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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.

Advertising Concerns

The College will continue to apply objective standards that are within the confines of the provincial advertising regulation, and the practice guidelines. The recommendations came to Council after the work of the Executive Committee at a one-day retreat with senior staff. It is noteworthy that, in the last five years, the College has yet to receive a complaint from the public that is related to advertising only.

NIHB Dental Audits

As of Tuesday last week, final agreement in principle was reached with Health Canada on the contentious issues around the on-site audits performed as part of the NIHB dental program. It means an end to on-site audits here in Ontario. In Ontario NIHB now will be just like any other insurance carrier, and access the College process in the same way. Over two years ago, the College took the leadership on this issue and was then joined by our colleagues at the Ontario Dental Association and the Canadian Dental Association. The agreement in principle is a total vindication of the position that the College has held since day one.

Budget 2003

Council approved the operating budget and the capital budget for 2003. There will be no dues increase for the 2003 budget year.

Access to Dental Care for Seniors

Council has approved that the College host a one-day symposium on January 10, 2003, with a wide range of stakeholders to start exploration of problems and solutions for the delivery of oral health care to seniors in long-term care facilities. Full coverage of the event will appear in the January/February 2003 issue of *Dispatch*. This is one of a number of initiatives that the College is embarking on to address this important issue. RCDSO will soon send out a short membership survey. In addition, Council authorized up to \$7,500 to cover the cost of much larger data collection survey to be done jointly by RCDSO and the Ontario Dental Association.

Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC)

A model for an accreditation commission, independent from the Canadian Dental Association, was approved by Council. Regulators across Canada believe a new model is needed to address issues of financial accountability, policy and staffing.

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Recognition of Past Presidents and Registrars

The College's past presidents and registrars will soon be recognized at the College by a special wall plaque to be prominently displayed in the newly renovated College offices.

Proposed Professional Misconduct Regulation to Address Amalgam Waste Disposal

Council approved a draft standard for amalgam waste disposal. The wording has already been agreed to in principle by the Ministries of Environment, Municipal Affairs, and Health and Long-Term Care. The College's proposal is to amend the professional misconduct regulations under the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and the *Dentistry Act*. It would mean a common standard in the province instead of a patchwork of different municipal by-laws.

Final Phase of Amalgam Waste Disposal Study

Dr. Philip Watson and Dr. Albert Adegbenbo presented the final phase of their study funded by RCDSO which is the results of a survey sent to 2,000 dentists in the province. The full version of this second phase of their report will soon be available on the College Web site at www.rcdso.org. The first phase is already on-line.

RCDSO By-laws

The consolidated version of the College by-laws will be circulated to membership with the January/February 2003 issue of *Dispatch*. Updates will then be distributed as necessary, and a new consolidated version sent out every 10 years.

Guideline on Sexual Abuse in the Dental Office

Council approved in principle the redrafting of this Guideline, first published in 1994, to provide current information, more educational guidance and suggested protocols for the dental office.

UPDATE ON COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year sees the most widely contested Council election in memory. Ballots for the upcoming election were mailed out on or around November 20. The deadline for receipt of the ballots at the College office is December 11.

The following Council members are acclaimed in their districts:

Dr. Doug Smith	District 1 (Ottawa)
Dr. Randy Lang	District 4 (Halton-Peel)
Dr. Eric Luks	District 5 (Muskoka-Simcoe)
Dr. Cam Witmer	District 7 (Haldimand/Norfolk)
Dr. Virginia Luks	District 9 (Toronto North)
Dr. Bohdan Kryshtalskyj	District 10 (Toronto West)

The following electoral districts have been contested, and the candidates are:

District 2 (Durham/York)	Dr. David Clark and Dr. Larry Parker
District 3 (Northern Ontario)	Dr. Albert Bouclin, Dr. William Hettenhausen and Dr. Terrance Witzu
District 6 (London)	Dr. Peter Fendrich and Dr. George Grayson
District 8 (Hamilton/Wentworth)	Dr. Peter Kalman and Dr. Frank Stechey
District 11 (Toronto Central)	Dr. Marvin Klotz and Dr. Richard Speers
District 12 (Toronto East)	Dr. Hartley Kestenber and Dr. Gary Pitkin