

Board Highlights 12 March 2010

Governance Policy Presentation

The Board gave approval in principle for a new CDSBC *Board Procedures Policy*. The policy includes a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct for Board Members, Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Guidelines, and a job description for Board members. The final *Board Procedures Policy* will be available on the CDSBC website. The new policy is meant to work in conjunction with the *Governance Policy Manual* and does not replace it.

CDSBC Progress Report

The Registrar gave a brief update on the initiatives undertaken by the College in recent months. These include overseeing the improvements being made to College Place, ongoing participation in national and provincial health regulatory organizations on matters of common interest, the formation of a national approach to provide clinical practice resources to dentists and CDAs, development of a new CDSBC database, the launch of a new logo for CDSBC, and planning for the 2010 Pacific Dental Conference. The College is also conducting an executive search for a Director of Complaints.

Committee Updates

Ethics

The Ethics Committee is in the process of modernizing the *Code of Ethics* to make it a principle-based document that encourages the use of reasonable, professional judgement in decision-making. The Committee is expected to present the revised *Code of Ethics* at the May Board meeting.

Infection Control

CDSBC is working closely with the College of Dental Hygienists of BC on this initiative. Each College has selected three representatives in the areas of practice, education and research to serve on this working group. They include three dentists, a CDA, two hygienists and a physician whose area of expertise is infection control.

Quality Assurance

CDSBC will be releasing revised *Dental Recordkeeping Guidelines* at the Pacific Dental Conference and with the next issue of the *Sentinel*. This document is an



example of how the Quality Assurance Committee identified the need to update a document, researched best practices and current information, consulted with the profession and produced up-to-date Guidelines that are ultimately easier to access, read and interpret.

National Dental Examining Board Representative

The Board appointed Dr. James Richardson from UBC as the CDSBC representative on the NDEB Board.

2010 Board Election

Nominations closed on March 11 at 5pm. Most of the positions were filled by acclamation, including the three elected officer positions of President (Dr. Bob Coles), Vice-President (Dr. Peter Stevenson-Moore) and Treasurer (Dr. David Tobias). Dr. Jonathan Suzuki will continue as the Certified Specialist Representative and Dr. Lonny Legault will continue as the representative for the North Electoral District. Also acclaimed are Dr. Eric Hutton from the Fraser Valley Electoral District, Dr. Scott LeBuke from the Southern Interior Electoral District and Dr. Thomas Kirk from the Vancouver Island Electoral District.

An election will be held May 20th for one dentist Board member from the Vancouver Electoral District and for two certified dental assistant Board members.

CDA Advisory Committee

The Prosthodontic Module was tabled from the December Board meeting to allow further consultation with stakeholders before being presented to the Board for final approval.

2010-11 Dentists and CDA Renewal

Renewal packages were sent to 3,232 dentists and 6,438 certified dental assistants. The College received about 2,100 phone calls during the period leading up to March 1. The renewal forms and cards have been redesigned to give them a more professional look and to reflect the new CDSBC logo.



College Place Update

The ongoing project to repair and improve the College Place building is proceeding as planned, and in accordance with the budget authorized by the Board. In addition to the necessary improvements, renovations will be made to the lobby, the third floor deck and the elevators. When the construction is complete, it will add significant value to the College Place Building.