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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

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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.

- The College moved another step closer to allowing members to apply for professional incorporation with the approval in principle of the necessary by-law that outlines the procedures to be followed and the fees. While legally this proposed by-law does not require circulation to members before approval by Council, Council accepted the recommendation of the Legal and Legislation Committee that members should have an opportunity for comment. The proposed by-law is included in this mailing of *Council Highlights*. In addition, by-law #7 has been revised to accommodate the new information required to be placed on the public register. This replacement by-law is also included in this mailing to fulfill the requirement for circulation to members at least 60 days before it is finally passed by Council.
- Council also approved in principle the forms to be used for health profession incorporation. A draft of the Certificate of Authorization and the accompanying instructions/checklist are being circulated with this issue of *Council Highlights* to members for their input.
- To support members in dealing with the complex questions involved in professional incorporation, the College is organizing a special education session on August 9. Two lawyers and a tax accountant who are experts in this area will make feature presentations. Key staff will also be available to answer questions. See the flyer with this issue of *Council Highlights* to find out more about the seminar.
- Council accepted the recommendation from the Finance, Property and Administration Committee that there be no changes in the fee structure for the 2003 fiscal year. The current renovations to 6 Crescent Road are coming from the separate Building Restoration Fund.

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- Periodically Council receives requests for funding from dental societies to support continuing education programs. Council has directed the Executive Committee to review all these funding requests in January 2003, and to report to a future Council meeting.
- Funding for the mediation program pilot project to be jointly offered by RCDSO and the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) was approved. Mediation services to settle disputes between dentists are now available. RCDSO will administer the program. Anyone interested in learning more about the program or how to access this service should contact the College Registrar Irwin Fefergrad at 416-934-5625. More details about the program are available in the July/August issue of *Dispatch*.
- The Complaints Committee reported to Council that complaint files are up-to-date. Committee panels have been meeting frequently to ensure that matters are dealt with as efficiently as possible.
- Council accepted a recommendation from Discipline Committee that reprimands from the Committee be delivered in an open hearing, in accordance with the provisions of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* that promote transparency and openness. As the Committee said, the reprimand is part of a discipline penalty, and the openness instills public trust and confidence in the regulatory process, and ensures fairness to the member who is the subject of the reprimand.
- Council also directed the Discipline Committee to maintain its current format of not including members' names or initials in its reports to Council.
- As a result of a comprehensive review of the College's current sample medical history contained in the *Guidelines* on recordkeeping by the Quality Assurance Committee, a new medical history information kit was approved. It will be distributed to all members with the Oct/Nov issue of *Dispatch*. The kit contains a sample medical history questionnaire with detailed explanation of each question, a sample recall history questionnaire and a patient information pamphlet.
- The Quality Assurance Committee reported to Council that it has reached its quota of 60 dental practice review volunteers for the 2002 since the call for volunteers in the April/May issue of *Dispatch*. The Committee also reported that it has expanded its current list of approved sponsors for the mandatory continuing dental education program to include faculties/schools of medicine and medical associations.

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