



Royal College of  
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# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

## COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 14, 2013

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### **2014 BUDGET**

Council unanimously approved the operating budget for 2014. Input to the budget was provided from chairs of the committees and the management of each department. The Finance, Property & Administration Committee conducted a thorough review of this proposed budget to ensure it was consistent with the established direction and goals of the College as approved by Council.

### **PROPOSED REGULATION TO ALLOW TREATMENT OF SPOUSES**

Council unanimously passed in principle the required regulation change to allow for the treatment of spouses. The required 60-day membership/stakeholder circulation is now underway. The process was expedited with the mailing sent out by surface mail on the afternoon of November 14. The Legal and Legislation Committee will hold a special meeting immediately following the close of the consultation period to review submissions. Council will hold a special meeting on January 24 to deal with the L&L Committee report and pass the final regulation. It will then be formally forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care who, at her discretion, takes it to Cabinet for approval.

### **BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

A number of by-law amendments, from the Elections Committee, the Legal and Legislation Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee, were passed in principle. Notification of these bylaw amendments will be sent out by email blast to all members and stakeholders on Thursday, November 21 to begin the required 60-day consultation period. They will be simultaneously posted on our website at [www.rcdso.org](http://www.rcdso.org) under Who We Are/Consultations.

### **CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

Council approved that the College accept payment of money due to the College by members and others by cash, cheque, bank draft and a credit card accepted by the College. This means the credit card option is now available to pay for costs in discipline cases, the deductible for PLP claims, registration fees and facility permits.

### **TRANSPARENCY PRINCIPLES ADOPTED BY COLLEGE**

Council has adopted new Transparency Principles adopted by this College and five other major health care regulatory authorities in the province. These principles are the philosophical framework for future decisions by the College related to making more information available to the public. The principles are posted on our website on the Mission and Values page, which describes our core values, purpose, goals, etc. as a regulator: <http://www.rcdso.org/WhoWeAre/MissionandValues>. In the interests of transparency, Council minutes in their entirety will be posted on the College website following approval by Council.

### **DELEGATION REGULATION**

At the request of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the College has undertaken to consider how some of the functions in dentistry could be delegated to lower cost providers in order to help alleviate some problems with access to oral health care in the province. Council agreed to set up a working group comprised of representatives from medicine, dental hygiene, dental assistants, the Ontario Dental Association, academia and a public member from Council. Either the President or Vice President will act as chair. The working group will report back to the Executive Committee. The group's mandate is to consider the appropriateness of permitting dentists to delegate acts authorized to them under the Dentistry Act, 1991 and the appropriate safeguards that need to be in place for such delegation to take place.

### **PLP COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS**

Council reappointed Dr. Karen Aiken and Dr. Gordon Sylvester to the committee for an additional term, effective January 2014.

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES**

The following meeting dates were approved by Council:

#### **2015**

Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15

Thursday, May 14

Thursday, November 19

#### **2016**

Thursday, March 10

Thursday, June 16

Thursday, November 17

### **SEROLOGY STATUS WORKING GROUP**

With expanding labour mobility, Council agreed to set up the Serology Status Working Group chaired by Dr. David Mock. The other committee members will include a member of the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at Western University, a dentist member of Council, a public member of Council, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, and an hepatologist.

The mandate of the group is to make recommendations on: whether or not it is in the public interest for members to know their serology status in order to protect the public from potential transmission of blood borne pathogens; if so, what tests should be required and with what frequency; the appropriateness of requiring each applicant for registration and each member to know their serology status and to report it to the College; and any other related matters.

### **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM**

The QA Committee has added 23 new courses to the growing list of approved Category 1 core courses. About 10% of the membership has now completed the Practice Enhancement Tool self-assessment. The anonymized results for this large group will be forwarded to the Wilson Centre for evaluation of the educational validity of the PET assessment and to National Dental Examining Board to continue its statistical analysis of the PET questions. Members continue to provide positive feedback on the experience. The e-Portfolio was launched in April, again with positive comments from members.