

CANADIAN DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday, October 16, 2020
Via Zoom videoconference

A meeting of the CDRAF Board of Directors took place on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. EDT.

PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. Maurice Coady, Registrar, (CDRAF Vice-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 Treasurer), L'Ordre des dentistes du Québec
Mr. Daniel Faulkner, Registrar, 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, (CDRAF Chair) New Brunswick Dental Society
Dr. Arun Misra, Acting Registrar, Manitoba Dental Association
Dr. Paul O'Brien, Registrar, Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Board
Dr. Mitch Taillon, Associate Registrar, College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan

STAFF:

Dr. Jack Gerrow, CDRAF Executive Director
Ms. Angie Sherban, CDRAF Executive Assistant

OBSERVERS:

Dr. Dan Albert, Chair, Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia
Dr. Nancy Auyeung, CDRAF representative to CDAC
Dr. Mintoo Basahti, President-Elect, Alberta Dental Association and College
Dr. Christopher Cottick, Vice-President, Manitoba Dental Association

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

Dr. Andrea Esteves, President, Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry

Dr. Dennis Fuchs, President, 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

Mr. Rafi Mohammed, Executive Director, Manitoba Dental Association

Dr. Marc Mollot, President, Manitoba Dental Association

Dr. Sandy Mutchmor, Canadian Dental Association

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. Flavio Turchet, President, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

Samantha Van Genne, Registrar, Professional Licensing, Government of Northwest Territories

Dr. Sandy Venditti, Council member, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mr. Leger, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Gerrow requested that the following items be added under 'New Business':

- Provincial update on COVID-19
- Frequency of Registrars' meetings

The agenda was approved, as amended

MOTION #1: Faulkner/Hacker

THAT the agenda of the meeting of October 16, 2020 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CDRAF Board Meeting – August 20, 2020

Dr. Gerrow reported that the draft minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting were circulated to the Board and adopted electronically. There was no further discussion on the minutes and they were formally adopted.

The minutes were adopted, as circulated.

MOTION #2: Daoust/Croutze

THAT the CDRAF Board approve the minutes of the meeting of August 20 2020, as amended.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Process for Recognition of a New Dental Specialty

At the August 20, 2020 meeting, the CDRAF Board was asked to provide the draft Process for Recognition of a New Dental Specialty to their respective Boards/Councils for approval. The following feedback was received:

British Columbia

Passed unanimously by the CDSBC Board and endorses document.

Alberta

Approved by ADA+C Board at May 2020 meeting and endorses document.

Saskatchewan

The document has not been shared with the CDSS Council yet. Dr. Taillon will recommend to Council for approval.

Manitoba

The MDA Specialists Committee will review the document in November for a recommendation to the MDA Board for review at its meeting on January 29, 2021.

Ontario

The RCDSO Executive Committee approved the document several months ago and it was reported to Council for information.

Quebec

The document was approved and endorsed by the ODQ Board in September.

New Brunswick

The NBDS Board has not approved it yet, but it will be recommended for approval.

Nova Scotia

The PDBNS has adopted the document.

Prince Edward Island

The DCPEI has approved the document.

Newfoundland & Labrador

The NFDB has approved the document.

It was agreed to bring this item back to the CDRAF Board for approval at its next meeting.

4.2 National Competency Standards for General Dentists

Dr. Gerrow reported that a Working Group, comprised of representatives from the DRAs, National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB), Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD and the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC), Canadian Dental Association (CDA) held a couple of workshops to look at developing a revised document on National Competency Standards for General Dentists. There are currently four documents in use and it is anticipated that these can be consolidated into one document for use by CDAC and by NDEB.

At the CDRAF Board meeting of April 22, 2020 it was agreed that it would be more beneficial to strike a smaller working group comprised of one

representative from each of the CDRAF, NDEB, ACFD and the CDAC to draft an initial framework for the larger Working Group to review and recommend to the CDRAF Board.

