

CANADIAN DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, January 11, 2021
Via Zoom videoconference

A meeting of the CDRAF Board of Directors took place on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EDT.

PARTICIPANTS:

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

Dr. Randall Croutze, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Dental Association and College

Ms. Caroline Daoust, Directrice générale et secrétaire, (CDRAF Vice-Chair), L'Ordre des dentistes du Québec

Mr. Daniel Faulkner, Registrar and CEO, (CDRAF Treasurer), Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

Ms. Andréa Foti, Assistant Registrar, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

Dr. Martin Gillis, Registrar, Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia

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

Mr. Dan Leger, Registrar, New Brunswick Dental Society

Dr. Arun Misra, Registrar, Manitoba Dental Association

Dr. Mitch Taillon, Registrar, College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan

REGRETS:

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

STAFF:

Dr. Jack Gerrow, CDRAF Executive Director

Ms. Angie Sherban, CDRAF Executive Assistant

OBSERVERS:

Dr. Paul Allison, Executive Director, Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry

Dr. Mintoo Basahti, President-Elect, Alberta Dental Association and College

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

Dr. Guy LaFrance, President, L'Ordre des dentistes du Québec

Dr. Benjamin Lin, Vice-President, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario
Colonel Jean-Pierre Picard, Royal Canadian Dental Corps.

Dr. Amarjit Rihal, President, Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada

Dr. James Taylor, Chief Dental Officer of Canada

Dr. Bruce Yaholnitsky, President, Alberta Dental Association & College

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Dr. Coady, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to discuss the sustainability of National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE), including the impact of the decision of Quebec Fairness Commissioner of the complaint filed by a candidate, the MDA Bylaw accepting 2 Examinations and the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) eligibility requirements.

MOTION #1: Taillon/Hacker

THAT the agenda of the meeting of January 11, 2021 be approved, circulated.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

3. BUSINESS

3.1 National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE)

Dr. Gerrow provided the history and background on the establishment of the NDSE.

The CDRAF Board was provided with minutes of meetings and correspondence from June 2018 to present relating to discussion on the viability and need for NDSE, as well as the process of the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) taking over the administration of the examination from the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) in early 2020.

Ms. Daoust reported that part of the ODQ's response to the report of the Office des professions Québec was that the L'Ordre des dentistes du Québec, together with other dental regulatory authorities (DRAs) and the NDEB, would explore the need for the NDSE in its current format and fees charged. She added that the Manitoba Dental Association accepting the RCDC Fellowship examination as well as NDSE in its by-laws, adds further challenges in this regard, as it will be difficult for NDEB to sustain the NDSE with two pathway options.

Ms. Daoust stated that she provided the Quebec Fairness Commissioner with the CDRAF Working Group's four options to the NDSE:

- RCDC examination
- A capstone examination administered in the program.
- Mentorship/ programme de stages
- U.S. Specialty Board examination.

Ms. Daoust advised that she has committed to respond to the report from the Office des professions Québec by February 2021.

Ms. Daoust stated that any decision made by the DRAs would need to be carefully documented. In addition, she has met with the Deans of the dental schools in Quebec and is planning a meeting with Dr. Allison and ACFD in the coming weeks. If a decision is made to continue with NDSE, consideration will need to be given to the cost.

In 2018, CDRAF started discussions with NDEB and asked that it take over the administration of the NDSE from RCDC. RCDC was in agreement and offered to assist NDEB in the transition.

Dr. Dagenais reported that she wrote a response to the Québec Fairness Commissioner and offered to share it with DRAs.

She confirmed that accreditation verifies the process, while competency is done by the dental schools (ACFD).

It was confirmed that NDEB is running the NDSE for 2021, but there has not been an agreement to administer the examination beyond that date.

In response, Dr. Rihal confirmed that CDAC ensures that all competencies in the program are quantifiable. It reviews the examination process and how students are determined competent as part of the process.

In order to confirm the accreditation process, it was suggested that CDRAF request CDAC to write a letter to the Quebec Fairness Commissioner to provide its perspective on the importance of accreditation.

Examinations add a layer of validity to individuals and it is a public interest issue. Dr. Misra felt that examinations are necessary and accreditation complements the process and he was in support of an examination. It was suggested that written agreements be made with the third parties. However, he reminded the CDRAF Board that to remove the RCDC Fellowship examination as an option, the Manitoba Dental Association would need to change its Registration and Licensing By-Law.

NDEB entered into a contract with RCDC following much discussion, but there was no Memorandum of Understanding signed by the DRAs to ensure clarity that all provinces were in agreement.

It was agreed that representatives from CDRAF and from NDEB invite the President and senior staff of RCDC to meet and discuss the rationale and sustainability for examinations for dental specialists, as well as understand the examination process and what is required for licensure.

The representatives from CDRAF will be:

- Jack Gerrow
- Maurice Coady
- Caroline Daoust
- Daniel Faulkner
- Arun Misra

Dr. Gerrow was directed to write to the Presidents of RCDC and NDEB to request a meeting as early as possible. Dr. Coady will chair the meeting.

Once a meeting date has been confirmed, a meeting will be arranged with the CDRAF representatives for preparation.

Following the meeting, a report will be made to the CDRAF Board to determine whether the NDSE is still necessary and to draft a response to the Office des professions Québec.

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4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.