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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 6, 2014

This publication is emailed out to members and posted online on the College's website within two working days after each Council meeting. It covers some of the key highlights of the Council business. We welcome your feedback. If you have questions about any of these items, please contact RCDSO Registrar Irwin Fefergrad at 416-934-5625, toll-free at 1-800-565-4591, or by email at ifefergrad@rcdso.org.

UPDATE ON QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

The Quality Assurance Committee chair Dr. David Clark reported that there are now 130 core courses approved for category one CE credits. He also told Council that the initial analysis of the anonymous results of the Practice Enhancement Tool self-assessment indicates that it is a very reliable assessment tool with high reliability and statistical validity.

SEROLOGY STATUS WORKING GROUP

The group, chaired by Dr. David Mock, held its first meeting in January. Other members are fellow Council members Dr. David Segal, Dr. David Clark, Ms. Marianne Park and also Dr. Harinder Sandhu, Vice Dean, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University. Dr. David Wong, the Education Director for Hepatology Education at the University of Toronto, is also a member of the group. They are looking at this issue from a wide perspective, getting advice from experts in areas like human rights and regulatory requirements.

MEETING WITH COMPETITON BUREAU

President Dr. Peter Trainor reported to Council on a cordial meeting that he and College Registrar Irwin Fefergrad had in December 2013 with Chris Busuttill, Major Case Director and Strategic Policy Advisor, Economic Policy and Enforcement Branch at the Bureau.

CHANGES IN PROCESS FOR SEDATION & GENERAL ANESTHESIA & SEDATION FACILITY PERMITS

Consideration of the new by-law and other related by-law amendments was deferred to take into consideration input from one of the stakeholders received during the consultation period. The revised by-law will be posted for comment on the College website in the consultation section on April 9. The proposed by-law formalizes and streamlines the College's existing process and

incorporates specific provisions that provide the Registrar with powers to deal with situations where there is a risk of harm to the public. The by-law amendments relate to associated changes with fees for facility permits and provisions for information to be kept on the Register.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN PASSED

The plan is a planned and methodical approach to how the College would respond to a major disaster that could put the organization out of operation for several weeks.

SUPPORT FOR CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR DENTAL REGULATORS

Council unanimously voted to become one of the founding members of the International Society of Dental Regulators to give dental regulatory authorities from around the world a forum to share information and experiences with common issues, such as labour mobility, and clinical practice areas like infection control.

As RCDSO President Dr. Peter Trainor noted, participation in this kind of international organization is very important to the College to give us a voice on the world stage as we regulate 44 per cent of the licensed dentists in the country and 41 per cent of our registrants are internationally trained.

Dr. Trainor and Ms. Marie Warner, Chief Executive of the Dental Council of New Zealand, are the co-chairs of the steering group working on the creation of this new organization.

Other countries and/or organizations already committed include France, the Canadian Armed Forces, Australia, Dubai, and Ireland. This is also growing interest from a number of states in the USA and countries in the European Union.

TELEDENTISTRY

Due to the increasing number of questions about teledentistry, especially related to the area of radiology and the interpretation of radiographs, the Executive Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee will be holding joint meeting for further discussions.

FEDERAL INITIATIVES ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

College representatives – President Dr. Peter Trainor, Registrar Irwin Fefergrad, and Dr. David Mock – were invited to appear before the Standing Committee on Health in Ottawa in early December 2013. The Committee is holding hearings on the abuse of prescription drugs. Look for a fuller story in the February/March issue of Dispatch magazine coming out later this month.

OBSERVERS TO NDEB SESSIONS

Council agreed that the RCDSO representatives to the National Dental Examining Board Assessment of Clinical Judgement and Assessment of Clinical Skills in June will be Dr. Peter Trainor and Evelyn Laraya, a public member of Council.

NUMBER OF BY-LAWS RECEIVE FINAL APPROVAL

Council gave final approval to a number of by-law changes that had previously been approved in principle and had a 60-day public/stakeholder consultation period. These by-laws cover areas like qualifications for appointment of non-Council members to committees and election to Council, and the requirement of members to provide the College with a current email address. Currently 91 per cent of the College's members have already shared their email address. This facilitates the cost-effective circulation of proposed by-laws and regulations.