



**COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2006**

COMMUNICATION POINTS

Finances

- Treasurer, Dr. McNiece, reported that the College has met its budgetary objectives and, for the third year in a row, has not had to draw on its line of credit. The College will have a surplus that will allow it to achieve a positive operating cash balance, enabling it to develop a long term reserve fund for contingencies, the details to be presented to Council on May 12, 2006.

Revocation of the Authority of a Dentist's Incorporation to Carry on the Practice of Dentistry

- In June 2005, after a full hearing, an Inquiry Panel cancelled Dr. Oleg Gavrilko's registration. Council revoked the authority of Dr. Oleg Gavrilko Inc. to carry on the practice of dentistry effective March 3, 2006.

Policy and HPA Bylaw Development

- Council confirmed the process it uses for policy and HPA bylaw development.
 - When policy is being formulated, the initial ideas or principles developed by College committees, elected officers or staff are submitted to Council for approval in principle. Consultation then takes place with affected stakeholders. Council considers stakeholder feedback, amends its approval in principle where appropriate, and gives its final approval. Government approval is sought when necessary, policy is altered as required and decisions are communicated to registrants.
 - The process for developing Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act* involves an initial review of the Rules under the *Dentists Act* by College committees, elected officers and staff to identify appropriate principles, including necessary changes. These are submitted to Council for approval in principle. The HPA Working Group then creates draft bylaws for submission to Council and to government for approval. The CDSBC bylaws are subsequently posted for review by all stakeholders. The bylaws are reconsidered and, once approved, are submitted to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.



Health Professions Act Bylaws Working Group

- Dr. Varma, Chair, advised that various College committees have examined the current Rules under the *Dentists Act* with a view to bylaw development.
- Council directed the HPA Working Group to draft bylaws using the principles recommended by the Accreditation Committee, the Registration Committee, the Article 16 Review Committee and the Ethics Committee.

Report from Ethics Committee on Emergency Dental Treatment Research Program Summary and Recommendations

- Council approved the following working definition of dental emergencies

“A dental emergency exists if professional judgement determines that a person needs immediate attention to deal with uncontrolled bleeding, uncontrolled swelling, traumatic injury or uncontrolled severe pain. Dentists have an obligation to consult with and provide emergency dental care to members of the public, or make a reasonable attempt to provide alternative arrangements in their absence.”
- This definition will be used as a point of discussion with stakeholders and encompasses the principles the HPA Working Group will consider in the development of proposed bylaws under the HPA.
- The Registrar will arrange a meeting with BCDA to discuss how the two organizations can collaborate on recommendations in the College’s Emergency Dental Treatment Research Program Summary and Recommendations report.

Mandatory Continuing Education Guidelines

- Council approved updated *Mandatory Continuing Education Guidelines* as recommended by the Quality Assurance Committee. These will be distributed to all registrants this spring.

CDA Advisory Committee

- Ms. Kathy Boyd, Chair, reported on activities:
 - Applications for the CDA Council member have been received by the CDA Council Member Selection Working Group, which will begin the selection process to recommend an applicant to Council.
 - Ms. Boyd is visiting CDA Component Societies throughout the province to discuss CDSBC’s role, answer questions and clarify the distinction between regulation and member services.
 - The terms of reference of the Prosthodontic Module Working Group are yet to be created and the Group has not met.



- The Committee has had ongoing communication with Dr. Witt to complete the update of the Orthodontic Module. This project will move to the CDA Bylaws Working Group to work on refining the principles with Dr. Witt, determine how to implement the updated module, and how to update CDAs who have already completed the Module.
- Following Council's direction to incorporate the former Long Term Care Facility "Pilot Project" into future Bylaws, the College is seeking input from CDAs currently employed in these facilities.
- A Strategic Planning Session focusing on regulatory matters of concern to CDAs is scheduled for May 2006.

CDA Advisory Committee Appointments

- Council appointed new members Ms. Judy Laird and Ms. Brenda Sherwood.

Grants

- Council approved the following motion: that out of the College's funds, Council may make grants to organizations that support the mandate, duties and objectives of the College. Council may, in its sole discretion, transfer the grant monies in accordance with a payment process to be determined by Council. Council directed the HPA Bylaws Working Group to incorporate this principle into its draft bylaws.

Canadian Health Care Academy

- Pursuant to Section 68 of the *Dentists Act*, Council granted consent to Canadian Health Care Academy to change the title of its program from Chairside Dental Assistant Level I to Chairside Dental Assistant with Reception, and to add a component for marketing and digital photography.

NDAEB Exam

- Council considered feedback from stakeholders, including the correspondence and position paper submitted by the CDA Subcommittee (Articulation) Allied Dental Educators of BC, about its decision in principle to require the NDAEB written examination in BC.
- Council defeated the following motion: "that Council reconsider its decision of September 23, 2005 'that the NDAEB written examination be a requirement in BC for all certified dental assistant applicants effective January 1, 2007'."