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Mission Statement

The College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia,
in the best interest of the public,
regulates members, promotes excellence
in care and advances the profession.

Important Dates to Remember

March 23-24
CDHNS Council Meeting

April 8-14
National Dental Hygienists Week

April 14
CE Event "Empowering Yourself
in the Workplace"

May 23-26
Dalhousie Centennial Celebration

May 26
AGM Lunch and Business Meeting

Local Anaesthetic Course

This was originally sent in an email in January

Local anaesthetic is **not** a requirement for licensing or licence renewal in Nova Scotia. The decision to complete a course and administer anaesthetic as part of dental hygiene practice is determined by the individual member. Only members who have successfully completed an approved course and are authorized by the CDHNS to administer local anaesthetic may do so.

The administration of local anaesthetic by dental hygienists provides for efficiencies in delivery of dental hygiene care. As well it can provide efficiencies in overall delivery of dental care when practiced in collaboration with a dentist in preparation for dental procedures. In order to maximize on these efficiencies local anaesthetic courses must prepare dental hygienists for a full range of injection techniques.

In 2011 the CDHNS approved the first Local Anaesthetic Course offered to dental hygienists through Dalhousie Continuing Dental Education (CDE) as a pilot program and recognized members who completed the program. Since that time the CDHNS and CDE have cooperated in making changes to the local anaesthetic program which will enhance the offering and meet the requirements of the CDHNS.

Over the past year the CDHNS developed course requirements for local anaesthetic courses for dental hygienists. In the development of these requirements the CDHNS's primary concern was our mandate under the Dental Hygienists Act to protect the public by establishing, maintaining and developing standards for the education, knowledge, qualifications, professional responsibility and competence of its members and applicants for membership (DH Act s5 (iv)). The CDHNS is confident that courses which meet the requirements we have set out will ensure participants are competent to safely and effectively administer local anaesthetic agents in their practice according to the regulations in Nova Scotia.

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CDHNS GOVERNANCE

Ends Policies Prioritized

The ENDS (global objectives) of the CDHNS were prioritized at the last meeting of the CDHNS Council.

The prioritized major “ENDS” as of October 2011 are:

- 2.1 The public is assured of high quality dental hygiene care.
- 2.2 Health care professionals will optimize client care in all settings.
- 2.3 All people of Nova Scotia will have equitable access to preventative oral health care service provided by dental hygienists in a setting that meets the needs of the client or population.
- 2.4 The government of Nova Scotia will recognize dental hygienists as primary health care providers and will seek dental hygienists’ input and expertise on matters of oral health.
- 2.5 Members inspire value in the profession.

Ownership Linkage - AGM Membership 2011

The Council is accountable for the organization to all moral owners as a whole. The people of Nova Scotia are our moral and legal owners, our members are our owners as well. Other identified groups within the population are recognized as having various degrees of ownership in that they represent segments of the public who serve the profession or are groups the profession serves.

The Council attempts to gather ownership viewpoints and values in a way that reflects the diversity of its ownership. The Council takes into consideration the impacts of micro and macro trends and issues. Council then uses the ownership input and external trends and issues information to strengthen its “ENDS”.

At the 2011 AGM, members were asked to participate in an Ownership Linkage exercise designed to gather viewpoints and values of our owner members. The members attending the meeting divided into several groups and were asked to discuss one of the following two questions:

1. What is the role of the CDHNS as a regulatory body?
2. What is the role of the CDHNS for the dental hygienists of Nova Scotia?

Each smaller group was asked to record their main points in response to the question and report back to the whole group. Council members acted as group facilitators. The combined response from the groups was recorded and later categorized into themes.

Results

The themes for the first question on the role of the CDHNS as a Regulatory Body were: Public Protection, Safety through Continuing Education, Health Education for the Public, Serving the public, Collaboration and Future of the CDHNS.

The themes for the second question on the role of the CDHNS for the dental hygienists of Nova Scotia were: Communication, Practice Information, Working Independently, Continuing Education, Study Clubs, Membership Fees and Benefits, and the Resource Centre.

