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# **Registrar's Announcement** New Public Member Appointed to Council and Council Election Results for Districts 6, 7 & 8

Dear Registered Denturists & Stakeholders,

COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

I am very pleased to provide you with an update regarding the addition of the following outstanding individuals to the College Council.

## New Public Member



#### Mr. Michael Bakshy, Public Member

The College has received an Order in Council appointing Mr. Michael Bakshy to the College Council. Mr. Bakshy is the latest addition to the group of individuals who generously serve on the College Council as Public Appointees.

Michael Bakshy obtained his Honours Bachelor of Science (Mental Health Studies Specialist) degree from the University of Toronto in 2018 and is a Founder/Co-owner of Shalom Home Care. Founded in 2016, Shalom Home Care provides home care services and mental health support. Mr. Bakshy oversees general operations of the facility and works closely with the board of directors.

Michael Bakshy currently volunteers with Welcome Community Care and has also volunteered with the Jewish Russian Community Centre, and Friendship Circle. He speaks English, Russian, and Hebrew.

Michael Bakshy began a one-year term on April 1, 2021.

The College is very fortunate to have Mr. Bakshy join Council and share his knowledge and experience as a member of the public in the province.

# Council Election Results for Districts 6, 7 & 8

I am pleased to provide the results of the 2021 Election for Districts 6, 7 & 8.



#### **District 6 – Abdelatif Azzouz, Denturist (Acclaimed)**

Latif Azzouz graduated from George Brown College from the Denturism Program in 2007. Since then, he has been providing denture services in a dental office in Toronto.

Throughout his years of practice, he has also been involved with the College of Denturists of Ontario. He served on many committees, such as Qualifying Board Exam, Quality Assurance, Registration, Fitness to Practice, and Discipline. He was a member of the team that created the new qualifying exam as he was involved in OSCE interactive and non-interactive stations development. In addition, he had the opportunity to be an item writer for the written exam. For

the last two years he has been serving as a member of the Conduct Committee at the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario as well.

Latif Azzouz begins his second three-year term on June 18, 2021.



### District 7 – Joseph Whang, Denturist (Acclaimed)

Born and raised in Toronto, Joey graduated at George Brown College, School of Dental Health with honors in 2018. He is the lead denturist at Han & Mang Dentistry Professional Cooperation for McKenzie Denture Clinic located in Peterborough, Ontario.

Joey is a firm believer of giving back to his profession, he currently serves on various committees with the College of Denturists of Ontario and the Denturist Association of Ontario: Registration Committee, Quality Assurance Committee, and Fee-Guide committee.

During his free time, he enjoys the outdoors, cooking and spending time with family. His latest obsession – air frying.

Joey Whang begins a three-year term on June 18, 2021.



#### **District 8 – Elizabeth Gorham-Matthews, Denturist (Acclaimed)**

Elizabeth graduated from the Denturist program at GBC in 2000. She attended the University of Guelph prior to that and received a Bachelor of Science. Growing up in Northern Ontario created the draw for her to return to practice in the community in which she grew up. Elizabeth has had the pleasure of working and serving the community over the past 21 years. She and her family also have a farm and enjoy the outdoors whatever the season whether it be snowmobiling, atv-ing, kayaking, hiking and cross-country skiing.

The past several years Elizabeth has been a non-Council Chair of the Registration Committee and

a member of the Patient Relations Committee. Elizabeth reports that this work with the College has been a rewarding experience, providing her with the opportunity to interact with fellow denturists, passionate public members of Council and the College staff.

In addition to time volunteering for the College, Elizabeth is an active member of her children's school council, a director with the local Agricultural Society, President of her local Lions Club and Council member for her local municipal council.

She looks forward to her new role as Council member with the College of Denturists.

Elizabeth Gorham-Matthews begins a three-year term on June 18, 2021.

On behalf of the College and Council, a huge thank you to these individuals for their willingness to stand for election to Council or, as with Mr. Bakshy, consider and accept a public appointment. All of the work by these talented individuals is central to the mandate of the College and their willing participation is essential to the process of professional self-regulation.

Sincerely,

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