



Royal College of  
Dental Surgeons of Ontario

*Ensuring Continued Trust*

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

6 Crescent Road  
Toronto, ON Canada M4W 1T1  
T: 416.961.6555 F: 416.961.5814  
Toll-Free: 800.565.4591 [www.rcdso.org](http://www.rcdso.org)

TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

## Council Meeting of November 18, 2004

**This publication is mailed within four working days of each Council meeting to all College members and key stakeholders. At the same time it is posted on our Web site at [www.rcdso.org](http://www.rcdso.org). We welcome your feedback.**

**If you have questions about any of these items, please contact RCDSO Registrar Irwin Fefergrad by phone at 416-934-5625, toll-free at 1-800-565-4591 or by e-mail at [ifefergrad@rcdso.org](mailto:ifefergrad@rcdso.org).**

### **Budget Approval**

Council unanimously approved the 2005 operating budget. There is no fee increase for 2005. The current fee is \$150 higher than the registration fee was in 1994.

### **New Code of Ethics**

Council approved a new Code of Ethics. It consists of 15 principles based on the core ethical values of integrity, fairness, beneficence, compassion, and respect for patient autonomy. A copy of the new Code will be distributed to all members with the winter issue of *Dispatch* magazine. It is now loaded on our Web site at [www.rcdso.org](http://www.rcdso.org).

### **Dental Specialty in Dental Anaesthesia**

By an unanimous vote of those present, Council approved the necessary regulation amendments to create a specialty in Dental Anaesthesia. The next step in the process is to forward these amendments to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for approval and processing by government.

In addition, Council directed the Executive Committee to consider which is the preferred option to pursue for national accreditation, either through the Canadian Dental Association or the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation, and to report back to Council.

### **Letters of Standing**

The current fee of \$35 for a Letter of Standing from the College will be waived for dentists seeking hospital privileges in order to treat disabled patients in a safer environment.

*(continued)*

### **Advertising and Sponsorship**

Council has endorsed a move to begin development of a paid advertising/sponsorship program for *Dispatch*, Membership Listings, and the College Web site.

The new policy, enshrined in a by-law, ensures that the College has a policy and process in place to guarantee the integrity of our membership magazine and other College activities. It recognizes that advertising/sponsorship must be pursued only as long as it does not impede the core principles of editorial independence, institutional integrity, and consistency with the College's purpose, vision, and values.

All potential advertising/sponsorship will be reviewed for suitability and appropriateness by a sub-committee called the Advertising Review Committee. Its members include the President, the Registrar, the Communications Director and one member of Executive Committee appointed to Council by the Lieutenant-Governor In Council, as chosen by the Executive Committee.

In Ontario, other regulators who have already embarked on an advertising program include the College of Nurses of Ontario, Ontario College of Teachers, and Professional Engineers Ontario.

### **Council Dates**

In 2005, the first Council meeting will start on the evening of January 19 with the election of the President and other members of the Executive Committee. Then on January 20 Council will select the other committee members. The remaining Council meeting dates in 2005 are May 12 and November 10.

In 2006, Council meetings are scheduled for March 2, June 8, and November 23. All meetings will be at the Westin Prince Hotel in Toronto.

### **Committee Preparation Time**

The per diem preparation time for Complaints Committee members has been increased to a maximum of one full-day per diem for each full day meeting of the Committee to more appropriately reflect the workload of the Committee members. This will become effective on the election of the new Council.

### **Canadian Collaboration on Clinical Practice Guideline Development (CCCD)**

Council reaffirmed the necessity of clinical practice guidelines, but has some concerns about the productivity of the CCCD. RCDSO's contribution of \$5 per member for 2005 was approved based on the following: the College receives a current financial statement, financial budget, and a business plan from CCCD; a list of guidelines to be developed by CCCD is approved by the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation; and the College has received notice from all of the provinces of their intent to continue to contribute \$5 per member and that they have actually made their contributions.

*(continued)*

### **Sedation and Anaesthesia Guideline Amended**

As part of its responsibilities to protect public safety, this Guideline, first issued in 1993, is now amended to limit the use of more than one sedative agent to oral and maxillofacial surgeons and to dentists with formal training in dental anaesthesia. The amended Guideline will be distributed to all members with the winter issue of *Dispatch* magazine.

### **New Committee Appointments**

Due to expiry of a number of terms, new committee appointments were made: Dr. Stanley Kogon – Professional Liability Committee; Mary Ann Labaj – Elections Committee; Ryan Clarke – Registration Committee; Kelly Bolduc-O’Hare, Evelyn Laraya, and K.S. Joseph – Complaints Committee; Robert Marr – Quality Assurance Committee and Finance, Property and Administration Committee.