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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

Council Meeting - June 12, 2008

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Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program

The formal evaluation by KPMG, on behalf of Health Canada, of the Ontario-only replacement of on-site audits with use of the regulatory processes scored 97.5% in meeting Health Canada's objective to maintain accountability for the appropriate expenditure of funds. As a result of the combined efforts of the College, the Ontario Dental Association and the Canadian Dental Association, NIHB had excluded Ontario from its on-site audit process on a pilot project basis. Instead NIHB accessed the provisions available under the Regulated Health Professions Act to either share information with the Registrar or file a complaint.

By-law Amendments

A number of by-law amendments were approved in principle by Council and now will be circulated for the required 60-day period to membership and external stakeholders for review and feedback. The final versions of the by-laws will come back to Council in November for approval. The vast majority of these changes are required because of the amendments to the Regulated Health Professions Act that come into effect on June 4, 2009 or earlier. At the same time, a few other small housekeeping amendments were made.

Audited Financial Statements

Council approved both the RCDSO and the RCDSO Pension Plan audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2007. These statements will be circulated to members in the abbreviated version of the 2007 annual report with the August/September issue of Dispatch magazine.

Appointment of Auditors

Council approved the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as auditors for the year of 2008.

New Mission Statement/Core Purpose/Values and Goals

Council approved the mission statement, core purpose, and values and goals as developed by a working group composed of the Patient Relations Committee and external representatives. These were developed to respond to advice from the Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council to all health-care regulators. Look in the August/September issue of Dispatch for all the details.

Study of Altered Individual Deductible in the Professional Liability Program (PLP)

Council approved, in principle, the concept of an altered individual deductible formula to provide incentives for practice improvement initiatives by members with multiple claims of a similar nature. The PLP Committee will now come back to the November Council meeting with detailed recommendations on how to implement this new system with the goal of developing an effective and cost-efficient way to raise practice standards, where required, while enhancing the public protection mandate of the College.

National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) Examiners

Council has approved the following list of dentists for consideration by NDEB as clinical examiners: Dr. Michael Bouris, Dr. Rano Burton, Dr. Ross Erwin, Dr. George Grayson, Dr. Jack McLister, Dr. Richard Speers, Dr. Janet Tamo, Dr. Katherine Zettle, Dr. James Brown, Dr. Thomas Davidson, Dr. Peter Fendrich, Dr. Warren Hing, Dr. Jocelyn Pearce, Dr. Laura Tam, and Dr. Ronald Yarascavitch.

New Quality Assurance (QA) Regulation

Council approved, in principle, a draft quality assurance regulation that will now be circulated to membership and external stakeholders for the required 60-day period for review and feedback. The College is obligated to develop a new QA regulation as a result of the new amendments to the Regulated Health Professions Act. The final version of the proposed regulation will come before Council in November for approval.

Dental Anaesthesia Specialty

Information about how to become registered as a dental anaesthesiologist will be posted on the College's website by mid-July.