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# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

## Council Meeting - June 4, 2009

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### **Final Step in Implementation of RHPA Amendments**

With June 4 as the effective date for the RHPA amendments included in the Health System Improvements Act passed on June 4, 2007, Council put the final piece in place with the approval of the membership of the new statutory committee called the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports (ICR) Committee.

The members of this new committee are:

Dr. David Clark, chair	K.S. Joseph
Dr. Natalie Archer	Catherine Kerr
Kelly Bolduc-O'Hare	Dr. Marvin Klotz
Mohammed Brihmi	Dr. Victor Kutcher (non-Council)
Dr. Peter DeGiacomo	Dr. Frank Stechey
Dr. Ian Grayson (non-Council)	Dr. Peter Trainor
Dr. Kirandip Johal (non-Council)	Abdul Wahid

Council also participated in an intensive educational session, led by staff, on the legislation.

### **Change in Membership of Fitness to Practise Committee**

At the same time, the membership of the Fitness to Practise Committee was changed to accommodate potential conflicts under the new legislation. The committee members are:

Dr. Eric Luks, chair  
Parm Chahal  
Dr. Hartley Kestenberg  
Evelyn Laraya  
Dr. Lyon Schwartzben (non-Council)  
Dr. Katherine Zettle (non-Council)

### **Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics**

Council has directed the Executive Committee to establish an ad hoc committee to be known as the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics and the composition of which is to be determined by the Executive Committee. This committee will propose a work plan and budget for review by the Executive Committee and consideration by Council at its November meeting. The plan will develop a multi-faceted program to promote ethical and, where appropriate, evidence-based decision-making for Ontario dental students and practising members.

### **Road Show on Business Practices**

Council has authorized the Registrar to organize, along with the Ontario Dental Association, a road show for members focusing on business practices, covering topics such as health profession corporations, fraud, buying and selling dental practices, and employee/employer relationships and the like.

### **Support for Fluoridation**

Council approved a joint effort with the leadership of the College and the Ontario Dental Association to meet and develop an approach to promote the use of fluoridation in all Ontario municipalities with one unified approach throughout the province.

### **Suggested Guidance for Election Campaigns**

Council has directed the Executive Committee to prepare guidance to assist members in the development and use of election campaign material.

### **Report from the Elections Committee**

Council passed a number of recommendations coming from the Election Committee, with the support of the Executive Committee. The Elections Committee had considered a number of issues arising out of the 2009-2010 election process. The Legal and Legislation Committee will prepare the necessary proposed amendments to By-Law No. 6: Election and Selection of Councillors for consideration at a subsequent Council meeting and then for the normal circulation to members and stakeholders.

These changes include:

- a change in the key election dates as outlined in By-Law No. 6 to allow candidates greater opportunity to announce their candidacy to their constituents;
- adjustment in the timing of the courier delivery of mailing labels to election candidates.

Other recommendations were passed by Council to expand the opportunities for Council members to progress into committee chair positions and to expand the learning opportunities. The following operational policies will be developed to address:

- that no Council member be appointed chair of the same committee for more than two consecutive terms;
- that no Council members will serve on the same committee for more than three consecutive terms.

The current policy around a two-year cooling off period for those who have previously served on boards/committees of dental associations will be reviewed, as will the post-election process of the Nominating Committee to select members and chairs for each College Committee.