

## **Council Highlights December 13, 2008**

### **Dental Clinic Update**

An agreement has been reached with the Study Club Alliance for the overall management of the renovated Sirona Dental Learning Centre at College Place. The Centre includes state-of-the art equipment and the ability to webcast, and is anticipated to open in early 2009.

### **Legal Update**

Heather MacKay, Registrar, provided a summary of College complaints. She noted that requests under the *Freedom of Information Act* have decreased. This may be due to the College making an effort to provide complainants with a fuller explanation of the process that has taken place in closing letters.

Two Complaint Investigators, both dentists, have been hired on a part-time contract basis to review and investigate complaints.

### **College Finances**

Peter Stevenson-Moore, Treasurer, confirmed the College's positive financial position. Council received monthly and annual financial and monitoring reports. The College's Expense Policy was amended to change honorariums being paid to members of discipline committees when attending multi-day hearings.

The 2009 – 2010 annual practicing licence fee for dentists will remain the same as in 2007-2008 at \$2,483. Fees for certified dental assistants will also remain unchanged at \$100.

The 2009 – 2010 Operating Budget was approved. It was developed using a new, streamlined budgeting system that increases overall efficiency and financial accountability.

### **Health Professions Act and Bylaws**

Council approved changes to the College's draft Bylaws based on stakeholder consultations and additional feedback from government.

The Ministry of Health asked the College to confirm which of its current elected and public Council members wish to be considered for appointment to the College's first Board as part of the transition to regulation under the *Health Professions Act*.

### **Dental Hygiene – 365-day Rule**

Council approved the adoption of a framework, underlying principles and policies for a new model that will address government's intent to replace the 365-day Rule with an alternative that ensures patient safety while allowing for greater freedom of choice and increased access to care. The framework was jointly developed by the CDSBC and the College of Dental Hygienists in consultation with other stakeholders, including the member services associations for dentists and for dental hygienists.

### **Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee's recommendation to honour the following individuals for their contributions to the College and the profession was approved:

#### Honoured Member Award

Dr. John Fraser

#### Distinguished Service Award

Ms. Kathy Boyd

Ms. Lynn Carter

Dr. David Kennedy

Dr. Bill McNiece

#### Award of Merit

Ms. Maureen Leech

Dr. Bernie Legato

Dr. Ed O'Brien

Mr. Bill Phillip

Dr. Miriam Rosin

Mr. Clayton Shultz

Dr. Michele Williams

They will be recognized at the College's annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel at 6:00 pm. Council also approved the Awards Committee's recommendation that it consider presenting immediate past president Dr. Peter Lobb with a Distinguished Service Award.

### **CDA Advisory Committee**

#### Prosthodontic Module

Council asked the CDA Advisory Committee to provide further information with respect to the proposal that the fabrication of implant and veneer provisional restorations be added to the Terms of Reference of the Prosthodontic Module Working Group.

#### Supervision for Clinics in Educational Settings

Council approved the recommendation of the CDA Advisory Committee to return to the original motion approved by Regulatory Quorum in 1993 that "In a formal educational setting, a licensed dentist, a licensed dental hygienist, or a licensed certified dental assistant may supervise, instruct and evaluate all prescribed treatment provided that a licensed dentist, or a licensed dental

hygienist, reassess the patients when they present for coronal polishing and fissure sealants.”

### **Minimal and Moderate Sedation Guidelines Working Group**

Dr. Dick Machin was appointed to the Working Group.

### **Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF)**

B.C. will be hosting the CDRAF national meeting on October 29 and 30, 2009 in Vancouver.

### **Competition Bureau**

The College continues to work on its response to the Competition Bureau’s questionnaire as part of its review of the profession of dentistry.

### **Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) Update**

Working on behalf of the CDRAF, the CDSBC, along with the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, applied for, and received, funding from the federal government for an upcoming meeting of its members on January 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this meeting is to ensure harmonization between the requirements of the Labour Mobility Chapter of the AIT and the need for consistent registration requirements for dentists across Canada.

### **College Place Update**

The College Place Joint Venture is conducting an engineering and mechanical assessment of the aging building. Council will receive recommendations for upgrading at its February meeting.