



COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

Council Highlights

From the 78th Meeting held Friday, December 12, 2014

New Public Member

Council welcomed Ivan McFarlane, Ph.D. as the newest public appointment to the College. Dr. McFarlane is Senior Fellow at Massey College, a former part-time Lecturer with Trinity College, University of Toronto and a former Professor teaching Sociology and Political Science courses at Centennial College. He comes to this College with substantial regulatory experience as he was a member of the Council of the College of Psychologists of Ontario from 2005 to 2014. His community involvement has included serving as past President of 211/Findhelp Information Services Toronto, a former Director of Moore Park Residents' Association and a former member of the Trinity College Board of Trustees. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy, a Master of Laws and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Toronto.

The Transparency Principles

Council had received an introduction at the June 2014 meeting to the Transparency Principles developed and adopted by the Advisory Group of Regulatory Excellence (this group consists of five health regulatory colleges who have a long history of self-regulation and share expertise in the regulation of professions with scopes of practice that pose significant risk of harm to the public—nurses, physicians and surgeons, dental surgeons, pharmacists and optometrists). The same Transparency Principles are referred to by Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins's letter to the health regulatory colleges as a foundation upon which to build with respect to its decision-making processes when executing our public interest mandate. The key message from the Minister is for colleges to consider how enhanced transparency will guide patients/the public to be able to make informed choices and decisions about their health care and health care provider. Council adopted the Transparency Principles and they are posted on the CDO's website.

Registration and Qualifying Examination Policies

Council passed a number of policies relating to the College's registration and qualifying examination process which are in-line with the Office of the Fairness Commissioner's recommendations in its Registration Practices Assessment Report. The policies include policies on credential authentication, access to applicant's application record and retention of those records, revised criminal background check report, language proficiency requirements, and appealing the qualifying examination results.

The Curriculum Advisory Committee's (CAC) Proposal to Denturist Regulatory Bodies in Canada

The CAC is an independent standing committee of the Denturist Association of Canada (DAC) whose mandate is to review educational denturism programs (at Canadian post-secondary institutions) using a defined set of program requirements and on-site visits. The CAC is proposing to become an autonomous body from the DAC and is seeking endorsement from the denturism regulators for the concept to establish a separate not-for-profit entity called the Denturism Accreditation Commission of Canada as well as financial support on an annual basis to support this new accreditation body.

The regulatory body for denturism in British Columbia and Alberta respectively expressed an interest in reviewing the proposal jointly with the CDO, and crafting a position paper for the Council in each of the three provinces for their consideration. They proposed a tripartite task force consisting of the three registrars and a Council member from each jurisdiction. Council appointed Council members Keith Collins (professional member) and Hanno Weinberger (public member) to sit with the registrar on the taskforce.

Proposed Spousal Exception Regulation

The proposed spousal exception regulation was circulated to members and other stakeholders for the required 60 day consultation period as well as posted on the Government's regulatory registry. Council reviewed the feedback with the College's legal counsel, and there were no substantive changes required to the proposed draft regulation. Council approved the proposed Spousal Exception Regulation, and it can be submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

New Office Premises

The Registrar was pleased to report that all arrangements for subleasing the College's office space at 180 Bloor Street West and leasing the new office space at 365 Bloor Street East were in place. The College will move to its new location on March 1. Some renovations will need to be undertaken (costs will be covered by the landlord as part of the negotiated leasehold improvements) however, they will be done over the summer months.