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Tech Talk

Tech Talk is provided as a resource to keep you up to date on College activities.

BOARD MEMBERS

- Angus Barrie, RDT, Chair
- Bryan Bowie, RDT, Vice-chair
- David Carney, RDT
- Emily C. Chan, CA
- Michael Curry, LLB, MD
- Pawanjit Joshi, LLB
- Anil Kumar, RDT
- Fred Leak, Assistant
- Avi Tutelman, RDT

STAFF

- Ronald Revell, RDT
Registrar / CEO
- Susan Still, Manager of
Finance & Registration
- Wincy Ranson
Registrar's Assistant

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 two [2] pending vacancies for elected Dental Technician members of the Board, and one [1] pending vacancy for an elected Assistant. The term of office for an elected Member is three years with the new term beginning May 2, 2017.

The terms of office for Mr. Angus Barrie, RDT, Mr. David Carney, RDT, and Mr. Fred Leak (Assistant) will end on May 1, 2017. All of the above noted are eligible for re-election.

The Board would like to encourage all registrants to participate in the nomination 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 ask 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 JANUARY 30, 2017**.
- 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
 - o Click to [download a Nomination Form](#).

OFFICE CLOSURE

The College office will be closed from

December 26, 2016
to
January 3, 2017

Happy Holidays!



ANNUAL REGISTRATION RENEWAL

The College's renewal system will open later in January. Are you prepared to renew your 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 ensure that the College always has your current email address, and correct contact information on file. Failure to provide the College with this information may result in you not receiving important notices that could put your good standing with the College, and possibly your registration and right to practice your chosen profession, in jeopardy!

There is only one change to this year's renewal fees compared to last year, and it only applies to Registered Dental Technicians. This year, the Board has approved applying a cost of living increase to dental technicians in an amount equal to the change in Statistics Canada's posted Consumer Price Index for British Columbia over the past year. (2.1%) The renewal fees for all other registration classes remains 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 30 hours of Continuing Education (and updated your CE Record in your online profile)
- submitted an application for a new Criminal Record Check if applicable (required every 5 years)



Registrants can maintain currency in practice through Continuing Education

Bylaw Updates

The Board has recently approved amendments to three sections of the College Bylaws. These amendments have been filed with the Ministry and are all now in force.

Amendments were made to the section relating to the Nomination Procedures to clarify the timeline for providing notice of a pending vacancy of an elected position on the Board, and to the Election Procedures to allow for online voting instead of using paper ballots and postal mailing. [sections 3 and 4]

The other amendments were to establish the renewal fees for the 2017-2018 fiscal period and two procedural changes under the General Meetings section regarding the delivery of "notice" and voting on special resolutions. [sections 35(2) and 24]

A copy of the current Bylaws can be found on our website using this link: [CDTBC Bylaws](#)



Have you recorded all of your Continuing Education Credits?

The current 3-year Continuing Education Cycle will end on February 28, 2017.

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

Registrants who do not complete the 30 hours of Continuing Education Credits by February 28th will be subject to a \$200 Continuing Education Non-compliance Penalty, and must still complete their 30 hours by March 31st.

REGULATORY REFORM / SCOPE OF PRACTICE UPDATE



Regulatory Reform

In the late spring or early summer of 2017, the Ministry of Health will be drafting a new Dental Technicians Regulation as part of its ongoing regulatory reform initiative. The BC government is implementing a new shared scope of practice/restricted activities regulatory model under the *Health Professions Act*, similar to what exists in Alberta, Ontario and Manitoba.

Approximately one half of the professions in BC have already had their Regulation updated and are operating under the new model. The new model is characterized by two essential elements: scope of practice statements and restricted activities.

Further information about the government's Scope of Practice Reform can be found on their website [here](#).

Proposal for Increased Scope of Practice

The College has been asked to consult with the Ministry before they draft a new Regulation, and in particular to inform government of changes that may be needed to the Regulation to reflect current professional practice. We are preparing the necessary documentation to support several recommendations we intend to present.

One of the "Objects" of a College is to promote and enhance inter-professional collaborative practice with other dental health professionals and we will be recommending changes that would allow dental technicians to work directly with dental hygienists and denturists.

The Dental Technicians Association had prepared and presented the College Board with a proposal for an increased scope of practice in late 2014, and the Board used that proposal as a basis when preparing our draft briefing note for the

Ministry. We will be recommending that dental technicians who choose to do so, be granted authority to perform some additional restricted activities when authorized by the College. This is being recommended in order to provide greater access and options to patients seeking dental health care. The authorization to perform "additional restricted activities" will require RDTs to apply to the College and provide evidence that they have acquired further specific special education and/or training that is not part of the current approved educational programs in dental technology available in Canada.

We look forward to meeting with government and other stakeholders early in the new year to discuss our proposal.