Council Actions

This compilation document was then reviewed by the CDHNS Council in October. A discussion on the results of the Ownership Linkage lead to an exercise where Council linked each of the member comments to one or more of the Council “ENDS”.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE REGISTRAR

Continuing Competency Committee

In this issue you will find a report from the new Continuing Competency Committee Chair Jackie White. Her report includes information on the CPR survey called for by the membership at the 2011 AGM. The Continuing Competency Committee met in February to complete the annual audit. As registrar I would like to add my thanks to Jackie's, to the past Chair Wendy Stewart and retiring Committee member Odette d'Eon. Both were invaluable in guiding the Committee through the first audit process.



2012 AGM

In this issue you will also see the official notice of the Annual General Meeting of the CDHNS. This is an important business meeting for members where election of Council members takes place and the Annual Report which includes the audit statements are received.

This year's AGM is planned to coincide with the Centennial Celebration of the Faculty of Dentistry and will be on Saturday, May 26. The AGM will be preceded by a Meet and Greet Lunch where members can catch up with their classmates and friends who are in town to attend Centennial Celebrations. (See details inside) We hope as many members as possible can join us.

Fair Registration Practices Act (FRPA)

In November 2011 the registrar attended the Fair Registration Practice Office Workshop. The Fair Registration Practices Review Officer presented the purpose of the office and the Fair Registration Practices Legislation. Basically it is legislation to ensure that regulated professions in Nova Scotia are governed by registration practices that are transparent, objective, impartial and procedurally fair. Registration practices - means the administrative steps taken by a regulatory body to process an application for registration. The Review Officer is appointed by the province and they have begun their process with a preliminary survey of all regulatory bodies to collect baseline data on registration. Under the FRPA regulatory bodies must provide details on all regulatory practices to the review officer and report on a scheduled basis. Colleges will be required to undergo a review as determined by the Review Officer. Colleges will need to demonstrate they are in compliance with the FRPA particularly in the area of Internal Reviews. Within CDHNS internal reviews of an applicant would be conducted by the Credentials Committee. The Committee has begun work on developing their processes. It is planned in the future that the Fair Registration Office will provide some support for Colleges to meet the requirements; one suggestion is they would hold workshops to train and educate internal review decision makers on conducting an internal review.

Two National Agreements also affect regulators: they are Chapter 7 of the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) and the Pan Canadian Framework for Foreign Credential Recognition. (see item below)

Internationally Educated Dental Professionals (IEDP) Work Group

The CDHNS has been asked to join a work group whose purpose is to address licensure challenges related to Internationally Educated Dental Professionals -including dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, dental technicians and denturists. This is a collaborative model initiative from the provincial government and the group is co-chaired by Jan Sheppard Kutcher, Nova Scotia Department of Labour & Advanced Education, Consultant International Labour Mobility (from ISIS on special project); and Bill MacInnis, Registrar, Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia. The group is comprised of representatives from the professions, education, employers, as well as members of the Immigrant Settlement and Integration Services. The first meeting took place on February 08, 2012. Similar work groups had been put in place for other professions in the province such as pharmacy and engineering. The perspectives and accomplishments of these two work groups were presented at the FRPA Workshop noted above.

Happy Spring!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Grant".

Patricia Grant, Registrar
March 2012.

Local Anaesthetic Con't....

Subject to our public protection mandate consideration was given to the needs of our members, existing standards in Canada, data on the utilization of dental hygienists administering local anaesthetic, labour mobility and the needs of employers. While we considered the requirements in other jurisdictions in Canada, recognition of a particular course in another jurisdiction cannot be determined until the course taken has been reviewed in a specific jurisdiction against the requirements there.

