COMMUNICATION POINTS

College Finance
Council reviewed the Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ending November 30, 2006. The Treasurer, Dr. McNiece, reported that heading into the last quarter, the College is in excellent financial health and he projects a surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

Budget 2007-2008
Council approved a balanced budget for 2007-2008 of $9,363,218 to finance the operations of the College and to provide funding for national dental and CDA regulatory bodies and for dental member service organizations.

Effective March 1, 2007, the licence fee for practising dentists will be $2,583 ($1,130 for regulatory and $1,453 for member services). This compares to March 1, 2006 when the licence fee was $2,647 ($1,239 for regulatory and $1,408 for member services).

Effective March 1, 2007 the annual licence fee for practising certified dental assistants will be $100, all of which goes to fund the operations of the College and national CDA regulatory bodies. This compares to March 1, 2006 when the licence fee was $222.00 ($100.35 for regulatory and $121.65 for member services). CDABC did not seek a grant from the College in 2007. The CDABC has notified the College that it will collect its own annual membership fees directly from CDAs who want to maintain their voluntary membership in the Association.

Dentistry Canada Fund
Council approved a one time donation of $10,000 to Dentistry Canada Fund, which supports dental education, research and access to oral health, particularly for senior citizens.

Audit Committee Report
Council approved the responses received from the Registrar and Treasurer to the recommendations made by the Audit Committee.
Governance Policies on Financial Planning/Budgeting, Financial Condition and Activities and Asset Protection were amended. Among the changes are the requirement for the Registrar to maintain a contingency reserve from which funds may only be authorized by an extraordinary motion of Council, and to report to Council at the earliest opportunity the amount by which any item in the approved operation or capital budget is forecasted to exceed the budgeted amount, obtain authorization from Council before committing the College to any operating or capital expenditure of more than $25,000 that was not approved in the budget, and make any purchase or award any contract of over $25,000 without obtaining comparisons on quality and price.

**UBC Bursary Proposal**
Council agreed to invite Dr. Charles Shuler, the newly appointed Dean of the Dental Faculty of UBC, to make a presentation to Council concerning bursaries for dental students.

**Dental Clinic at College Place**
Dr. Don MacFarlane and Dr. Craig Naylor made a presentation on behalf of the Alliance of BC Dental Study Clubs (Alliance). The purpose of the Alliance is to foster the continuing competency of BC dentists through the hands-on study club programs at the clinic and lecture facility at College Place.

Council agreed to continue to support the facility with the understanding that all capital spending and improvements will be borne by the Alliance and that it will eventually operate the clinic independently.

**2007 Election Dates**
Council approved the following:
- February 15: Notice of Elections and call for nominations
- March 15: Close of nominations
- April 5: Deadline for submission of candidate statements
- April 26: Mailing of ballots
- May 24: Election count

In the 2007 elections, a President, Vice-President and Treasurer will be elected for a one-year term. Dentists will be elected from Fraser Valley and Vancouver also for a one-year term. Dentists will be elected from Southern Interior, North and Vancouver Island for a two-year term.

**Minimal & Moderate Sedation Standards**
Council approved the amendment of the “Minimal and Moderate Sedation Standards” to “Minimal and Moderate Sedation Guidelines” while the document is being reviewed by the Accreditation Committee.

**Quarterly Monitoring Reports: Registration and Licensing; Complaints**
As part of its monitoring function, Council reviewed reports concerning financial planning/budgeting, financial conditions and activities, asset protection, compensation and benefits, global executive constraint, and from both the Registration and Licensing Team and the Complaints Team concerning treatment of the public and treatment of registrants.

**CDA Advisory Committee Report**
Ms. Kathy Boyd, Chair, reported that a CDA Planning Workshop, facilitated by Mr. Charles Holmes has been scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2007.

The CDA Council Member Selection Working Group will meet in early March 2007 to shortlist the applications received to select a second CDA Council Member. The application deadline is March 1, 2007.

**CDSBC Clinical Exam/NDAEB Clinical Practice Evaluation**
To promote the labour mobility of dental assistants and to meet the goals of the Dental Assisting Regulatory Authority (DARA) for one standard of dental assisting across Canada, the Council recognized the National Dental Assisting Examining Board (NDAEB) written examination and Clinical Practice Evaluation (CPE).

As of January 1, 2007, Council approved the testing of application of pit and fissure sealants and topical anaesthetic agents through the NDAEB Clinical Practice Evaluation (CPE). The CDSBC will no longer conduct its own Certified Dental Assistant Clinical Examination.

**Consent to Operate a Program**
Council gave consent to:
- Sprott-Shaw Community College to operate Level II Dental Assisting Programs at their Burnaby and Victoria campuses conditional on applying for accreditation status with the Commission on Dental Accreditation within 18 months.
- Insignia College of Health and Business at its Victoria campus to operate a Dental Office Management Program.

**Health Professions Act**
The proposed HPA bylaws, approved by Council, have been submitted to the Ministry of Health and the College is now awaiting a response from the Ministry.

The Ministry of Health has released proposed Regulations for the master list of reserved actions. Regulations setting out use of title, scope of practice and reserved actions for each of dentists, physicians, pharmacists and chiropractors have been posted. These Regulations are currently posted on the Ministry and College’s websites for comments by the profession and others.
College Awards
Dr. Stoneman, Chair of the Election and Awards Committee, informed Council that the following individuals will be recognized for their contributions to the College and to the profession of dentistry:

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The Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel at 6:00 pm.

International Trained Dental Specialists
Four members will represent British Columbia at the CDRAF meeting in Toronto on February 16-18, 2007 to finalize a process and protocols for the registration of international trained dental specialists, including agreements on gap training and assessment on competency.