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Registrar's New Year Message

At a time that is filled with the promise of the coming year, it is my sincere pleasure to write this message to you as the newly appointed Registrar and CEO for the College of Denturists.

For many, the New Year serves as a punctuation mark of sorts. A time to reflect on past accomplishments and a time to create a vision for the future. This is not just an opportunity for us individually but also an opportunity for the College to reflect on these elements.

The College, its Council and Committees have accomplished much over the past year. The Essential Competencies for Denturism Practice were defined and adopted by Council, extensive by-law changes were undertaken and approved by Council, many Standards of Practice were developed, and Quality Assurance and Jurisprudence program development initiatives are underway.

All of these support the College in carrying out its legislative mandate related to the regulation of Denturists in Ontario. There is more to come! In 2016, the College will continue in its development of this strong framework from which the regulation of the profession of denturism in the public interest can proceed.

It's important to note that, while the College Council, its Committees and College staff do the "heavy lifting" with respect to policy and operations, your participation as a member of your self regulating profession- for example by serving on College committees or working groups; or completing surveys and engaging in consultations- is important and valued.

At this time of the year when many of us develop aspirations or resolutions for the coming year, I would ask that you commit to becoming engaged in some way in the process of self-regulation. Run for office, join a Committee, provide feedback on consultations when requested, or just get in touch. The College is always interested in your comments and insights. Even when you don't like what we're doing or you think we are getting it wrong – get in touch.

As I begin my tenure as Registrar, I look forward to working with you, in a cooperative and respectful way to ensure the CDO can effectively meet its mandate to serve and protect the public interest and facilitate access to safe, quality and ethical care. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for the College and the profession.

Best wishes to you and your family for the coming year. May you enjoy prosperity and good health.

Sincerely,

Dr. Glenn Pettifer
Registrar and CEO