



COUNCIL MEETING May 12, 2006

COMMUNICATION POINTS

Health Professions Act (HPA) Bylaws Working Group

- The Working Group continues preparation for drafting bylaws to be approved by Council at its September meeting.
- Council adopted principles to be used by the HPA Working Group to draft bylaws with respect to:
 - Dental Personnel, including certified dental assistants, dental assistants and hygienists;
 - Academic General and Academic Specialist licences;
 - Specialist, Restricted to Specialty licence, and
 - a renewed quality assurance program.

Council Size

- Council approved a Council of 18 members, commencing in 2007. It will include a president, vice president, treasurer, specialist dentist, UBC dentist, two certified dental assistants, six public members, and one dentist from each of five electoral districts: Vancouver, Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Southern Interior and North.

College Finances

- Council approved the audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2006. A surplus was achieved. This means the College:
 - has operated without drawing on its line of credit for a third consecutive year;
 - has fully retired its internal Interfund Loan and thereby moved to a positive operational (cash) position;
 - will now create a contingency reserve fund initially funded by a surplus of \$500,000.

Honorarium Working Group

- The College Expense Policy for Volunteers requires Council to set the annual honoraria for elected officers each year.
- Council approved the recommendations of the Working Group that
 - no change be made to the honorarium for committee and council members, which is \$250 per day;
 - no change be made to the annual honoraria for vice president and treasurer, which is \$30,000 per year;
 - the annual honorarium for president be increased from \$40,000 to \$60,000, effective September 2005;
 - the Expense Policy be amended to remove the requirement for Council to determine the honoraria for elected officers each year



and replace it with a remuneration review for all honoraria every three years, commencing July 1, 2008.

CDA Advisory Committee

- Kathy Boyd, Chair, reported that the Committee is developing policies based on the Ministry of Health's decision that certified dental assistants will not be designated as a profession for the purposes of the *Health Professions Act* and will continue to be regulated by CDSBC.
- The Committee made recommendations to Council concerning Article 10, based on submissions from the CDA Bylaws Working Group and will continue to work towards modernizing those sections of the HPA bylaws that involve CDAs.
- The Committee reported that a CDA Planning Workshop was scheduled for May 13, 2006. The purpose of the workshop is to identify how best to strengthen the relationship between the College and certified dental assistants who practise in B.C.
- The terms of reference and membership of the Prosthodontic Module Working Group were approved by the Executive Committee. Members include co-chairs Dr. David Bridger and Dr. Ron Shupe, Dr. Thomas Cragg, Ms. Margaret Dennett, Ms. Cathy Larson and Ms. Joan Ogren.
- The Committee reported it was in favour of having at least two CDAs on Council in consideration of leadership and succession planning.

Appointment of CDA Council Member

- On the recommendation of the CDA Council Member Selection Working Group, Ms. Kathy Boyd was appointed as Council member for a two year term commencing September 1, 2006.

Consent to Operate Dental Programs

- Council gave consent to:
 - CDI College (Abbotsford campus) and Discovery Community College (Campbell River campus) to operate a Level II Dental Assisting Program, conditional upon applying for accreditation through the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) within 18 months of the start of the program.
 - University College of the Fraser Valley to operate a Dental Hygiene Program conditional upon the program meeting the criteria established by Council and applying for accreditation status with CDAC within 12 months.

Quarterly Registration & Licensing Team Quarterly Report

- Council received the Report as part of its monitoring responsibilities.

Vancouver Learning Centre

- Council met with representatives of the BCDA and PDC to discuss a proposed plan for a Vancouver Learning centre. Council decided not to participate financially in this venture.