



College Update

Spring 2012

Registrar Search

The Board has hired the firm Odgers Berndtson to lead the search for a new Registrar for CDSBC. The recruiters are now in the process of accepting resumes from interested applicants.

To read the Registrar job posting, and for information about how to apply, please visit www.cdsbc.org.

Governance

The Board is moving forward with recommendations from a fall governance workshop led by Elizabeth Watson of Watson Advisors. The objectives of this project are to develop a comprehensive set of Board policies; to conduct a process review of CDSBC's various governance functions and revise them accordingly; and to implement recommendations for activities that will enhance good governance.

Strategic Plan: Mission, Vision and Values Approved

The Board is in the process of developing a new strategic plan for CDSBC. The mission, vision and values approved in principle are as follows:

- **Mission**

The College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia regulates dentists and certified dental assistants in the public interest.

It does so by establishing, monitoring, and enforcing the competent and ethical practice of dentistry, in a fair and transparent manner.

- **Vision**

The College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia is a leading healthcare regulator, promoting and supporting optimal health through excellence in dentistry.

- **Values**

The College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia is trusted because:

- We act ethically, fairly and with integrity
- We are communicative and transparent
- We are objective and impartial
- We are accountable

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Annual Renewal Completed

As of the March 1 renewal deadline, there are 3,266 dentists registered with CDSBC, of which 361 are specialists. The number of CDAs who renewed their certification is 5,893.

Patient Relations (Treatment of Spouses)

The College has received correspondence from dentists who feel it is appropriate to provide dental care to their spouses. We are aware that some dentists have been lobbying government in order to effect change in the current legislation. The College is required to fulfill its mandate in accordance with the governing legislation.

If CDSBC receives a written complaint about a dentist or CDA treating his or her spouse, or another patient with whom he or she has a sexual relationship, the complaint will be treated according to the established process: the College will investigate the complaint and the Inquiry Committee will assess the complaint on its own merits and as required under the HPA.

The CDSBC Board will attend a Patient Relations workshop in September to gain a better understanding of the principles behind the legislation. The workshop will be led by experts on the topic of professional boundaries, sexual misconduct and professionalism.

CDSBC has posted a statement on this issue at www.cdsbc.org.

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Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines

CDSBC is working with the College of Dental Hygienists of BC to develop revised guidelines for infection control. The draft guidelines were posted for consultation in fall 2011 and the feedback is being reviewed by both colleges. The intent is to submit the guidelines to the CDSBC Board for approval in May.

Sedation Guidelines

The College is working towards having the revised Minimal and Moderate Sedation Services guidelines to the Board at its May meeting. The intent is to ask for approval in principle, with stakeholder consultation to follow.

Dermal Fillers

Nine of the 10 provincial regulatory bodies, including B.C., have agreed to share the expense of an expert panel to do a study on the safety and training required for the safe use of Botox and dermal fillers.

The College has made significant progress on the backlog of complaints files, closing 244 complaints in the year ending February 29, 2012.

The panel will be led by Dr. David Mock at the University of Toronto. The panel is doing the literature review now and its report is anticipated in June 2012. It will be up to each of the participating provinces to decide how to move forward based on the findings.

Complaints Backlog

The College has made significant progress on the backlog of complaints files. During the fiscal year of March 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012, CDSBC closed 244 complaints. This compares to 134 files closed in 2010/11 and 41 in 2009/10. The College opened 209 complaint files during the fiscal year ending February 29, 2012.

Approximately seven per cent of complainants apply to the Health Professions Review Board (HPRB) for review of a closed complaint file. The HPRB is an administrative tribunal that provides an independent review regarding the timeliness and disposition of complaints by BC's health colleges.

Discipline Hearing

A Panel of the Discipline Committee will conduct a hearing under section 38 of the *Health Professions Act* (HPA) concerning respondent Derek Duvall. The purpose of the hearing will be to inquire into the respondent's conduct and competence as a dentist. An amended citation was issued at the



direction of the Inquiry Committee of the College under section 37 of the HPA. The citation is available at www.cdsbc.org/discipline-hearings. Note that the patients' names are redacted to protect their privacy.