Institutions who are offering a local anaesthetic course and who wish to have their course approved by the CDHNS must meet these requirements and verify that the documents submitted to the CDHNS are a true representation of what was or will be presented at the course. The course being offered in May 2012 through Dalhousie CDE has met these requirements and the verification documents have been submitted to the CDHNS. With this documentation in place the CDHNS has approved the Dalhousie CDE the Local Anaesthetic Course for Dental Hygienists offered in May 2012.

The School of Dental Hygiene at Dalhousie University has incorporated local anaesthetic into the diploma and degree dental hygiene programs starting with the graduating classes of 2011.

Emailed from the Registrar: January 23, 2012

Governance Con't..

Council determined that all the comments from the AGM Ownership Linkage could be incorporated into the current "ENDS".

Examples of comments and ENDS linkage:

Question 1: What is the role of the CDHNS as a regulatory body?

Group Comments: Safety, Safe Environment, Continuing Competency, Competency of Members, Licensing Controls
"END "which relates to these: 2.1 The public is assured of high quality dental hygiene care.

Question 2: What is the role of the CDHNS for the dental hygienists of Nova Scotia?

Group Comments: Study clubs having a spot on the College website to promote discussions and invite other study clubs
Appropriate "ENDS" which relates: 2.5 Members inspire value in their profession.
 2.5.1 Members are supported by their College.

Budget projections and operational plans are developed based on the prioritized "ENDS" of the CDHNS. Programs, projects and activities are planned which work toward a reasonable interpretation of the "ENDS" and must be completed within the resources available and the boundaries of the legislation.

CDHNS Council

Remember

Update your contact information with the CDHNS!

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Would you like to change how you receive the Unison?

Contact the CDHNS at info@cdhns.ca

RESOURCES

Community Education Resource Centre

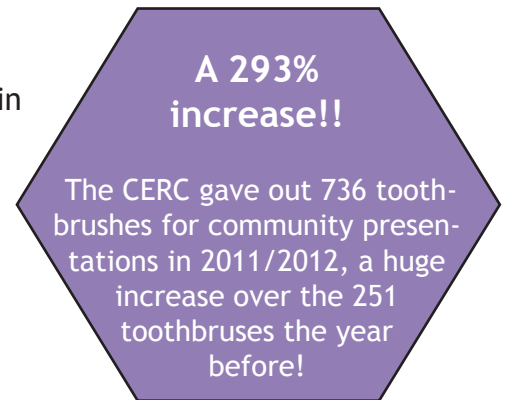
During the 2011/2012 year, the Community Education Resource Centre (CERC) was busy! Members all over the province accessed items from the resource centre including pamphlets, the Darby and Walsh Textbook, toothbrushes and floss. This year, we've increased the items for children's presentations to include pencils, tattoos, more activity sheets, more "big mouths" and big toothbrushes, and take home bags for the kids to bring information home to their parents.

April is Oral Health Month

Members are encouraged to take advantage of the CERC to obtain tools and materials for all community presentations!

The CERC continues to provide members with information and pamphlets on a wide range of health topics including diabetes, eating disorders, smoking cessation, and AIDS.

Thank you to all the volunteers on our roster who have taken the time to present health and dental hygiene related presentations to community groups all over Nova Scotia! Our volunteer roster has grown! We have increased our roster to eight members, but there is always room for more!



Oral Health for Total Health! ~ CDHA's Dental Hygienist Week slogan for 2012!

Did you know....

Nova Scotians can access materials from all university and community college libraries??

Become a Novanet user! Novanet users are able to borrow library materials, books, articles, etc. from any Novanet library throughout Nova Scotia and have items shipped to their local Novanet library. This means staying current with evidence based practice issues is now easier than ever!

To register, bring a couple of pieces of ID (including your public library card) to register at any university or community college library in your area. Your public library card can be used as your Novanet card. Once registered you will be able to sign in and borrow materials from throughout Nova Scotia, including the Killam and Kellogg libraries at Dalhousie. Shipping between Novanet libraries is usually free and can be as quick as a few days. Document Delivery Services allows electronic delivery for articles and copies.

