

# CANADIAN DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FEDERATION

## MINUTES OF MEMBERS MEETING

Friday, October 15, 2021  
Via Zoom videoconference

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A meeting of the CDRAF Members took place on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EDT.

### **MEMBERS:**

(\*Voting member)

#### British Columbia:

- \*Dr. Chris Hacker, Registrar, College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia

#### Alberta:

- \*Dr. Randall Croutze, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Dental Association and College
- Dr. Mintoo Basahti, President, Alberta Dental Association and College

#### Manitoba:

- \*Dr. Arun Misra, Registrar, Manitoba Dental Association

#### Ontario:

- Mr. Daniel Faulkner, Registrar, (CDRAF Treasurer) Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario
- Ms. Andréa Foti, Assistant Registrar, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario
- \*Dr. Sandy Venditti, President, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

#### Quebec:

- \*Ms. Caroline Daoust, Directrice générale et secrétaire, (CDRAF Vice-Chair), L'Ordre des dentistes du Québec
- Dr. Guy LaFrance, President, L'Ordre des dentistes du Québec

#### New Brunswick:

- \*Dr. Joy Carmichael, Past-President, New Brunswick Dental Society
- Mr. Dan Leger, Registrar, (CDRAF Chair) New Brunswick Dental Society

Nova Scotia:

- \*Dr. Doug Mackey, Registrar, Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia

Prince Edward Island:

- \*Dr. Maurice Coady, Registrar, (CDRAF Chair), Dental Council of Prince Edward Island

Newfoundland and Labrador:

- \*Dr. Paul O'Brien, Registrar, Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Board

**STAFF:**

Dr. Jack Gerrow, CDRAF Executive Director

Ms. Angie Sherban, CDRAF Executive Assistant

**REGRETS:**

Dr. Gerry Uswak, Registrar, College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan

**MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:**

Dr. Paul Andrews, President, Canadian Dental Specialties Association

Dr. Nancy Auyeung, CDRAF representative to CDAC

Dr. Cathia Bergeron, Vice-President, Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry

Ms. Lee Callan, Interim Director, Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada

Dr. Marie Dagenais, Registrar/Executive Director, National Dental Examining Board of Canada

Karyn Leslie, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Government of Yukon

Colonel Jean-Pierre Picard, Deputy Director, General Health Services

(Clinical), Chief Dental Officer, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Dental Corps.

Dr. Benoit Soucy, Director, Clinical and Scientific Affairs, Canadian Dental Association

Dr. James Taylor, Chief Dental Officer of Canada

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Coady called the meeting to order at 11:00 am EDT. He reported that Dr. Martin Gillis retired as the Registrar of the Provincial Dental Board of

Nova Scotia (PDBNS) and thanked him for his service on the CDRAF Board. He welcomed Dr. Doug Mackey as the new Registrar for PDBNS.

Dr. Coady invited Board members to introduce themselves and DRA members. He welcomed Board members, member representatives and representatives of other organizations.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no revisions made to the agenda circulated.

**MOTION: Croutze/Daoust**

**THAT the agenda of the meeting of October 15, 2021 be approved, as circulated.**

**CARRIED**  
*(Unanimously)*

**3. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the CDRAF Members' Representatives meeting of October 16, 2020 were previously circulated and approved electronically, and were provided for information.

Copies of approved minutes of CDRAF Board meetings were provided to the Members for information. There was no discussion on the following minutes:

- October 16, 2020
- January 11, 2021
- February 5, 2021
- April 23, 2021
- June 2, 2021
- August 20, 2021

**4. REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Coady presented the Report from the Board of Directors. There were no questions on the report.

**5. CDRAF STRATEGIC PLAN**

Dr. Gerrow reported that the previous strategic plan ended in 2020. The CDRAF Board intended to draft a new strategic plan, but this was

deferred due to the pandemic. Instead, the CDRAF Board modified the current plan for 2021-2022. It is hoped that the Board will be able to hold its August 2022 meeting in-person at which time it will work on a new strategic plan for the following three years.

Dr. Gerrow reviewed the modified strategic plan and drew attention to the statement under Initiative #1, namely "To embrace and promote standards with regard to cultural safety and humility". He emphasized the importance of this for regulators and added that the statement will be included for all future meeting agendas and standards.

He added that the CDRAF Board is making good progress with all the strategic plan initiatives.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Faulkner presented the report. He stated that a small surplus is anticipated for 2021 and 2022. This is due primarily to activities being held virtually.

He presented the budget for 2022, approved by the CDRAF Board in August 2021. Last year, it was anticipated that the fee would be increased from \$10.00 to \$12.00, but because of less expenses during 2021 it is only being increased to \$11.00 per member per province for 2022.

A copy of the Policy on Internally Restricted Net Assets was provided for information.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 The National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB)**

Dr. Dagenais provided a written report for the Members and highlighted some of the key items.