The hearing will be held from Monday, April 16 until Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Quality Inn Northern Grand Hotel, 9830 100th Avenue, Fort St. John, and from Monday, May 7 to Friday, May 11, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver. The hearing will begin each day at 9:30 am.

Prehearing applications were heard on Wednesday, February 29 in Vancouver at the Sutton Place Hotel.

Under the HPA, hearings of the Discipline Committee are open to the public. If you plan to attend the hearing, please confirm in advance by email to Nancy Crosby, Senior Assistant to the Registrar, at ncrosby@cdsbc.org. This will allow the College to ensure there is adequate seating for the public.

Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting

CDSBC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Friday, May 25, 2012** at the Pan Pacific Hotel. The meeting will begin at 9 am. The Board Meeting will immediately follow the AGM. In accordance with CDSBC Bylaw 3.18, any 10 dentists

may deliver to the Registrar a written request for the introduction of a resolution at the AGM. The request must be received by the Registrar at least 45 days before the meeting. A form for the submission of resolutions is available at www.cdsbc.org/board_meetings. To obtain a meeting package and

ensure adequate seating, please RSVP to Nancy Crosby, Senior Assistant to the Registrar, prior to **May 18**:

Email: ncrosby@cdsbc.org

Phone: 604-736-3621 or toll free 800-663-9169

Fax: 604-734-9448 or toll free 866-734-9448

2012 AWARD WINNERS

CDSBC's annual awards celebrate dentists, certified dental assistants and members of the public who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to dentistry and to the College. The winners received their award at a ceremony on Thursday, March 8 at the Pan Pacific Hotel. To read the full biographies, please see the awards program at www.cdsbc.org/awards.

Honoured Member Award

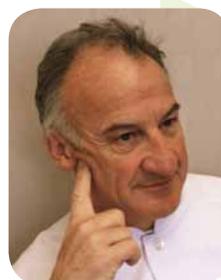


Dr. David Sweet, O.C.

David Sweet's work has not just benefitted dentists; it has benefitted the public, thereby raising the profile of dentistry across the board. Governor General Michaëlle Jean invested David as an Officer of the Order

of Canada in 2008 for his work in forensic science as a teacher, researcher and consultant.

Distinguished Service Award



Dr. John Carpendale

John Carpendale's dedication to the dental profession has led him to hold varied positions as a consultant, leader and educator. He has volunteered for CDSBC since 1994 and is currently Chair of the Inquiry Committee.

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Distinguished Service Award (Cont.)



Dr. William Liang

William (Bill) Liang is a committed CDSBC volunteer and mentor to members of the dental profession in the field of oral implantology. He has made a considerable contribution to CDSBC's committees since 1996.



Ms. Betty Richardson

As the College's outgoing Director of Operations, Betty Richardson is a compassionate and caring leader, whose career highlights include implementing changes to the process for handling complaints, setting up the HR department, and developing all operational systems at the College. Betty joined CDSBC in 1992.

Award of Merit



Dr. Christine Eckel

Christine Eckel has shown a long-term commitment to hospital dentistry and to the care of patients with major disabilities. Her involvement with CDSBC goes back 30 years.



Dr. Lonny Legault

Lonny Legault was a member of the Board for four years, during the busy transition from the *Dentists Act* to the current *Health Professions Act*. He also served on the CDSBC Practice Standards Committee.



Dr. Gail Landsberger

Gail Landsberger served on the CDSBC Ethics Committee for four years. She was also a member of the College's Practice Standards and Professional Conduct Committees.



Dr. Ian Leitch

Ian Leitch has made an enormous contribution to his community of Kelowna, including his work to develop a clinic that provides free dental treatment to homeless and underprivileged people. He has been involved with CDSBC since 1998.

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