More information can be found at

Dalhousie University: http://libraries.dal.ca/locations_services/services/document_deliveryservices/off_campus_borrowers.html

Novanet: http://aleph1.novanet.ns.ca/F/?func=find-b-0&local_base=U-NOV01

WHMIS and Dental Hygienists

There have been many requests for more information on WHMIS standards by CDHNS members. The CDHNS has welcomed members' questions and has delved into the issue to find more information....

WHMIS at CDHNS

The CDHNS does not have a requirement for WHMIS for either licensing or registration purposes. There is no minimum amount of times that a WHMIS course must be completed each Continuing Competency cycle; however, WHMIS is accepted for continuing education credits within Category 1. The CE Committee understands that most members will complete a course online, at their own pace, and members will need to claim the actual length of time it took to complete the course, generally 2 to 4 credit hours are accepted. Currently there is not a maximum number of credits you can claim in one cycle; however, the Continuing Competency Committee will be discussing this at their next meeting. If you take a WHMIS course in person, the length of the course is printed on your certificate or receipt and you must obtain a Certificate of Attendance. A Certificate of Completion is needed to claim Continuing Education credits.

WHMIS in the Workplace

According to Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems Regulations, each employer is responsible for administering WHMIS training to their employees who may store, handle, use, or dispose of a controlled product. This training must meet both general and workplace specific materials to ensure the safety of everyone in the workplace, including Material Safety Data Sheets, labels, and how to properly identify and handle

the product. If OH&S finds the training inadequate, the employer must provide proper training and assume all costs. When new materials are introduced into the workplace, the employer must review the WHMIS training. If there are no new materials, then the policy need to be reviewed annually. This does not mean that WHMIS training is required each year, only that the employer must reassess the needs of their employees.

Employers are responsible for having updated Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) accessible to employees and the occupational health and safety committee, if there is one. All MSDS must be updated every three years or within 90 days of new hazard information becoming known. If new data sheets are not available, employers must update the data sheets with the information that is known to the employer. MSDS can be stored on computers as long as employees know how to find them and must be able to be distributed on paper within twenty-four hours.

All workplaces with more than twenty employees must have a Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee, while workplaces with less than twenty must have a designated Health and Safety Representative.

A copy of the WHMIS Regulations can be found at: www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/regs/ohs6489.htm

The Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre has launched a new website with online resources available to download and reprint.

Oral Care in continuing Care Settings: Collaborating to Improve Policies and Practice

This research focuses on oral health care for frail and dependent older adults with particular emphasis on daily mouth care.

For printable and video resources go to: <http://www.ahprc.dal.ca/projects/oral-care/>

Second Hand Smoke, Children and Dental Caries

By Julie Polito, RDH, EFDA & Pamela Wilson, CDA, RDH

“The link between second hand smoke (SHS) and increased childhood caries is not only a very real concern, but a vital risk that parents and caregivers must be made aware. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that “almost one-half of the world’s children (nearly 700 million) are exposed to tobacco smoke from the 1.2 billion adults who smoke, and the majority of exposure takes place at home”(Ausar, Darka, Topaloglu & Bek, 2008). Leroy, Hoppenbrouwers, Jara and Declerck (2008) state that “ETS has immunosuppressive properties and is a known risk factor for infections of the ‘cranial organs;’ it is not surprising that children exposed to ETS are at an increased risk for dental caries, which is also an oral infectious disease”. It is the opinion of the current authors that healthcare providers have an obligation to educate the public that SHS negatively affects children’s oral health by increasing the risk of caries. The goal of this article is threefold: 1) raise awareness that SHS is a contributing factor to childhood caries via compromised natural protective agents in the child; 2) increase awareness that children’s immune systems are more susceptible to toxic chemicals in SHS; 3) provide dental professionals with research that verifies the link between SHS exposure and a higher incidence of caries so they can educate their patients accordingly.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has introduced the shocking statistic that dental caries is the most common chronic childhood disease in the United States (Arora, Weuve, Schwartz & Wright, 2008). The fact that one of the most preventable diseases is rated as the most common in today’s society in the U.S., is both astonishing and disappointing. It (SHS) is also one of the two major causes of school absenteeism, next to asthma (Shashikiran, Reddy, & Krishnam, 2007). For the

sake of children’s oral health, parents and caregivers should be made aware of the severity of risks that can surface with this preventable disease.

