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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

Council Meeting of August 28, 2002

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.

Tony Clement, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Addresses Council

For the second time in the past year Council welcomed the Honourable Tony Clement to address a Council meeting. The Minister praised Council and its President for making RCDSO a leader in self-regulation, and its forward-looking work in ethics. Clement noted that RCDSO has presented a clear vision, rooted in strong principles and integrity, of where it wants to go. He commended Council for its productivity in issues like incorporation and amalgam waste, and thanked Council for the good advice he has received from this College on issues like the orders regulation. Dentists, he said, will continue to play the pivotal role in the delivery of oral health care here in Ontario.

College Now Ready To Handle Incorporation

As of the first week of September, RCDSO has all the pieces in place to start processing applications for incorporation. This puts our College as the first health-care regulatory college in the province to offer incorporation to its members.

At a special meeting on Wednesday, August 28, Council approved the necessary by-law that outlines the procedures and the fees. While legally the by-law did not require circulation to members, Council had accepted the recommendation of the Legal and Legislation Committee to allow members and other interested parties the opportunity to review the proposed by-law. Feedback from membership was in most part positive with suggestions related to the nature of the government's regulations, not the by-law itself.

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The College has a number of services available to membership to assist in their deliberations on whether or not to incorporate, and to apply for the necessary Certificate of Authorization.

1. Information Kits

The kits contain all the necessary forms to apply for a Certificate of Authorization, the statutory declaration, the undertaking form and the new RCDSO by-law and relevant legislation. The kits are free.

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2. Incorporation Seminar – Audio Tapes and CDs

A sell-out crowd of over 175 people attended the incorporation information seminar hosted by the College on August 9. The presentations by the College Registrar, lawyers Shelley Birenbaum and Barry Spiegel and accountant Wayne Leales are available for sale at a cost of \$200 for members and \$300 for non-members.

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3. Questions????

A number of College staff are available to answer your questions about the College process and forms. Anyone of them can be reached by phone at 416-961-6555 / toll free at 1-800-565-4591.

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New Member on Discipline Committee

Council also amended By-law #8 to increase the public representation on Discipline Committee from five to six members. This will allow more flexibility in putting together panels for hearings. Robert Marr, the newly appointed public member to Council, is the new member of the Discipline Committee.

Leadership Conference: Future of Dentistry

The Council meeting was followed by an exciting and energizing event to envision the impact of environmental factors like demography, growth of the consumer movement, insurance and benefit trends will have on us a regulatory college. A full report will appear in the Oct/Nov. issue of *Dispatch* and on our Web site at www.rcdso.org.

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