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# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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TO: ALL RCDSO MEMBERS

## Council Meeting of May 12, 2005

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### **No Dues Increase for 2006 Membership Year**

Finance, Property and Administration Committee Chair Dr. Bohdan Kryshchalskyj reported to Council that the annual registration fees would remain unchanged for the 2006 membership year. This represents the third year in a row of no fee increase, without any reduction in services to members and the public.

### **Audit Committee Report**

Council approved the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2004. These statements will be circulated to membership in the 2004 annual report in the summer issue of *Dispatch*. The auditors reported that the College is financially in a very healthy position.

### **Dental Anaesthesia As A Specialty**

After formal discussions with the Canadian Dental Association (CDA), Council has pledged its support and encouragement to specialists in dental anaesthesia to file an application with CDA for the national recognition of a dental specialty in dental anaesthesia.

### **Dental Anaesthesia Amendment to Proposed Registration Regulation**

As a first step in the process, Council has agreed, in principle only, to an amendment to the proposed regulation amendment on dental anaesthesia so that oral and maxillofacial surgeons be included in the proposed specialty. This was done at the request of Ontario Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Now, as the lengthy consultation process begins, the full details of this proposed amendment will be circulated to members and other stakeholders across the country for input for at least 60 days. The issue will return to the next Council meeting, after the circulation, for discussion and decision. Representatives of both the dental anaesthetists and the oral and maxillofacial surgeons will be asked to attend that meeting.

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**Dentists Care Program**

A pilot project proposal to develop a model for a provincial humanitarian program for interested Ontario dentists to provide substantive dental care to vulnerable adults was approved. The goal of the program is to link the disabled, elderly and medically compromised patients with dentists in their own community who have volunteered to offer free and comprehensive dental treatment. More details of this proposal will be featured in the summer issue of *Dispatch*.

**Next CD-ROM in LifeLong Learning Program**

Council has authorized the Quality Assurance Committee, chaired by Dr. Randy Lang, to direct the Registrar to investigate the development of a new continuing education CD-ROM, either on our own or with other organizations in Canada.

**Funding to the Canadian Dental Association**

Council approved that \$5.00 per member be paid to the Canadian Dental Association for the year 2005.

**Continuing Education Grants**

Continuing education grants will be made to the component societies of the Northern Ontario Dental Association -- Sudbury, Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay and to the Kenora Rainy-River Dental Society.

**Sexual Abuse Prevention Plan**

The investigation protocols for the investigation of complaints dealing with sexual misconduct and sexual impropriety have been updated. A sexual abuse prevention plan is mandated by the Procedural Code of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*.

**Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council**

Barbara Sullivan, the new chief executive officer/chair of the Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (HPRAC), made a special presentation to Council on HPRAC's current work to provide recommendations to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on a number of issues related to the *Regulated Health Professions Act*. This work includes a review of colleges' quality assurance and patient relations programs, and the complaints and discipline procedures, as well as scope of practice, and whether to add to or subtract from the current colleges that are self-regulated.

**Committee Changes**

With the resignation of public member Robert Marr, Council filled a number of committee vacancies: Ryan Clarke – Elections Committee; Mohammed Brihmi – Finance, Property & Administration Committee; Mohammed Brihmi – Quality Assurance Committee.

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**Complaints Committee**

The Complaints Committee Chair Dr. Hartley Kestenberg reported that there had been no referrals to Discipline Committee for the period of January 2005 to the date of the Council meeting due to the rehabilitation focus and emphasis of the Committee.

**Improvements to Pre-Hearing Conferences**

Council approved changes recommended by the Discipline Committee chaired by Dr. Philip Watson that will improve the pre-hearing conference process. This is part of on-going efforts to continuously enhance this important process that allows for a without prejudice and confidential meeting between the College and the member prior to a Discipline Committee hearing. The pre-hearing is an option to save both the member and the College time and money, and save the witnesses and the member the stress and anxiety of a formal hearing.