The chemical make-up of SHS is the primary culprit and a causative factor of dental caries in exposed children. Nicotine promotes the growth of cariogenic *Streptococcus mutans* bacteria; a susceptible child inhaling SHS is a victim to these microorganisms (Ausar et al., 2008). Tobacco smoke generates free radicals that affect both the active and the passive smoker. Free radicals are known to damage lipids, proteins and DNA, contributing to their involvement in cardiovascular disease and cancer. “Vitamin C is an important plasma antioxidant; it scavenges free radicals efficiently” (Leroy et al., 2008). When a Vitamin C deficiency is combined with the vulnerable enamel of a small child, the risk of caries is dramatically increased.

The compelling results of multiple studies reinforce the need for further education to parents and caregivers. Health care providers are ultimately responsible for providing this less commonly known information to susceptible parties. A vigilant effort to spread these vital statistical facts can potentially help facilitate the childhood caries rate to be significantly reduced.

You can view this full article and more, free online at: <http://www.qmags.com/2FE116131442601116198DA41B1630B7DC2FF14D32F.htm>
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<http://bettertobreathe.com/>

Bettertobreathe.com is a blog created for and by youth and young adults from across the country in order to promote tobacco free lifestyles. Launched in October 2011, bettertobreathe.com is a space where members from the Youth Action Committee and the Young Adult Action Team (in partnership with Health Canada and the Students Commission of Canada) can log on and share articles, pictures, thoughts, and ideas on how and why youth and young adults should choose to live tobacco free.

“We are very excited to share our blog with anyone and everyone so please share with your networks and encourage others to follow, comment and share widely!”

For more information or to become a guest blogger, please contact Amy Hache at Amy.Hache@snb.ca

Continuing Competency Committee Report

The Continuing Competency Committee met on February 4, 2012 for their annual audit. Of the 17 audits performed, 12 were complete and 5 were incomplete. The CDHNS has contacted those whose audits were incomplete.

After the last AGM of the CDHNS, the Continuing Competency Committee gave you, the members, the ability to give us your input on what you thought the values for your CPR recertification should be. We heard from approximately 73% of our members. We thank all of you for your feedback. We are listening! As a result, we are pleased to announce that, after reviewing the information gathered, we will now permit a maximum of 9 CE credits per three year cycle, up from the previous 7 CE credits. Effective April 1, 2012, we will require that all members get a Certificate of Attendance signed by the provider of the CPR course, including the number of hours of participation. A copy of the Certificate of Attendance is included with this edition of the Unison and also available on our website at www.cdhns.ca for you to print.

Of particular note, the Continuing Competency Committee wants to remind all members to make sure you get a Certificate of Attendance signed when you attend any activity that you want to use for Continuing Competency credits, whether it be for study club activity, CPR recertification, participation on health-related committees, or any other course that you feel would be eligible for credits under the Guidelines. Continue to familiarize yourselves with the guidelines, also found on the College's website.

Only those members who were licensed with the CDHNS on May 15, 2009 are eligible to carry over points for the Self-Initiation Course. If you have not already done so, please submit your request to CDHNS if you wish to carry over any or all credits. Please inform CDHNS of the number of credits that you wish to carry over. Credits from the Self Initiation course **only** can be carried over, and only once from your first to your second cycle. All initial members will have completed their first cycle by December 31st of this year. You will not be able to request credits be carried over to a third cycle. There will be no exceptions. All documentation must be kept for your first two cycles should you be audited.

