



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 11, 2007

Council

Council welcomed new members whose terms will begin on September 3, 2007 - Dr. Karl Denk (Southern Interior), Ms. Sandra Harvey (CDA) and Dr. Lonny Legault (North). Following elections in several jurisdictions, a Council of eighteen members has been established for 2007/08.

Council bid farewell to two long term Council members, Dr. Sieg Vogt (Prince George) and Dr. Gerd Gottschling (Northwest) and to Dr. Richard Jackson (Upper Island), who received President's Certificates of Appreciation.

College Finances

Council approved the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2007. Treasurer Bill McNiece reported that a surplus of approximately \$1M was realized due to increased revenues and significant decreases in expenses. Dr. McNiece hopes to protect the surplus monies to limit any increase and preferably reduce licence fees when the 2008/09 budget is developed later this fall.

At the College AGM on May 11, 2007, BDO Dunwoody was appointed College auditors for 2007/08.

Council discussed continuing concerns about the size of the annual grant requests from the Canadian Dental Association (CDA). The increase was 4 percent in this licence year and the CDA General Assembly has approved an increase of 5.5 percent for 2008/09.

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Clayton Shultz presented the Audit Committee Report acknowledging that the College has had another strong year financially and there have been no financial improprieties noted in the management of its finances. The Audit Committee made several recommendations:

- Licence fees be set at a level such that the combined cumulative operating surplus and contingency reserve not exceed \$1.5M.
- The budget process be improved so that more accurate reforecasting to the fiscal year end can be prepared at the time Council considers the budget and sets licence fees in early December.

- The Committee complimented Ms. Yukiko Kanda, Accountant, on the accuracy of her journal entries in preparing College financial statements.

Complaints

Ms. Heather MacKay, Acting Registrar, reported that the average time to resolve a complaint has decreased from eight months to six months, with many complaints being resolved in as little as two to three months.

Health Professions Act

Ms. MacKay updated Council on the status of the College's proposed Bylaws now being considered by the Ministry of Health. Ms. MacKay will meet with Ministry officials in July to review the feedback from the public consultation process and discuss how to address comments regarding the draft Bylaws and the Regulations.

Minimal and Moderate Sedation Guidelines

Following a presentation by Dr. Michael Henry, Chair of the Accreditation Committee, Council approved a set of principles that will be used to guide the revision of the College's Guidelines for Minimal and Moderate Sedation. The goal of the revision process is to ensure the Guidelines are easily understandable by all dentists and they reflect current standards of practice.

CDA Advisory Committee

Ms. Kathy Boyd, Chair, updated Council on recent CDA activities. To enhance CDA participation, Council approved changes to the Committee's terms of reference adding a fifth CDA member and appointing Ms. Leslie Riva.

(With the resignation of Ms. Lane Shupe due to personal commitments, Ms. Sandra Harvey has been appointed as a new member.)

Report on CDA Regulation

Ms. Betty Larsen, Director, CDA Regulation, reported on activities regarding CDA regulation in B.C. and provided a synopsis of the Dental Assisting Regulatory Authorities meeting held in Ottawa on April 18, 2007.

Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF) Meeting

Dr. Peter Stevenson-Moore summarized the April 19, 2007 meeting, which he attended in Ottawa with Dr. Peter Lobb, Ms. Heather MacKay and Dr. Ed Yen.

Much of the meeting concerned the development of a national process to assess and gap train internationally trained dental specialists from non-accredited universities.

VELscope®

Council discussed the use of the VELscope® by dentists and other health care practitioners in the assessment of oral malignancies and will research a policy on its use.

Emergency Registrar Succession

Council agreed that the elected officers and the Director, CDA Regulation, would act in the place of the Acting Registrar, should she be unable to perform the duties of the Registrar.

Registrar's Executive Search Working Group

Council met in-camera to establish an Executive Search Working Group.

The Working Group was given the authority to hire a consulting firm to assist them; to make a recommendation to Council in September 2007 on the most suitable candidate for Registrar; to evaluate the governance process as it relates to the Registrar's annual evaluation and employment; and to make any other recommendations regarding the future employment of a registrar.

The following were appointed to the Group:

- Dr. Ash Varma, Chair
- Dr. Bill McNiece, Vice Chair
- Ms. Kathy Boyd
- Ms. Lane Shupe
- Mr. Paul Durose
- Dr. Marcia Boyd
- Dr. Ken Chow
- Dr. Myrna Halpenny
- Dr. Robert Rosenstock