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TECH TALK

Tech Talk is provided as a resource to keep you informed of College activities.

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- Anil Kumar, RDT
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COLLEGE MANDATE:

It is the duty of the College at all times to serve and protect the public, and to exercise its powers and discharge its responsibilities under all enactments in the public interest.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Registrants are hereby given notice that there are three [3] pending vacancies for elected Dental Technician members of the Board. The term of office for an elected Member is three years, with the new term beginning May 2, 2018.

The terms of office for Mr. Anil Kumar, Mr. Bryan Bowie, and Mr. Avi Tutelman will expire on May 1, 2018. Both Mr. Kumar and Mr. Tutelman are eligible to be nominated for re-election.



The Board would like to encourage registrants to participate in the nomination and election process, and to consider running for election. Board membership is both an engaging and a challenging experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to any of the current Board Members or the Registrar about the function and activities of the College and their duties as an elected Board Member. Please also refer to the *Health Professions Act* and the Dental Technician Bylaws for further information about serving on the College Board.

Nomination Procedure

- Nominations must be received by the Registrar **by no later than:**
JANUARY 31, 2018.
- Each nomination must be signed by the nominator and one [1] additional registrant, and must be endorsed with the acceptance of the nominated registrant.
- **The nominator, the nominated registrant and the additional registrant supporting the nomination, must be all registrants in good standing.**
- A registrant may nominate a maximum of two [2] eligible registrants

Visit our website to download a Nomination Form.



Registration Renewal Notice

The College's renewal system will be activated in mid-January. Are you prepared to renew your 2018 registration?

Renewal notices and instructions on how to complete your renewal using the College's secure online system will be sent to all registrants before the end of January. Please note that as a registrant of the College, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information up-to-date, including providing a valid email address. If the College doesn't have current contact information, it may result in you not receiving important notices. This could put your registration with the College and the right to practice your profession, in jeopardy!



2018 - 2019 Renewal Fee Increase

The Board must ensure the College has the resources it requires to continue to meet its obligations under the HPA,. There are also some strategic objectives that will be undertaken this year which will result in an increase to annual budget expenses.

The Board has therefore approved an increase of \$50 to renewal fees for RDTs this year to help offset these additional operational costs. The renewal fees for all other registration classes remain the same as the previous renewal period.

NOTE: In order for the College to process your renewal as a Dental Technician this year, registrants must ensure they are in compliance with the requirements of the Bylaws which includes having:

- renewed your professional liability insurance (before it expires!)
- completed a new Criminal Record Check (CRC) if applicable (required every 5 years)

2018 - 2019 Renewal Fees

Registered Dental Technician	\$775.00
Non-Practicing RDT	\$360.00
Dental Technician Assistant	\$325.00
Dental Technician Student	No Fee

QA Program Update

The College launched its new Quality Assurance Program (as required by the HPA) on March 1st this year to coincide with the start of the new 3-year Con Ed Cycle.

Information on the new program was provided at the College's AGM last January. All regulated health professionals in BC are required to participate in their Colleges' program. These QA programs are to promote high practice standards among health-care practitioners and enhance public confidence in BC's health care system.

In addition to the requirement to obtain continuing education credits in each cycle, the program also has audit and self-assessment components. Some registrants will be selected to participate in a "pilot test" of the program in the new year HPA before a full roll-out is done.

If you would be willing to participate in the pilot testing of the program, please contact the College office and let us know. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated as we work through any unanticipated "bugs" in the new program!

Continuing Education Reminder



Registrants remain current in practice through
Continuing Education

This February 28th marks the end of the first year of the current 3-year Continuing Education Cycle.

All Registered Dental Technicians are required to have 30 Continuing Education Credits in each cycle in order to maintain their registration with the College.

Don't wait until the last year of the cycle to start collecting the required 30 hours of Continuing Education Credits you will need!

COLLEGE OFFICE UPDATE

Office Closure



The College office will be closed so the staff can enjoy the holidays from

December 25, 2017

To

January 1, 2018



Merry Christmas!

Happy Hanukkah!

Happy Holidays!



College Office Moving - Fall 2018

The College's current office lease expires in 2018, and we are planning for a move into a new location by early next fall. The current office space has served us well over the last 10 years, but as operations change, it is no longer the best option for a number of reasons.

As many of you may know from past newsletters, the CDTBC is a member of the BC Health Regulators - an organization consisting of the 23 health regulatory Colleges in BC.

We have collaborated on a number of projects over the last few years with the other regulators, and the Ministry of Health has fully supported this collaboration and continues to encourage the Colleges to explore other opportunities to work together.

An amendment to the *Health Professions Act* was recently brought into force that allows for the amalgamation of two or more Colleges into a single regulator if it is in the public interest. The three nursing Colleges in BC have been working together over the past year and are now preparing for formal amalgamation into a new single nursing regulator.

As none of the nursing Colleges have the capacity to house the staff of the combined Colleges in their present locations, it has become necessary for them to find a new single location where they could all come together. As they were considering options, an opportunity has arisen that would have enough space to allow other Colleges to join them in their new location, and form a "College Hub".

The vision is for a centralized location where other regulators could move to share office space and possibly also share other resources to better manage their operational costs. Approximately a dozen other smaller College's, including ours, have expressed interest in this possibility.

We are currently actively exploring the benefits of moving into the new nursing College location, and a final decision on where our new office space will be is expected early in the new year.

Check our website in the new year for updates on a new location for the College!

Resource Library Disbursement

For many years, the College has had a library at its office which contains copies of the various textbooks used by many of the dental technology programs in North America. We also have a large collection of technical magazines and journals, some dating back as far as the 1960s. In addition, there are audio and video recordings of various continuing education lectures and seminars, and promotional and training information from different dental supply companies.

The College's original vision for the library was as a resource for registrants and students conducting research and self-study options for continuing education credits. Unfortunately, the library has had very limited use over the years, and with the ready availability of information on the internet, it no longer serves that purpose. Further, the board has recognized that providing continuing education does not fall within the mandate of a regulator, but rather is a task more suited for a member-service organization such as the Dental Technicians Association.

The College will therefore be permanently closing the library and disbursing or disposing of all of the library materials except for single copies of relevant textbooks or materials that staff may need for policy development, operations, or other regulatory matters.

Anyone interested in having any of the magazines, books, or other items should contact the College office as soon as possible. All materials will be disposed of or donated this spring in preparation for the College's move.