

Board Highlights 11 December 2010

Oath of Office

The four new publicly appointed Board members recited and signed the Oath of Office. The oath, which is required under the *Health Professions Act*, is a declaration that the Board member will act in accordance with the law and in the interests of the public.

2011 CDSBC Award Recipients

The Board approved the Nominations Committee recommendations for 2011 awards. The recipients are:

Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Susan Chow
Dr. Michael MacEntee
Dr. Ash Varma

Award of Merit

Ms. Leona Ashcroft
Mr. Victor Bowman
Mr. Paul Durose
Ms. Cathy Larson
Dr. Bob McDougall
Dr. Mel Sawyer

The CDSBC Awards Ceremony will take place Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 6 pm in conjunction with the Pacific Dental Conference, at the Fairmont Pacific Rim.

Update on CDSBC Committee Projects

Infection Control Guidelines

A working group from CDSBC and the College of Dental Hygienists is creating revised Infection Control Guidelines for use in the dental office, including a review of guidelines that exist in other jurisdictions. A draft is currently being developed by working group. When the draft is completed, the document will be referred to the Quality Assurance Committee and then to the CDSBC Board.

Minimal and Moderate Sedation Guidelines

This document is being updated to reflect modern practice and to make the content more user-friendly. The focus of the revised Guidelines will be more on the *level* of sedation as opposed to the *type* of sedation. The process has taken



longer than expected but is now on track to be published in 2011. Stakeholder consultation will be a core piece of the document development.

Code of Ethics

The Ethics Committee is revising the Code of Ethics using a principle-based approach that will be less prescriptive than the existing Code. The updated Code will rely more heavily on the practitioner's use of professional judgment. The first step in the revision of this document was for the Ethics Committee to identify core values as the foundation from which ethical principles will be derived.

Dental Recordkeeping Course

CDSBC and the Quality Assurance Committee released revised Dental Recordkeeping Guidelines in spring 2010, which will form the basis for our Dental Recordkeeping Course. The course is intended to improve the standard of dental recordkeeping in general as well as for practitioners who are referred through the complaints process, and will debut at the 2011 Pacific Dental Conference.

Strategic Planning

The CDSBC Board will meet February 25, 2011, for a strategic planning session, which will build on the draft framework distributed at the September board meeting, which set out four ongoing objectives: communications, complaints process, stakeholder relations, and Board and Committee development.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the CDSBC Board is Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Fairmont Pacific Rim. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am.