



Board Highlights April 3, 2009

Health Professions Act, CDSBC Bylaws and Regulations

President Ash Varma announced that on this day, the College of Dental Surgeons became regulated under the *Health Professions Act* (HPA). The College Council became the Board of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC and the Board members took their Oath of Office.

The first resolution under the HPA was to adopt the appended Bylaws of the College made under the *Health Professions Act*. The Board then passed a motion to confirm the appointment of Heather D. MacKay as the Registrar of the College.

HPA transition and communication

Margot White, Director of Policy Development and Communications, gave an overview of the plans for transition to the HPA and the communications planned for various stakeholder groups.

Committee appointments

The Registrar described the changes to the committee structure under the HPA. Some committees are new, some are discontinued and others will continue under a different name. The College is also required to have a Patient Relations Committee, the purpose of which is to prevent professional misconduct, including that of a sexual nature. This role will be fulfilled by the CDSBC Board.

Continuous Practice implementation

The Board approved the recommendation to phase in the HPA requirement that a practising dentist must have 900 hours of practice over a three-year period, while a CDA must maintain 600 hours of practice in that timeframe. For the renewal period in 2010, dentists and CDAs will be required to have undertaken some practice over the past three years, but not necessarily the 900/600 hours. For renewal in 2011, the requirement will be fully implemented as written in the Bylaws.

CDA Skills confirmation

The Board accepted the criteria set out in the Canadian Dental Assistants' Association's *Occupational Standard* as the standard expected for any CDA undertaking any activity, and particularly for developing the competencies to perform an activity that he or she is not familiar with or has not performed for a period of time. This is the expectation for all aspects of practice. The emphasis is on the individual dentist and CDA to ensure that the necessary competency, knowledge and skills are in place before the CDA provides the service.

College PDC session debrief

The College session *Tough Topics for Dentists: Challenges in Practice* received very positive feedback from those who attended. A DVD of the session is being produced for educational purposes.

College finances

Peter Stevenson-Moore, Treasurer, presented the unaudited financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2009.

Legal update

The Registrar updated the Board regarding current legal issues being dealt with by the College.

College Place – in-camera session

An in-camera session took place to discuss issues of a confidential financial nature, pursuant to Section 2.15(9)(a) of the CDSBC Bylaws.

Agreement on Internal Trade update

The Registrar provided an update on the agreement for dentistry under the *Agreement on Internal Trade* (AIT) and the agreement with Alberta under the *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement* (TILMA).