

October 13, 2022

CDRAF Board of Directors Report

The CDRAF Board of Directors is pleased to present this update on activities during the past 12 months.

The Board held four meetings (3 virtual and one in person with some remote attendance) during the last 12 months as well as ad hoc meetings of Registrars to share information and resources.

1. National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE)

The National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) gave notice that it would not be able to continue administration of the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE) but agreed to offer the 2023 examination.

The CDRAF Board has met with the Royal College of Dentists (RCDC) and NDEB who have agreed to work collaboratively on developing a National Assessment for the Certification of Dental Specialists that would be administered by RCDC with input from NDEB. CDRAF provided a list of requirements for an assessment as part of the national certification for dental specialists. At the request of CDRAF, RCDC and NDEB are finalizing a proposal.

CDRAF struck a Working group with RCDC and NDEB for the purpose of providing assistance in the development of a national assessment. The CDRAF members of that Working group are Caroline Daoust, Daniel Faulkner, Maurice Coady, Chris Hacker and Jack Gerrow. The working group has met twice to date.

2. National Dental Specialty Recognition

The application from the Canadian Academy of Dental Anaesthesia (CADA) was widely circulated to stakeholders in February. Comments received were forwarded to CADA for feedback and reply. All feedback has been provided to the CDRAF Board and DRA Councils and Boards, The intent is for the application to be reviewed at the October 13, 2022 meeting of the CDRAF Board.

3. National Competency Standards for General Dentists

A working group comprised of one representative from each of the CDRAF, ACFD, CDAC and NDEB developed a draft framework that was widely circulated to stakeholders. The feedback will be reviewed by the working group and brought back to the CDRAF Board for approval. Following approval, the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) will be requested to include the document in its Accreditation Standards.

4. Commission on Dental Accreditation (CDAC) Independence

There have been several reports provided to CDRAF on the work of the CDAC Governance Steering Group Committee (GSGC) and its transition to independence. A proposal was provided to CDRAF for feedback. Each DRA is being asked to provide its comments on the proposal.

There are ongoing discussions with CDAC on the proposal.

5. CDRAF Strategic Plan

The CDRAF Board deferred developing its strategic plan for 2023-2026 during the pandemic until members had an opportunity to meet in-person. In the meantime, it revised its current strategic plan to be in effect until the end of 2022.

On August 19, 2022, the CDRAF Board and DRA representatives met in Montreal to develop the strategic plan for 2023-2026.

A working group of the CDRAF Board (Caroline Daoust, Daniel Faulkner, Arun Misra and Jack Gerrow) has approved final revisions and a draft strategic plan will be provided to the Board at the October 13, 2022 meeting for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Daoust
Chair