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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 seven meetings (virtually) during the last 12 months as well as regular meetings of Registrars to share information and resources pertaining to the global pandemic in their jurisdictions. The meetings were beneficial in coordinating the response of the DRAs to the rapidly changing demands of the pandemic.

1. National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE)

The National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) assumed responsibility for the administration of the NDSE for 2020 and 2021, but have given notice that they will not be able to continue after the 2022 examination.

The CDRAF Board has been actively meeting as a group and hopes to have a direction for NDSE in the very near future, understanding the urgency of the need for a decision.

2. National Dental Specialty Recognition

The CDRAF Board approved the revised Process for National Dental Specialty Recognition which is also posted on the CDRAF website. An initial application has been received from the Canadian Academy of Dental Anaesthesia. A final application will be circulated widely for comment once received.

3. Working Group on National Competency Standards for General Dentists

A working group comprised of one representative from each of the CDRAF, ACFD, CDAC and NDEB has met 6 times over the past 3 months. A draft framework was recently viewed by stakeholder organizations. The working group will now revise the document using the feedback.

The following representatives are on the working group:

- Dr. Jim Lai represents ACFD
- Dr. Amarjit Rihal represents CDAC
- Dr. Sachin Seth represents CDRAF
- Dr Caroline Nguyen represents NDEB.

The draft framework will be brought back to the CDRAF Board and circulated to stakeholders. Once input and approval is obtained, CDAC will be requested to include the document in the Accreditation Standards.

4. CDRAF Strategic Plan

The CDRAF Board intended to develop a new strategic plan for the next five years and it was deferred because the meetings were being held virtually during the pandemic and it was felt the discussion would be more beneficial in-person. As the pandemic continued, the Board decided to make revisions to the existing strategic plan as a two-year plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Coady
Chair