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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

Council Meeting of October 27, 2005

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. 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.

Dental Anaesthesia Specialty

After presentations by Dr. Dan Haas, chair of the Canadian Academy of Dental Anaesthesia, and Dr. George Sandor representing the Ontario Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Council engaged in an open and energetic discussion, which concluded with an unanimous vote in favour of the following motion:

That Council accepts that the education and training of an oral and maxillofacial surgeon is sufficient education for the issuance of a specialty certificate in dental anaesthesia provided that the oral and maxillofacial program was accredited for dental anaesthesia by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada based on the accredited dental anaesthesia standard.

Over 900 responses were received from members and interested stakeholders during the consultation process for the proposed amendment to include oral and maxillofacial surgeons in the registration regulation to create a specialty in dental anaesthesia.

Council encouraged both Dr. Haas and Dr. Sandor to approach the Canadian Dental Association together to request national certification of the specialty.

Updated Guidelines on Diagnosis and Treatment of Temporomandibular Disorders

Council approved these updated Guidelines; they will be distributed to all College members with the winter issue of *Dispatch*. The document was prepared by Dr. David Mock, as a joint venture between the Alberta Dental Association and College and RCDSO.

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New Practice Advisory on Recordkeeping Issues

Council approved this new practice advisory from the Quality Assurance Committee to assist members in ensuring the integrity of their electronic records and compliance with privacy legislation requirements. This Advisory will be distributed to all College members with the winter issue of *Dispatch*.

Results of Review of Election Process

The Election Committee presented a number of improvements to the College election process. Areas covered include the nomination procedures, handling of tie votes, and the eligibility criteria and term of office for non-Council committee members. The Election Committee has reported that it reviewed all submissions on the three-year rule, and has decided that the three-year rule will remain unchanged.

Proposed Improvements to Discipline Committee Procedures

RCDSO joins 20 other of the province's health-care regulatory colleges in endorsing a recommendation to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to amend the *Regulated Health Professions Act* to allow the possibility of selecting a retired judge to chair a panel of the Discipline Committee, to deal with legal issues only. This person would not have a vote, and would not participate in the decision-making. The role would be confined to decisions on legal issues only. All other matters, with respect to professional misconduct, penalty and costs, would be decided by the rest of the panel. This person would be a sixth person, added to the current five-person panel. The purpose of this recommendation is to eradicate some of the uncertainty in dealing with complicated legal arguments, and therefore, expedite the hearing process, saving time and money.

Public Register Information on College Web Site

In an effort to increase the accessibility, accountability and transparency of the College's operations, Council approved the inclusion of information on the public register about members to be accessible from our Web site. This is consistent with the practice of many other regulatory colleges. The information would include the following:

- member contact information;
- general information from the public register: membership status, class of certificate of registration, year of graduation, etc.;
- notation of findings of professional misconduct and the date when the decision became final;
- current terms, condition and limitations on the member's certificate of registration;
- current suspension or revocation of the member's certificate of registration.

There will be no information on the Web site that is not contained in the public portion of the Register.

In addition, a listing of upcoming hearing dates, without names, would also be posted on the College Web site.

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New Executive Committee Member

Kelly Bolduc-O’Hare of Little Current on Manitoulin Island was elected to fill the vacancy on this Committee for a member appointed by Lieutenant-Governor In Council.

New Discipline Committee Member

The appointment of Abdul Wahid of Toronto to fill a vacancy on this Committee for a member appointed by Lieutenant-Governor In Council was ratified.

Operating Budget Approved

Finance, Property and Administration Committee Chair Dr. Bohdan Kryshtalskyj presented the operating budget. During his presentation, he highlighted the excellent immediate and long-term financial position of the College, and noted that a surplus is projected. He thanked both Council and staff for their financial diligence that has led to an expansion of membership service and benefits, while securing the financial future of the organization.

Professional Liability Coverage

Council approved the retention of ENCON Group Inc. as the insurer’s representative for the College’s errors and omissions (malpractice) policy of insurance, commencing January 1, 2006.

Funding to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada

After a review of the draft CDAC budget, Council approved the funding of \$16.12 per member to CDAC for 2006. This amount was included in the approved budget.

Support to Provincial Dental Schools

Council agreed to increase the allowable reimbursement of membership fees from the current five to a maximum of 10 each for the province’s dental schools at the U of T and the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Council Dates for 2006-2008

The following are the dates for Council meetings for the next three years:

2006	2007	2008
March 2	January 17 & January 18	March 6
June 8	May 10	June 12
November 23	November 15	November 13

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