommended that the College work towards developing a contingency fund of \$1 million which is equivalent to approximately six months of expenses.

#### Council Structure

- With a two third majority, the Districts of Prince George and Peace River were amalgamated, effective September 2005.
- The newly created electoral district will be called Prince George/Peace River District.

#### Consent Under S.68 of the *Dentists Act*: Dental Hygienists

- Council approved a method, developed in collaboration with the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia, by which hygiene schools can obtain consent from CDSBC, under S 68 of the *Dentists Act*.

### **Working Group Concerning Registration of Dental Specialists**

- Dr. Lowe explained the concepts being considered by a working group that is reviewing the registration of dental specialists, in particular concerning those who received their education from non-accredited schools outside North America. Dr. Lowe and others on the working group will be meeting with various stakeholders to discuss the issues.
- Council directed the Elected Officers and Registrar to explore a Rule change to create a "Certified Specialist Restricted to Designated Specialty" status for the future licensure of certain categories of specialist applicants.
- The working group was directed to explore solutions to resolve the issues of competency testing and licensure for BC, while continuing discussions to develop a national strategy.

### **Working Group on College Place Dental Clinic**

- Dr. Chow provided an update on the working group's activities and reported that there was a good return on the questionnaires. A final recommendation will be made at the September Council meeting.

### **Use of the Word "Certified" in Level II Dental Assisting Program Advertisements**

- On the suggestion of Ms. Boyd, Chair of the CDA Advisory Committee, Council approved that the use of the word "certified" when referring to Level II dental assisting programs be restricted to those programs that hold accreditation status with the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC).

### **Training in Radiology**

- Council approved all radiology courses offered by institutions accredited by the CDAC or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association for the purpose of Article 10.16(s) of the Rules under the *Dentists Act*.

### **Thank You**

- As this was Dr. Stoneman's last scheduled Council meeting as President, Council thanked him and presented him with a painting in appreciation of his leadership and hard work.