



Board Highlights

Sept 19, 2009

CDSBC Governance

A new governance framework is being developed by the Board, including the Board Code of Ethics and job descriptions for the Board chair, Elected Officers and Board members. This follows a governance workshop attended by CDSBC Board members.

Committee Membership Revision

The Board revised the policy statement on Committee Membership with respect to involvement on the boards of dental member services organizations. An elected officer or member of the BCDA Board, or an elected officer or member of the CDABC Board, may not also be a member of any committee of CDSBC. Any elected officer or member of the CDSBC Board may not also be a member of a dental member services board during his or her term of office.

Committee Terms of Reference

The CDSBC Committee Terms of Reference were revised so that dentists and CDAs serving on committees must be registered/certified, currently practising and in good standing. In addition, the makeup of committees should reflect the diversity of the profession and include both an urban and a rural component.

National Dental Assisting Examining Board (NDAEB)

Manager of Regulation Sandra Harvey will continue as College representative to the NDAEB until September 2012.

Infection Control Guidelines Working Group

CDSBC and the College of Dental Hygienists of BC (CDHBC) formed a joint working group to develop guidelines for infection control. This group includes professionals with relevant expertise in education, research and practice, and members will consider existing infection control guidelines from other Canadian jurisdictions. The Board appointed Drs. Ed Putnins, Mel Sawyer and Steve Wedan to the working group.

Dermal Fillers

Dermal fillers are not currently within the scope of practice for general dentists. The Registrar is working with a group of oral surgeons to develop a policy on dentists' use of dermal fillers. It is within the scope of practice for

oral surgeons to use fillers provided they have the knowledge, skills and competencies to safely prescribe or administer them.

Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF) Funding Update

CDSBC and the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario collaborated to submit a funding application to the federal government on behalf of CDRAF. The funding is to develop a national assessment process for internationally trained dentists. CDSBC will host the fall CDRAF meeting in Vancouver.

Continuous Practice Clarification

The Board accepted the Registrar's recommendation on how the College can phase in continuous practice requirements as outlined in the CDSBC Bylaws. For renewal of practising registration or certification in February 2010, the requirements for continuous practice are 300 hours for dentists and 200 hours for CDAs within the previous three years.

For renewal in 2011, practicing dentists and CDAs need to fulfill the continuous practice requirement as written in the Bylaws: 900 hours for dentists and 600 hours for CDAs (for the years 2008-10).