Finally, the Continuing Competency Committee would like to thank Odette d'Eon and Wendy Stewart for their hard work and contribution to the Continuing Competency Committee since it began in 2009. We wish you both the best in your future endeavours! We are currently actively recruiting for their replacements and hope to have them in place by our next meeting in November. Thank you to Cheryl d'Entremont and Alison Craig for continuing to volunteer your time with the Continuing Competency Committee, and to Jenn MacKay and Patricia Grant for receiving and directing member questions appropriately for review.

Thanks everyone, and Happy Spring!

Submitted by,

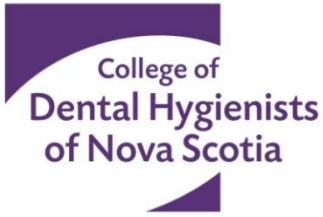
Jackie White
Chair
Continuing Competency Committee

Remember !!

The Continuing Competency Event
"Empowering Yourself In the Workplace"
on April 14, 2012 at the NSCC Waterfront Campus.

Contact the CDHNS at
info@cdhns.ca/902-444-7241
for information and registration.

Deadline March 30, 2012



CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This is to confirm the attendance of _____
at the following continuing competency session:

COURSE TITLE: _____

PRESENTER'S NAME: _____

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

Signature: _____

Official Capacity: _____

Print and make copies of the above Certificate of Attendance
and bring it to all presentations, courses, speakers, conferences
and any Continuing Education that you attend!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dental Hygiene Student Table Clinics

Good job! Well done!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 Student Table Clinics

1st place - Jillian Dowhaniuk and Noele Lamarche “Halitosis: A Predictor of Ovulation”. Advisor: C. Robb

2nd place - Emily Ramsay and Chelsea Rankin “Swimmer’s Teeth: Staining and Erosion: Who is at Risk?”. Adviosr: C. Robb

3rd place - Falyn Reynolds and Holly Johnson “Saliva Testing: Early Prediction of Periodontal Disease”. Advisor: N. Neish

4th place - Heidi O’Brien and Michelle Ravlo “Omega 3: Is It Just a Fish Tale?”. Advisor: H. Doucette

The CDHNS would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dawna Ernst Henry RDH for her hard work and dedication to Pocket Calendar for the last 10 years.

Originally produced strictly through cost recovery of advertising dollars, the CDHNS Pocket Calendar saw its final printing this year.

On behalf of the entire membership, the CDHNS Council would like to thank Wendy Stewart RDH who has recently completed her term as a Governor for the National Dental Hygiene Certification Board.

We wish to thank you for your dedication and commitment on a job very well done.

CPR Certificate Remittance Reminder!

CDHNS members must send in their new CPR certificate before the licence renewal deadline of October 15, 2012. Licences will not be sent out without complete documentation, including CPR certificates.

CPR must be completed within 12 months of licence renewal and must be either HCP or Level C, preferably with AED.

When you have completed your CPR course, you may send your CPR certificate to the CDHNS at that time, or you may wait until you send in your Application for Licence Renewal; however, please ensure that the CPR course that you take will allow you to receive your permanent CPR card in time to forward to the CDHNS by the deadline.

Are you always in-the-know about...

new practice ideas?

updated health messages?

fresh information?

The Community Education Resource Centre is looking for a willing member to review the current materials, explore new and innovative ideas, and to update any information that is so old - it is no longer relevant.

If you would like the opportunity to be our **Practice Advisor** and update the materials and messaging in the Community Education Resource Centre, contact the CDHNS at info@cdhns.ca

Attention Dalhousie Class of '87

Heather Vesey would like to organize a 25th class reunion for the DH class of '87 during the Dal Dentistry 100 celebration.

She has been unable to locate several members so could all DHs from this class email her at heatherv@nbnet.nb.ca.

Name Tags!!

After our successful name tag campaign last summer, several members have requested that we re-offer the CDHNS name tags. If you were not able to order one, this is your last chance!

The name tags will...
be \$5.00 each
use magnets and not pins
be available for order until April 30, 2012

We will not be offering them again, so please take advantage of this great deal!

