

Council Highlights

October 22, 2010

Linda Jamieson, President, opened the meeting by discussing the mandate of the College and the progress Council had made towards fulfilling its 2010 goals.

Executive Committee

The President provided the Executive Committee report in which she indicated that a standard has been developed on the protection of personal health information when using electronic technology. An advisory and standard are available on the CDHO website.

The 2011 budget was provided and approved. The Executive Committee presented a draft regulation on Prescribing, Dispensing, Compounding, Using and Selling of Drugs to Council for Second Reading that will be circulated to stakeholders for comment. This is in response to the new authorized act as per *Bill 179*.

Dates for Council Meetings in 2011 were set at January 28, May 27 and October 28.

Registration Committee

The Registration Committee provided information about a panel that had met to hear three appeals arising from the clinical evaluations. All three appeals were denied.

In addition, the Health Professions and Review Board conducted a two-day hearing for an applicant who had been unsuccessful on four attempts at the clinical evaluation (four being the maximum number of times set out in the regulations). The applicant requested an opportunity for a fifth attempt. The next clinical evaluations are scheduled for November 27 and 28, 2010.

Registration statistics as of September 30, 2010: General certificate 10,652; Inactive certificate 527; Specialty certificate 737 and authorized to self-initiate 3,104.

Quality Assurance Program

Nancy Kitchen, Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee, stated that, of the 198 professional portfolios requested in 2010, 106 have met the assessment guidelines, 53 are still in the assessment process and 39 are participating in directed/remediation activities. Two referrals were made to the ICRC for non-compliance with the QAP. In addition the QAC directed the Registrar to impose terms, limits and conditions on two registrants' Certificates of Registration. The draft Standards of Practice based on the *Entry-to-Practice Competencies and Standards for Canadian Dental Hygienists, January 2010* were approved for distribution and comment.

Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee

The ICRC reported that they had concluded 10 cases and were currently investigating 19 cases that comprise seven formal complaints, five referrals from the Quality Assurance Committee for non-compliance with the College and seven Registrar-initiated matters.

Discipline Committee

Shirley Silverman, Chair of the Discipline Committee reported that an orientation, which included a mock hearing, had taken place and that feedback was positive. A Discipline Hearing is scheduled for November 16, 2010.

Patient Relations Committee

Diane Greenwood, Chair, Patient Relations Committee advised Council that the *Sexual Abuse Prevention Plan* has been updated. As well, the CDHO's Public Education



Retiring members Kathleen Feres Patry, Diane Greenwood and Nancy Kitchen.

Program and its public awareness messages are having a positive effect. Research has indicated that Ontarians are now more aware of the role of the College.

The Committee asked Council for approval to proceed with the next components of the Public Education Program. Council unanimously approved the request.

Administrative Report

The Registrar provided Council with an update on administrative issues. Ledia Kurti joined the College in August as Administrative Assistant in Quality Assurance. Elaine Powell left the College at the end of September and the College actively advertised for the Practice Advisor position within the dental hygiene community. As well, Varinder Singh recently left the CDHO. The Registrar outlined the new administrative structure that is required as a result of an increased number of registrants and an increased demand on resources from outside influences. Consequently, a change to Bylaw No. 4, Section 12.1 was required to amend signing authorities for the College.

[Update: The College is pleased to welcome Robert Farinaccia, RDH, B.Sc. to the position of Practice Advisor/Patient Relations Liaison.]

Presentations

Dr. Gordon Atherley made a presentation to Council: "A Framework for Developing Clinical Information Practice Guidelines". As well, Manuela Di Re, Health Law Legal Counsel, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Ontario spoke about "Protecting Privacy on a Mobile Device".

Outgoing Council Members

Linda Jamieson thanked Diane Greenwood, Nancy Kitchen and Kathleen Feres Patry for their time on Council and their dedication to the public. She then presented them each with a plaque on behalf of the College.

Election Update

Candidates in all three districts (where members retired) were acclaimed.

New Council members are:

District #1 - Michele Carrick, Owen Sound

District #5 - Cathleen Blair, Brighton

District #6 - Janet Munn, Ottawa

Next Council Meeting: January 28, 2011

To attend, please call Jane Cain at 416-961-6234 x 226 or 1-800-268-2346, or email jcain@cdho.org.

Seating is limited.