



# COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

## **Council Highlights**

*From the 75th Meeting held Friday, March 21, 2014*

### **2014-2015 CDO Budget**

Council waived the compulsory increase (based on the consumer price index) for all fees set out in the By-laws and approved the proposed budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year which commences on April 1, 2014. The budget will cover the College's operating costs and provide for a modest reserve as recommended by the College's auditor.

### **Proposed Spousal Exception Regulation**

Council has approved for circulation to members and stakeholders a proposed spousal exception regulation which was discussed at the 74<sup>th</sup> Council meeting in December. The proposed regulation would permit denturists to treat their spouses, thereby exempting such treatment from the sexual abuse provisions of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.

### **The New Qualifying Examination**

The development of the case scenarios by the Objectively Structured Clinical Examination Working Group (OSCE-WG) is going very well. The participants have received training on how to develop scenarios for the clinical and lab stations using the National Competency Profile for Denturists as the foundation. These stations (each ten minutes) are now undergoing fine-tuning with the assistance and expertise of the Standard Patient Program at the University of Toronto. Discussions around logistics and selecting a suitable site in which to host the QE have begun with various options being considered. A call to members who may wish to volunteer with the QE as either standard setters or assessors will be posted on the website in the near future. At this point, it is anticipated that the qualifying examination will be held in the second week in July 2014 with a day of rest in between the multiple-choice component and the OSCE component. The fee has been set at \$800 for the multiple choice and \$3200 for the OSCE plus applicable taxes.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> the College held an information session for any candidate who may be eligible to sit the QE. Approximately 60 prospective candidates attended and they received an overview on the National Competency Profile for Denturists and its significance with respect for providing the blueprint for the QE. The session also covered the "what, why and how" of OSCE stations and included showing the attendees videos of OSCE's from another regulated health profession. Questions were answered and the attendees were advised that the College would have more information posted on the website as it becomes available. There would also be a mandatory candidate orientation session prior to the examination.

### **Other Matters**

Council approved the 2012-2013 Annual Report and it can be found on the College's website. Council has set the following dates for the next Council meetings: June 20, 2104, September 26, 2014, December 12, 2014 and March 6, 2015.