

Council Highlights

May 27, 2011

Linda Jamieson, President, opened the meeting by addressing the true meaning of collaboration and how the public benefits from the work of the College.

Executive Committee

The President presented the Executive Report at which time the Auditor presented the 2010 audited financial statements. Following the acceptance of the auditors' report and the departure of the auditors, Council moved to reappoint Soberman LLP as auditors for 2011. In addition, Ms. Jamieson informed Members of Council that there had been on-going correspondence with a pharmaceutical company that refused to sell specific products to dental hygienists who did not practice in conjunction with a dentist despite the fact that dental hygienists are legally permitted to use drugs in their practice. Apparently the company in question had received incorrect information from organized dentistry. This issue is still on-going.

Council accepted changes to Bylaw No. 4 Sections 7.3, 16.7(2) and 3.1.2. The first two sections mentioned had been circulated to registrants and stakeholders for the requisite 60 day period. Section 3.1.2 will add one additional elected Council Member to Electoral District 2. In addition, Council also approved the proposed regulation on *Prescribing, Dispensing, Compounding, Using and Selling of Drugs* for submission to the Ministry of Ontario Health and Long-Term Care for processing. Council also agreed to add *tetracycline*, its salts and derivatives to Schedule I of the proposed regulation.

Discipline Committee

The Chair of the Discipline Committee reported that there had been two discipline hearings on May 6, 2011. There are no future hearings scheduled.

Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee

The Chair of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC) reported that Panels had concluded investigations into 14 matters; one was referred to the Discipline Committee. The ICRC is currently investigating 37 cases. The Health Professions Appeal and Review Board (HPARB) confirmed two previous decisions of the Panels that were disputed. There are five matters pending before HPARB.

Patient Relations Committee

The Chair of the Patient Relations Committee informed the Members of Council that the "Setting the Record Straight" presentations have been well received with 1,728 registrants attending in six cities. Seven more presentations are planned for the fall of 2011 plus a webinar in November.

Quality Assurance Committee

Council was informed that the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) made 10 referrals to the ICRC for non-compliance with the program. In addition, the QAC is sending out *Welcome to the Profession* letters to all new registrants. The letter is to promote quality practice and awareness of CDHO resources.

Registration Committee

The Registration Committee reported that they had approved the sending of a survey to all registrants with a



The CDHO Executive Committee takes a brief break from one of their monthly meetings to pose for the camera. Front row: Ann Venton (P), Heather Blondin (RDH), Linda Jamieson (RDH), President. Back row: Caroline Lotz (RDH) and Sam Laldin (P), Vice President.

specialty certificate in order to determine what restorative procedures were currently being performed in anticipation of developing guidelines for restorative dental hygiene practice. Also, the *2010 Fair Registration Practices Report* required by the Office of the Fairness Commissioner has been posted on the CDHO web site.

Administration Report

Fran Richardson, Registrar/CAO noted the following registration statistics: general 10,722, specialty (restorative) 528, inactive 828, for a total of 12,078. She also stated that of the 12,000 registrants, 3,508 or 25% are currently authorized to self-initiate. There have been a number of personnel changes with the addition of an Investigations Coordinator (Stephen Ahad) and a Registration Coordinator (Marita Dias). The Registrar highlighted a number of the activities undertaken by members of Administration.

Guest Speaker

Beth Ann Kenny, Executive Coordinator for the Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario presented an overview of the role of Council and the Federation.

Next Council Meeting: October 28, 2011

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Changing your address?

If you change your home or business address, you are required to notify the College within 14 days.

To update your address information:

Please login to the "Registrant Address Change" page on the Registration tab at www.cdho.org.

Your login ID is your CDHO Registration ID (6 digits).

Your password is your birth date in the format of YYYYMMDD (8 digits).

Use the buttons on the left of the screen to navigate to your existing address/addresses.

You may add up to four secondary business addresses in addition to your primary business address.

Please note, your mailing address must be either your residence or primary business address.

When filling out the online change of business address, be sure to include the type of your practice setting, as well as the name of the business.

Here's a guide to determine your business practice setting:

- Solo Practice Office – One Dentist Owner
- Group Practice Office – Multiple Owners
- Independent Practice – Dental Hygiene Practice
- Hospital – Including Long Term Care
- Post Secondary Institution – Educator
- Public Health Unit – Government Facility
- Administration – Office Managers, Program Managers
- Other

Note: An Independent Practice is not automatically enrolled in the website's Independent Practice lookup. If you would like your Independent Practice to appear in the lookup or be removed from the lookup, please call the College and we will change the web status for you.

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3. Phoning 416-961-6234 or 1-800-268-2346 Ext. 0.