She reported that NDEB is on track for the 2021-2022 examinations. There have been challenges in the number of seats available, particularly for the equivalency process, due to the pandemic. There is a backlog of applicants waiting to be tested.

The written report from NDEB provided information on a new skills examination, the National Dental Examination of Clinical Competence (NDECC) that will replace the Assessment of Clinical Skills (ACS). Dr. Dagenais was invited and agreed to make a presentation on this topic to the CDRAF Board at its meeting in February.

### 7.2 Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD)

Dr. Bergeron presented the ACFD written report and highlighted some of the activities. She added that the dental schools have been busy adapting to the challenges created by the pandemic, but all schools are working collaboratively.

ACFD is part of a working group to try and develop a protocol for virtual accreditation site visits.

Dr. Bergeron reported on a national research team, with representatives from all schools recently awarded \$3.3million, to support the oral health element of the Canadian Health Measures Survey, cycle 7. The survey is scheduled to start in 2022 and is expected to take two years to gather data and two years to analyze the data. When completed, this data will be very beneficial for all decision-makers.

### 7.3 Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC)

Ms. Callan gave a report on the activities of CDAC. She stated that by the end of October 2021, CDAC will have completed a record number of site visit surveys (43) that included past due or postponed site visits from 2020. She added that it has been a busy, but enlightening time, as CDAC moves to interim hybrid virtual measures.

She reported that a summary of the feedback received from the site visits would be presented at the CDAC Board meeting in December for consideration of if and how the virtual model can be continued. It will likely be a hybrid model going forward.

It was reported that the Chair of the Governance Review Steering Committee (GRSC) has had a number of meetings with the new facilitator, Dentons LLP. Dr. Misra added that because a new facilitator has been engaged, it has taken longer than expected to get its work underway. Ms. Callan advised that a GRSC meeting is scheduled in November and CDRAF will be kept updated on its progress.

Ms. Callan undertook to confirm the date of the CDAC Annual Meeting in December 2021.

#### 7.4 Office of the Chief Dental Officer of Canada (OCDOC)

The CDRAF Board was provided with a copy of the Annual Report of the OCDOC from April 2021.

Dr. Taylor reported on the work with national oral health organizations to prepare the report entitled, "Evidence to support safe return to clinical practice by oral health professionals in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic".

The OCDOC is working on the Canadian Health Measures Survey, cycle 7. He thanked ACFD for its partnership with this initiative. Dr. Taylor advised that cycle 7 of the survey will include pre-schoolers, as well as patients aged 80+ for the first time.

#### 7.5 Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC)

Colonel Picard presented the report from RCDC. The report highlighted:

- A new accreditation cycle for May and June 2022.
- Modernization of the governance of CAF healthcare system.
- Support to CAF operations of oral health needs, both at home and abroad.
- Response to COVID-19 in developing its own clinical directives.
- Contribution to the COVID-19 vaccination campaign.

#### 7.6 Canadian Dental Association (CDA)

Dr. Soucy presented a written report from May 2021. He confirmed that many of the CDA activities were affected by the pandemic causing delay in some projects.

He reported that significant problems were experienced with the virtual format of the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) Program.

CDA is gathering data on how COVID-19 has affected dental businesses and the lasting consequences of shut downs of practices.

#### 7.7 Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA)

Dr. Andrews presented a written report on CDSA activities.

He reported that CDAC is looking at proposed changes to accreditation requirements for program directors. CDSA strongly believes that Program Directors must maintain an unrestricted license and encourage them to obtain a Fellowship recognized with the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (FRCDC) in order to establish excellence as leaders in their field.

It was reported that there are changes in CDSPI insurance coverage, such as withdrawal of legal expense coverage, elimination of coverage for complications related to infectious or contagious diseases, reduction of coverage for complications related to common oral diseases. Dr. Andrews stated this could have a significant impact on protection of the public. CDSA is working with CDSPI and CDA to try and find solutions.

**8. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022**

The slate of CDRAF Directors for 2021-2022 was presented as follows:

Chris Hacker	British Columbia
Randall Croutze	Alberta
Gerry Uswak	Saskatchewan
Arun Misra	Manitoba
Daniel Faulkner	Ontario
Caroline Daoust	Québec
Daniel Leger	New Brunswick
Douglas Mackey	Nova Scotia
Maurice Coady	Prince Edward Island
Paul O'Brien	Newfoundland and Labrador

**MOTION: Carmichael/Venditti**

**THAT the slate of directors for 2020-2021 be accepted, as presented.**

**CARRIED**  
*(Unanimously)*

**9. NEXT MEETINGS - 2022**

The next meeting of Members will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. EDT, (virtual)

The dates of CDRAF Board meeting in 2022 are as follows:

- Friday, February 18, 2022 (virtual)
- Friday, April 22, 2022 (tentatively in-person)
- Thursday, August 18 and Friday, August 19, 2022 (tentatively in-person)
- Thursday, October 13, 2022 (following Members meeting - virtual)

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence included for this meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.