The four stakeholders identified the following representatives for the Working Group:

CDRAF: Dr. Sachin Seth
CDAC: Dr. Amarjit Rihal
NDEB: To be determined by Dr. Dagenais
ACFD: Dr. Jim Lai

Dr. Gerrow advised that a meeting will be scheduled for the Working Group. Ms. Foti undertook to provide him with a copy of the consultation toolkit package that was prepared for DRAs to survey the public for feedback in a consultation.

4.3 CDAC Summary Report Template

The CDRAF Board was provided with an email message from Dr. Paul Allison attaching a copy of the CDAC Summary Report template and template letter from CDAC to the DRAs confirming survey site results and recommendations, if any.

The CDRAF Board accepted the template documents that will meet their requirements. Mr. Leger thanked Dr. Allison and Dr. Rihal for their work on behalf of ACFD and CDAC.

Dr. Gerrow confirmed that the documents will be translated into French.

It was recommended that the document/process be evaluated in a year for refinements, if necessary.

5. 2020/2021 OFFICERS

MOTION: O.Brien/Taillon

THAT the CDRAF officers for 2020/2021 are as follows:

- **Dr. Maurice Coady** **Chair**
- **Ms. Caroline Daoust** **Vice-Chair**
- **Mr. Daniel Faulkner** **Treasurer**

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

6. MEETING REPRESENTATIVES' SCHEDULE

A listing of external meetings for the remainder of 2020 and 2021 (where the dates are available) and the CDRAF representatives attending those meetings was provided to the CDRAF Board for its information.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Provincial COVID-19 Updates

Ontario:

- Some changes occurred over the past week as a result of announcements from the Ministry of Health where 'hot spots' were declared. These are areas where there has been an increase in the transmission of cases (Ottawa, Toronto and Peel). All dental offices can continue to stay open, but if aerosol generated procedures (AGP) are performed, dentists are expected to consider those patients who screen negative as being positive and to use the appropriate precautions.
- The Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto has been impacted as its dental clinics do not meet the necessary requirements. The Registrar has met with the Dean at UofT to offer assistance where possible. The College tries to give UofT and Western University as much notice as possible of impending notices from the Ministry of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer

of Health, but often the College itself receives notice at the last minute.

- An email blast was sent to members, but there has not been a lot of reaction to the message. It is anticipated that there may be similar announcements in the coming days for two other regions, York and Halton.

Quebec:

- There is directive from government that dentists can do point of care testing.
- There are concerns about insurance, but government is insuring the dentists.
- Dentists will be permitted to give vaccinations for flu and COVID-19 when it is available, but only within health facilities and not in dental practices. This is not in their scope of practice, but is permitted during the pandemic only because it was ordered by government.
- There is a high number of COVID-19 cases in Quebec (1,000 per day) and the province is divided into zones, with most being in the red zone.
- It is a slow process in getting information from the Ministry.
- There are delays in testing results.

New Brunswick:

- NBDS will be reviewing its guidance for members on the following day and will update the CDRAF Board of any revisions.

Alberta:

- The College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO) indicated, through its Executive Director, that an office in Alberta was ordered by Public Health to close. The information was incorrect and CDHO offered a retraction on its website.
- The Chair of the IPC Department at University of Alberta stated that they should not follow guidance of the oral health colleges.
- The ADA+C is working with Occupational Health and Safety to make sure they follow the guidance of regulators.

- ADA+C is working with government on testing and it is in discussions about vaccines for flu, COVID-19 and HPV.

7.2 Frequency of Registrars' Meetings

It was agreed that the next CDRAF Registrars' Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

7.3 CDRAF Board Meeting, January 29, 2021

Dr. Misra requested that the date of the CDRAF Board meeting scheduled for January 29, 2021 be rescheduled due to a conflict with the Manitoba Dental Association Board meeting.

The CDRAF Board agreed for the meeting to be rescheduled to Friday, February 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. EST.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The CDRAF Board thanked Mr. Leger for his leadership over the past year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.