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Council Meeting - March 4, 2010

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Quality Assurance & CE Credits

The passage of the College's Quality Assurance Regulation by Cabinet was formally announced at Council. More details of the new QA program will be released over the next few months.

Compounding and Selling Drugs

Council has approved the striking of a working group to develop regulations related to the prescribing, dispensing, compounding and selling of drugs by members in the course of engaging in the practice of dentistry and ancillary matters. The passage of Bill 179 with its amendments to the Dentistry Act in December 2009 gave dentists the ability to compound and sell drugs, in addition to prescribing and dispensing them.

Webinars As New Educational Offering

Plans are well underway for the launch of this new educational offering from the College as a pilot project. The dates and the speakers are confirmed: Sept. 24 – Dr. Chuck Shuler on osteonecrosis secondary to bisphosphonate therapy; Oct. 29 – Dr. Blake Nicolucci on implant dentistry; Nov. 26 – Dr. Dan Haas on acute pain control/use of opioids in dentistry. The cost is \$100 per individual webinar or \$200 for the package of three. The hour long sessions will include a live question and answer session. Check the College website for upcoming details on registration.

Patient Relations

Dr. Phil Klassen presented an informative session on boundary issues for health care professionals during an educational session the evening before the formal Council meeting. A forensic psychiatrist, Dr. Klassen is Vice President of Medical Affairs at the Ontario Shores Centre for Medical Health Services in Whitby. His areas of particular interest include violence risk assessment, clinical sexology and assessment of professional misconduct.

Source Guide

The 2010 version of the Source Guide will be posted online on the College website as usual in the late spring. This document can be easily searched to find information like practice addresses and fax and phone numbers and individual pages or sections can be printed. Ceasing the publication of the print version of the Source Guide is saving about \$130,000 per year. The information in the Guide is accurate as of March 31 of the calendar year.

By-law Amendments

Amendments to By-law No. 6, approved in principle, could mean that the candidates in the election for Council have an expanded amount of time to conduct their election campaign.

Amendments to By-law No. 7, approved in principle, could give the College the ability to remove antiquated information from the Register and to add information that the public has been requesting, such as the effective date of any terms, conditions and/or limitations on a member's certificate of registration.

The proposed amendments to these two by-laws will now be circulated to members and key stakeholders at least 60 days in advance for comment.

Amendments to By-Law No. 4, approved by Council at this meeting, set new fees for such items as a Letter of Standing and a reinstatement hearing. These amendments had been approved in principle at the November 2009 Council meeting and then circulated to members and key stakeholders for comment.

Support to UofT and UWO

The College has increased the number of annual membership fees that it will reimburse for each faculty from 10 to 15. This is for clinical teachers who teach at the universities but do not practise dentistry beyond these teaching commitments. There are several requirements that must be met, including that the dentists must be retired from active dental practice and must need licensure solely to provide services to the faculty's dental clinic.

Policies of the Nominating Committee

Several new operating policies of the committee that deal with the timing of committee meetings and appointment of committee chairs and members were passed by Council. The new policies were supported by the Legal and Legislation Committee, Elections Committee and the Executive Committee.