To order:
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of name tags: _____

Send Payment:
CDHNS
26-2625 Joseph Howe Drive
Halifax NS B3L 4G4

Pictou County CPR Recertification August 2012

Date: Saturday August 25, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Public Health Community Health Centre, 690 East River Road, New Glasgow

Course: Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada
Health Care Provider Level C with AED - recertification

Registration By Email: r.b@ns.sympatico.ca
By Phone: (902) 396-3152

Cost: \$30.00

Registration deadline: August 14, 2012
Registration is required as space is limited and
pre course materials will be distributed.

The CDHNS requires confirmation of recertification be received
by the CDHNS office no later than October 15 in order to be
processed on time for licensure.
Course completion confirmation will be available at the course.

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May 23-26, 2012

Join us for our Centennial!

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- Celebratory Dinner
- Continuing Education Courses
- Class Reunions
- Golf Tournament
- and much, much more!

We are pleased to partner with the Nova Scotia Dental Association, who will be hosting their Annual Business Meeting and Honours & Awards Luncheon in conjunction with the Centennial schedule.



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CDHNS Minutes Annual General Meeting

June 12, 2011 at 10am
Quality Inn & Suites Halifax
980 Parkland Drive

1. Attendance

Approximately 200 members gathered at the Quality Inn and Suites, located in Halifax NS to be a part of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia's second annual general meeting.

2. Presidents Address and Welcome

Karen Wolf, Chair of the CDHNS Council addressed the gathering and welcomed the members.

3. Greetings from CDHA

Palmer Nelson, president of the CDHA addressed the membership and brought greetings from the national association.

4. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am

5. Announcements

Patricia Grant, Registrar of the CDHNS, made several housekeeping and College announcements.

6. Approval of Agenda

6.1 Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. Move Wendy Stewart, and seconded Amy Gough, Motion approved by consensus.

7. Approval of June 5, 2010 minutes

The minutes from the June 5, 2010 meeting were read aloud as it was difficult to see the projection for those seated at the back of the room.

7.1 Motion to approve the minutes was put forward by Cathy Acker and seconded by Dianne Chalmers. The minutes were approved by consensus.

7.2 Motion to amend the minutes of June 5, 2010 on page 2, item 3 Representative Annual Reports received for information, to read "it was discussed" rather than "it is agreed"

Moved by Burglind Blei, seconded by Marion Taylor, the amended minutes were approved by consensus.

It was agreed that the minutes will be printed in the spring edition of the Unison Newsletter prior to the AGM meeting.

8. Volunteer list

Members were encouraged to sign up to volunteer and participate in the CDHNS process.

9. Annual Report

The annual report was available for the members at the registration desk, and several key items were addressed by the Chair, Karen Wolf, and the Registrar, Patricia Grant.

The registrar included in her remarks a review of the CDHNS's role as the regulatory body and subject to that; to promote the profession. She remarked on the format of the report, that it is a public document so it is important that it explain the role of the College as well as record the business of the CDHNS for the past year. It profiles how the CDHNS relates to its owners: the public and the membership.

Following discussions regarding CPR requirements, a motion was brought forward from the floor.

9.1 Motion: To have the Continuing Competency Committee send out a survey to membership to review point allocation and category selection for CPR Certification. Mover: Burglind Blei, Seconded: Rosemary Bourque, approved by consensus.

10. Auditor's Report

The report of the auditor Henri Michaud of Wilde Timmons Michaud Inc. Chartered Accountants as approved by the Council was presented on the screen and reviewed by the registrar for the information of the membership. During the past year the CDHNS has established a reserve fund to finance contingencies related to the costs of disciplinary matters. This is consistent with most comparable regulatory and discipline bodies.

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The opinion of the auditors is recorded as “In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia as at April 30, 2011, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.” The audit statements are posted on the CDHNS website after the AGM.

