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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 website 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.

National Registration Summit of Dental Regulators

The College is hosting a National Summit of dental regulators in Toronto on Feb. 16-18, 2007 to reach agreement on a uniform national protocol for a registration process for applicants from non-accredited dental faculties. The goal is to develop a protocol that will balance the need to ensure public safety and protection, while respecting the qualifications and expertise of the applicants. A report from the Summit will be presented to Council at its March 2007 meeting.

HPC Renewal Fee Change

Council approved, in principle, a \$25 reduction for HPC annual renewal fee for renewals received on or before July 31 each year. This proposed incentive is to encourage members to renew before the final cutoff date of August 31. The necessary by-law amendment will be circulated to all interested stakeholders for comment.

Approval of 2007 Operating Budget

Finance, Property and Administration Committee Chair Dr. Bohdan Kryshtalskyj presented the operating budget for 2007. During his presentation, he highlighted the excellent immediate and long-term financial position of the College. He thanked both Council and staff for their financial diligence that has led to an expansion of membership service and benefits, while securing the financial future of the organization.

Proposed Quality Assurance Regulation Withdrawn

Council unanimously passed a motion to advise the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care that the College wants to formally withdraw its proposed Quality Assurance Regulation. Almost nine years

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have passed and it has not yet been approved by government. The Quality Assurance Committee will prepare a new proposal after the proclamation of the amendments to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* to be presented by government soon. As QA Committee Chair Dr. Randy Lang explained, the lack of a regulation has not stopped the implementation of an extremely proactive QA program that emphasizes education and rehabilitation. The QA Committee has not conducted office visits for some time as they were found to be intrusive, of little benefit, and quite possibly a violation of the federal Charter of Rights and Freedom.

Two New Practice Advisories

Council approved two new practice advisories: one on the release and transfer of patient records and the other on the change of practice ownership. They replace existing Guidelines on the same topics. The new advisories will be circulated to membership with the February/March 2007 issue of *Dispatch*. An article in the same issue will highlight changes.

Retired Dentists Workshop

Based on the positive response to the results of a survey sent to 166 recently retired dentists from the College's database to gauge their interest in volunteering time and skills as a dentist, Council agreed to pay the travel expenses for interested dentists to attend a one-day workshop at the College. The workshop will explore ideas on providing basic dental services to underserved patients in seniors residences, palliative and long-term facilities, and in remote geographical locations. About 26 dentists indicated their interest in participating.

Dental Faculty Award Luncheons

The College has increased its current funding to the two dental faculties for the sponsorship of the graduating awards ceremony luncheons to a maximum of \$5,000 for each.

***Dispatch* Subscription for Retired Dentists**

Council approved a policy to provide a subscription to *Dispatch*, on request, at no charge to any former member of the College.

Council Dates for 2007

The dates for Council meetings for the next year are January 17 & January 18, May 10, and November 15.