

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: MEETING SUMMARY

FOR INFORMATION

This document provides a summary of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 4, 2022. The full minutes of this meeting will be approved at the next meeting and circulated.

Discussion and information items

Registrar Dan Faulkner and College staff provided the Executive Committee with several updates.

- Dan reported that the 2023 election and selection process is well underway. There will be two new appointments from the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, and Schulich School of Dentistry, Western University, for the next term of Council.
- Dan reported that negotiations continue with NDEB to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address College expectations and service standards of a third-party provider.
- Dan reported that former registrar Irwin Fefergrad is being presented with an award of recognition on behalf of Council.
- Staff reported that during the recent call for (self) nominations for the upcoming RCDSO election, there were no eligible applicants from District 9. The Executive Committee agreed that the decision should be deferred until January 2023 for the new-elected Council to determine whether to leave the seat vacant or appoint an eligible member to District 9.
- As a result of the discussion at the Executive Committee meeting in May 2022, the College ceased providing informal approval of any course referred to in the RCDSO Standard, “Performance of Intra-Oral Procedures that are not Controlled Acts by Preventive Dental Assistants, Level II Dental Assistants and Registered Dental Hygienists”.
- Susan Taylor, Director of Quality, reported on decisions made by the Quality Assurance Committee regarding course approvals for categories 1, 2 and 3 in the College’s Quality Assurance Program.
 - The College will only approve Category 1 core courses and will not review content for Category 2 or Category 3 core courses.
 - The scope of the College is limited to dentists only.
 - It is the responsibility of each dentist to use professional judgement when selecting their courses.
 - Dentists applying for authorization or renewal under the Facility Inspection Program (FIP) must submit an attestation confirming they have completed the requisite education and training.
- The Executive Committee was in full support to engage Mr. Hanno Weinberger as independent chair for Council meetings in 2023.

- Deputy Registrar, Andréa Foti, reported that the College is seeing an emerging trend with equity-based barriers to access oral healthcare for people who rely on social or government programs. Dan expressed concern with potential for human rights violations by practices and dentists refusing patients. He noted that he has flagged this issue with the CEO of the Ontario Dental Association (ODA). The Executive Committee agreed this is an important regulatory issue and will require engagement with dental faculties, the public and profession.
- Andréa outlined the streams of work and proposed activities for the College's access to care strategic project for 2023-2025. The Executive Committee provided comments in order to finalize information to present to Council at its meeting on December 1.
- Dan reported the reported that the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada is moving forward with the recommendations from the Governance Review Steering Committee.

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