

Council Highlights May 9, 2008

Welcoming Remarks

The President, Dr. Peter Lobb, welcomed in-coming Council members, Dr. Chiku Verma and Ms. Leslie Riva, and in-coming Senior Deputy Registrar, Dr. David Cornell. The previous evening, long serving Council members, who will be departing this summer, were acknowledged and thanked for their contributions to the College – Ms. Kathy Boyd, Ms. Maureen Leech, Dr. Bill McNiece, Mr. Bill Phillips and Mr. Clayton Shultz.

Bill 25 - *The Health Professions Amendment Act*

Council approved a letter to the Minister of Health outlining the College's concerns regarding Bill 25 – *The Health Professions Amendment Act*, which was introduced in the BC legislature in early May.

College Committee Updates

Ms. Heather MacKay, Registrar, updated Council on current activities of several College Committees:

- The Clinical Practice Guidelines Working Group is creating a framework on which to base the identification, evaluation and publication of clinical practice guidelines for dentistry.
- The Ethics Committee is developing principles to review and revise the Code of Ethics, including promotional activities.
- The Quality Assurance Committee is creating a framework for a continuing competency program based on the principles of lifelong learning and self-accountability.
- Council approved terms of reference to create a working group of the Accreditation Committee to be responsible for developing guidelines for minimal and moderate sedation.

Finances

The Treasurer, Dr. Bill McNiece, reported on the College's positive financial status including information on the budget surplus for 2007/8, on internally restricted funds for major projects and on development of financial protocols to protect the College's financial affairs. Council recognized Dr. McNiece for his outstanding stewardship of the College's financial affairs during his three years as treasurer.

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Clayton Shultz, Chair, reported that the College's financial affairs were well managed in 2007/8. The Committee will be making recommendations that Council re-evaluate a few areas such as internal financial controls, the College budget process, College Place and that bids be invited for choosing an auditing firm for 2008/9.

CDA Advisory Committee

Kathy Boyd, Chair, discussed recent Committee activities and meetings attended. She advised that work would soon begin on developing recommendations for updating the Prosthodontic Module.

Continuous Practice for Registrants

The need for increased accountability for registrants' ongoing competence to practice was discussed. Council intends to consult with registrants on a proposal to report a minimum number of hours of practice every three years as a requirement for relicensure. The CDA Advisory Committee was asked to consider similar requirements for CDAs.

CDSBC Fellowship

Stakeholders will be consulted about ending the current practice of granting Fellowships in the College of Dental Surgeons of BC to certified specialists as the College no longer conducts specialty exams.

Competition Bureau

The Competition Bureau has embarked on a national study of the self-regulated profession of dentistry. The College will be providing information in this process as appropriate.

Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF)

The President reported on highlights from the CDRAF's semiannual meeting held on April 17, 2008 and identified national regulatory issues requiring further consideration by the College.

Canadian Dental Association (CDA)

The President provided highlights from the CDA's meetings on April 18 and 19, 2008, including the election of British Columbians Dr. Ron Smith as Vice-President and the re-election of Dr. Ron Markey as Chair of the General Assembly.

Dental Clinic at College Place

Dr. Susan Chow, Council Liaison to the Study Club Alliance, indicated the Alliance has received significant funding and equipment donations from the dental community, including suppliers as well as individual dentists.

IT Update

Margot White, Director of Communications and Information Technology, highlighted recent initiatives including an upgrade of the College server, the migration of all workstations from Office 2003 to 2007, implementation of a training plan for staff and the initiation of a process to improve and streamline the organization's business processes as a precursor to developing a modernized database.

Conclusion

Dr. Varma recognized and thanked outgoing President, Dr. Lobb, for his leadership over the last three years.