11. Report of the Nominations Committee

The Chair presented the nominations slate as provided for Council positions:

All nominees were declared elected by acclamation:

Sara Harding - re-elected for a second two year term 2011- 2013

Joyce Lind - elected for two year term 2011 - 2013

Ann MacArthur - elected for two year term 2011 - 2013

Joanne Noye - re-elected for two year term 2011 -2013

Wendy Stewart - re-elected for second two year term 2011 - 2013

Rosemary Bourque - re-elected to complete a one year term 2011 - 2012

All returning and new members were welcomed to Council.

12. Awards and thank you

Two out-going council members Stephanie Stevens and Dianne Chalmers were honoured with certificates of distinction for their service to the CDHNS and to the previous NSDHA, presented by Council Chair Karen Wolf. CDHA representative Wanda Fedora was thanked for her service and advice to council and was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

13. New Business Ownership Linkage with members

Wanda Fedora introduced the ownership linkage activity under new business. This included the members breaking into groups each with a council member acting as facilitator. The groups tasked with discussing the CDHNS's role to protect the public, and to represent the membership. Members had the opportunity to express concerns they currently have, a wish list of where they'd like to see improvements, and what they appreciate about the contributions the CDHNS is undertaking. Each group reported back to the whole assembly. The information will be compiled and act as building blocks to future Council discussions on goals or Ends, that will be used to build the vision to direct our College.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35.

Register for the 2012 Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be in the Scotiabank Theatre,
Marion McCain Arts & Social Sciences Building, Dalhousie Campus
Saturday, May 26, 2012 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

A lunch will be served from 12:00-1:30pm in the lobby prior to the meeting for a nominal cost of \$15.00

Pre-registration is required by May 15, 2012

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NOMINATIONS SLATE 2012

The following CDHNS members have been nominated according to the rules set out and have accepted the nomination for election to the CDHNS Council at the AGM on May 26, 2012. Each nominee was asked to submit a brief biography and a statement of intent. The following names have offered for the four positions opening on Council.

1. **Simone d'Entremont** Pubnico Dalhousie 2009

Simone graduated with her Bachelor of Dental Hygiene in 2010. She is currently working as a clinical dental hygienist in general dentistry and orthodontics.

Statement of Intent: I am interested in serving on the CDHNS Council to become actively involved in the growth of the Dental Hygiene Profession. I hope to be able to contribute ideas and suggestions that will help create a positive future for our profession.

2. **Francine Leach** Halifax Algonquin College 2005

Francine comes from a dental assisting background before graduating from dental hygiene in 2005. She has been the student representative for the National Assistant Exam Board for three years consisting of Chair of Appeals Committee (2000 - 2003). She currently works in general practice.

Statement of Intent: After being approached to join a women's charity group, I decided that I would instead give my volunteer time to my own profession! I have a keen interest in learning more about our professional regulatory body, and how it effects the members and the general public.
It is an exciting time to be a Dental Hygienist in Nova Scotia!

3. **Angie Parker** Enfield Dalhousie 1994

Angie has a Bachelor and Masters of Education (1990 and 2009 respectfully) as well as a Diploma in Dental Hygiene. She has experience in both periodontal offices and as a Dalhousie University dental hygiene instructor.

Statement of Intent: Would like to be active and informed in my profession and to have a say in the direction that the profession is taking. Also, to represent the interests of my colleagues.

4. **Donna Samson** Louisdale Dalhousie 1991

Donna has working in private practice settings in British Columbia, where she practiced local anaesthetic, and Nova Scotia before becoming a Public Health Dental Hygienist in 2000. She is currently employed in a management position in the District Health Authority and continues to practice clinically. Donna volunteers in her parish as a teacher, in the choir, and as a chaperone. She sits on a variety of professional committees including Quality, Accreditation & Occupational Health and Safety.

Statement of Intent: I am standing for election to the CDHNS Council as I personally would like to be more involved in and informed of issues related to my profession. I think my various experiences in private practice, public health, and now management will bring a different and unique perspective to the table.

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