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# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

## COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 10, 2016

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### **OFFICE OF THE FAIRNESS COMMISSIONER (OFC) REVIEW**

At a meeting in mid-February, the OFC informed the College that it meets or exceeds all requirements. The OFC was complimentary of the College and its processes, especially of the novel and important feature that the College sends public members to monitor the examinations of our third party providers, often at our expense.

### **NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

With the expiry of the term of public member Jose Saavedra on Council, public member Elizabeth Wilfert becomes a member of and chair of the PLP Committee.

Public member Beth Deazeley has been appointed Registrar of the College of Early Childhood Educators (ECE) of Ontario. ECE has agreed for her to continue to serve on the RCDSO Council, but not on any committee that makes decisions on specific member-related issues. As a result, Ms. Deazeley has resigned from the Registration Committee and from the Discipline Committee. She now sits on the Audit Committee.

Public members Gregory Larsen and Derek Walter were recently appointed to Discipline Committee. Derek Walter also now sits on the Registration Committee.

### **NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS (NIHB) PROGRAM**

The NIHB program is federally-run by Health Canada for dental and medical care of First Nations patients. Some years ago, Health Canada used to send its own investigators into dental offices to check and review patient charts, meet with dentists and determine money owed to NIHB. With interventions by RCDSO and others, during the past eight or nine years that process had stopped. Instead, in Ontario only, NIHB agreed to follow provincial legislation and have RCDSO, as the regulator, conduct the investigations. Recently NIHB has wanted to revisit that option. However, after meeting with College officials, NIHB has agreed to maintain the current option supported with quarterly meetings with College staff.

### **MOVE TO ELECTRONIC VOTING**

The College now joins a number of other regulators in Ontario and across the country to use electronic voting for Council elections. This new system will launch with the upcoming election cycle in December of this year.

### **CHANGE IN ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION ELIGIBILITY**

Council approved a by-law amendment that states that a member with a notation of a caution or a specified continuing or remediation program on the public register is not eligible to stand for election on Council or to be selected as a university representative to serve on Council.

### **PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF NON-COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Council approved a new selection process based on merit rather than the current random selection process. This will allow members with specific required skill sets to be matched to the appropriate committees. It also will create the opportunity for representation of members from across the province. Likewise a member with a notation of a caution or a specified continuing or remediation program on the public register is not eligible for appointment as a non-Council Committee member.

### **CE COURSES**

With the latest round of approvals by the Quality Assurance Committee, there are now over 200 Category 1 – Core Courses approved for consideration by members.

### **NATIONAL DENTAL EXAMINING BOARD OF CANADA (NDEB)**

Council approved a motion to appoint College President Dr. Ronald Yarascavitch as the College's representative to the NDEB.