



December 8, 2007

Council Highlights

Welcoming Remarks

The President, Dr. Peter Lobb, welcomed attendees to the last Council meeting of 2007. He acknowledged Council members and staff for visiting various component societies and schools to communicate with registrants and graduating students regarding College activities.

Managing Deputy Registrar

Dr. Ash Varma, Chair of the College Executive Search Working Group, provided an update on the search process for a new Managing Deputy Registrar and expects the search to be completed by mid-February.

Legal and HPA Update

The Registrar, Ms. Heather MacKay, summarized the status of College complaints, the *Health Professions Act* (HPA) and a meeting held regarding the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement between B.C. and Alberta.

Dental Clinic Update

Council voted to support the development of the Dental Clinic at College Place based on the vision presented by the Study Club Alliance in an amount of up to \$250,000. The terms and conditions of the contribution will be worked out in discussions between the Registrar and Elected Officers of the College and members of the Study Club Alliance.

College Finances

Treasurer, Dr. Bill McNiece, confirmed that the College is meeting its financial objectives. Council received the financial and monitoring reports.

Internally Restricted Funds

Funds from the net assets of the budget year ending February 29, 2008 were internally restricted for the following purposes:

- Transition to the HPA - \$250,000
- Information technology project - \$500,000
- Assessment of international specialists - \$280,000
- Dental Clinic at College Place - \$250,000

Licence Fees

Council set the annual licence fees for dentists at \$2,483 effective March 1, 2008, which is a \$100 reduction from last year's fees. Fees for certified dental assistants remain unchanged at \$100 for practising and \$50 for non-practising.

Budget 2008-2009

Council approved a budget to finance the operations of the College and to provide grants to various organizations, including dental member service organizations.

Clinical Practice Guideline for Oral Cancer

Dr. Michele Williams, Oral Medicine Leader with the B.C. Oral Cancer Prevention Program (BC OCPP) of the B.C. Cancer Agency, presented a draft Clinical Practice Guideline titled *The Early Detection of Oral Cancer*. Council supported the partnership between the College and BC OCPP to create clinical practice guidelines and acknowledged the work of Drs. Williams and Rosin. Council approved in principle the content and format of the clinical practice guideline, which will be launched during the Pacific Dental Conference in March 2008.

Working Group on Clinical Practice Guidelines

Council approved terms of reference for the Working Group and appointed Drs. Karl Denk, Karen Gardner, Kitty Lam and Tony Semren as members.

Internationally Trained Dental Specialists

Dr. Peter Lobb provided an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was approved by all provinces on October 12, 2007. The College supports the principles of the MOU with respect to a uniform Canadian process for the certification and licensure/registration of internationally trained dental specialists. Council directed the Registrar and Elected Officers to develop a "CDSBC Policy Statement – Process for the Assessment and Registration of Internationally Trained Dental Specialists" for consideration at its next meeting on May 9, 2008.

The Registrar acknowledged the work of the President in attaining this achievement.

British Columbia Dental Association (BCDA)

Dr. Alastair Nicoll, Dr. Jim Armstrong and Ms. Jocelyn Johnston provided an overview of the activities of the BCDA on behalf of British Columbia dentists.

CDA Advisory Committee Report

Ms. Kathy Boyd, Chair, briefed Council on activities concerning certified dental assistants.

Prosthodontic Module

The College now has a licence with the Provincial Government that will enable it to make changes to the Prosthodontic Module. A working group will be created to revise this document.

Society Visits

Both CDA council members, Ms. Boyd and Ms. Harvey, visited several CDA component societies across the province to inform CDAs of College activities.

Accredited Schools

The Committee will discuss the registration of graduates from a non-accredited school and whether a time line for schools providing level II programs to become accredited needs to be incorporated into the Bylaws under the HPA.

College Election 2008

Council set the election date as May 22, with nominations closing on March 13.

College Awards

The Election and Awards Committee informed Council that it will present awards to the following individuals for their contributions to the College and the profession of dentistry:

Honoured Member Award

Dr. Edwin Yen

Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Gordon Baynes

Dr. Wayne Halstrom

Dr. Bruce Ward

Award of Merit

Dr. Roger Bailey

Dr. Greg Card

Ms. Bev Davis

Dr. John Gould

Ms. Debbie Horin

Dr. Leetty Huang

Ms. Karen Jones

Dr. Roger Magnall

Ms. Karen Manary

Dr. David Prokopetz

Dr. Sieg Vogt

Dr. Bill Walter

Dr. Christopher Zed

Certificate of Appreciation

Ms. Kay Bremner

Ms. Yolanda Olivotto

Ms. Gerri Randall

They will be recognized at the College's annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel at 6:00 pm.

College Centennial Year

Activities are being planned for 2008 to celebrate 100 years of regulation under the *Dentists Act*.