

Council Highlights

January 28, 2011

CDHO Registrar Fran Richardson opened the meeting and conducted the election of the 2011 Executive Committee.

Executive Committee

The Council elected the following Council members to form the Executive Committee:

Linda Jamieson, RDH, President
Samuel Laldin, Public Member, Vice President
Heather Blondin, RDH
Caroline Lotz, RDH
Anne Venton, Public Member

Following the elections, the President provided opening remarks including the welcoming of new members of Council and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

The President provided the Executive Committee report in which she indicated that an investigation had occurred into an illegal practice of dental hygiene (previously published in *Milestones*.) Ms. Jamieson stated that CDHO had agreed to collaborate with McMaster University, the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry (OAPHD) and the ODHA in support of a research project: *Rebalancing Roles in the Provision of Preventive Dental Care in Ontario: Policy Implications for Consumers, Providers and Service Delivery*. The research will be conducted out of McMaster University.

Items for decision included the passing at Council of the proposed Conflict of Interest Regulations which will now be sent to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for processing; amendments to Bylaw No. 4, section 5.1 Composition of statutory committees and the addition of Schedule V, Rules of Order of the Council; and proposed amendments to sections 7 and 16 of Bylaw No. 4 for circulation.

Administrative Report

The Registrar provided Council with an update on Administrative issues. Robert Farinaccia, RDH, joined the

College in November as Practice Advisor/Patient Relations Liaison. In addition, the Registrar indicated that due to the increasing number of registrants that additional staff was being hired in the areas of quality assurance, investigations and hearings, and reception. She also stated that the on-line renewal process had been successful with only minor glitches. Only 250 paper forms were requested, which was less than 2% of the registrants.

Registration Committee

Registration statistics as of January 13, 2011: General certificate 10,585; Inactive certificate 903; Specialty certificate 510 and authorized to self-initiate 3,286. As of January 27, 2011, 364 registrants had not contacted the CDHO regarding renewal.

Quality Assurance Committee

In the report from the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) it stated that one referral had been made to the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee for non-compliance with the Quality Assurance Program; approximately 1,200 professional portfolios were expected to be submitted by January 31, 2011 and 1,209 registrants had been selected to submit their portfolios by January 31, 2012. Council passed the CDHO *Dental Hygiene Standards of Practice* that are based on the national competencies. The standards come into force in January 2012.

Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee

The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC) reported that during the period since the previous Council Meeting they had concluded their investigation into three formal complaints, one referral from the QAC and two Registrar-initiated matters. The Committee is currently investigating 25 cases; 14 formal complaints,

five referrals from the QAC, six Registrar-initiated matters, and one matter arising from a mandatory report.

Discipline Committee

Shirley Silverman, RDH, Chair of the Discipline Committee reported that a Discipline Hearing occurred on November 16, 2010. Details are available elsewhere in this issue of *Milestones*.

Patient Relations Committee

The Patient Relations Committee reported that the next component of the Public Education Plan would be launched shortly, and that presentations entitled “Setting the Record Straight” would be occurring during 2011. Dates and locations will be published in *Milestones* and posted on www.cdho.org.

Registration Committee

The Registration Committee provided information that the two day clinical evaluation in November 2010 had an 82% success rate. In addition, it was noted that none of the six dental hygiene programs that applied to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) were granted a site-visit (one is under appeal), and that the three programs which did have a CDAC site visit in 2010 were not granted accreditation status. A Restorative Working Group has been stuck to review restorative competencies for dental hygienists registered in the specialty category.

Next Council Meeting: May 27, 2011

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

Council Committees

RDH = Dental Hygienist, P = Public Member, NC = Non-Council Member, E = RDH Educator

Executive Committee

Linda Jamieson (DH E) - President
Sam Laldin (P) - Vice President
Heather Blondin (DH)
Caroline Lotz (DH E)
Anne Venton (P)

Registration Committee

Chair – TBD at next meeting

Carol Barr Overholt (DH)
Deborah Daniel (DH, NC)
Eliot Feldman (P)
Janet Munn (DH)
Salam Rifai (P)
Ilga St. Onge (DH)

Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee

Chair – TBD at next meeting

Carol Barr Overholt (DH)
Cathleen Blair (DH)
Michele Carrick (DH)
Mike Connor (P)
Shelli Jeffs (DH NC)
Shori Katyal (P)
Audrey Kenny (DH NC)
Gail Marion (DH NC)
Inga McNamara (DH)
Tote Quizan (P)
Salam Rifai (P)

Quality Assurance Committee

Chair – TBD at next meeting
Heather Blondin (DH E)
Denise Burdon (DH NC)
Michele Carrick (DH)
Derrick McLennon (P)
Heather Murray (DH NC)
Tote Quizan (P)
Shirley Silverman (DH)

Discipline Committee

Chair – Shirley Silverman (RDH)
All Council members
Deborah Daniel (DH NC)
Heather Murray (DH NC)

Patient Relations Committee

Chair – TBD at next meeting
Cathleen Blair (DH)
Mike Connor (P)
Shelli Jeffs (DH NC)
Julia Johnson (P)
Derrick McLennon (P)
Lucy Pavao (DH)

Fitness to Practise

Chair – Tote Quizan (P)
All Council members

Election Update

CDHO welcomes our new professional Council Members that have been elected by their peers, and our new public members that have been appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor General of Ontario.



Cathleen Blair, RDH
District 5 – Brighton



Michele C. Carrick, RDH
District 1 – Owen Sound



Linda Jamieson, RDH,
BA, MA



Samuel Laldin
Public Member



Mike Connor
Public Member – Barrie



Janet Munn, RDH, BDH
District 6 – Ottawa



Heather Blondin, RDH,
BsDH



Caroline Lotz, RDH, BA



Charles F.M. Ross, LLB
Public Member – London



Rabbi Eliot Feldman, MA,
MS, Public Member –
Toronto



Anne Venton, BA, MA
Public Member

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