

TECH TALK

Tech Talk keeps you up to date on College activities. Please keep on file for reference.

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- Nomination Form

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

By the time you receive this newsletter, the rush of the holiday season and the New Year celebrations will all be over. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable time celebrating with friends and family and that you were able to take some time off from your busy schedules to relax and refresh. On behalf of the College staff and the Board, I would like to wish you each a happy and prosperous 2011.

This edition of Tech Talk contains several very important notices for all registrants. Please review this newsletter carefully so that you are aware of how all of these upcoming events impact you directly.

There are a number of significant events occurring early in this new calendar year that you need to be aware of. As always, the annual registration renewal period is beginning in February, and this year also is the end of the current Continuing Education Cycle for all RDTs. An election will be held in March as there are three pending vacancies for elected members of the Board for the term of office beginning on May 2, 2011. A "Call for Nominations" and a nomination form are included in this mailing. Please note that the Bylaws relating to nomination procedures have been amended to make it easier for interested individuals to be nominated. The procedure only requires one additional supporting signature for each nominee now instead of the three that were previously needed.

Dental Technician registrants are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring that they have the required professional liability

insurance coverage in force in order to be eligible to renew their registration for the coming period. There are a number of options available for you to obtain the necessary coverage, and the choice of where you get the insurance is yours. The College has never, nor does it intend to, promote, endorse, or approve any specific insurance provider or policy. The requirement for liability insurance coverage is established in the Bylaws and it has always been the position of the College that it is up to the individual dental technician to obtain their insurance from whatever source they choose.

The College has a number of new activities and projects that are now underway and we expect that it will again be a busy year at the office. One of those projects which I think is significant is the purchase and development of a Continuing Education module for our registration management software. More information about this functional enhancement can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

The Board continues to be actively involved with the Canadian Alliance of Dental Technology Regulators. The CADTR is currently working on developing Standards of Practice for dental technology in Canada that will be recognized and accepted by all jurisdictions. It is hoped that when development of this document is completed, it will set out minimum standards that will be expected to be met by all dental technicians across the country. Having this common document will help Provincial regulators ensure that regardless

of where a patient receives dental technology services in Canada, they will be provided with the same high standard of care.

The College continues to develop and enhance our relationships with other dental health profession regulators, the Dental Technicians' Association of BC, Vancouver Community College, and other colleagues across Canada. I believe that we must continue to work together with these other health care providers,

regulators, and educators to advance the profession of dental technology and meet our regulatory obligation to protect the public.

If you would like to become more involved with your profession, call the College or the Association to discuss ways that you can contribute to the future of dental technology.

Ronald Revell, RDT
Registrar

2011 – 2012 REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE

It is once again time to renew your registration for the next fiscal period. Renewal Notices and application information will be sent to all registrants before the end of January 2011. The online renewal application and credit card payment system will be available starting in February. Registrants who have not provided a valid email address will be receiving their notice by regular mail, all others will receive email notification.

The renewal fees for this year are:

Registered Dental Technicians: \$600.00

Assistants: \$210.00

Payment and application documentation must be received by the College before **February 28, 2011**. Renewal applications submitted after this date will be subject to an additional late payment penalty of \$150 for RDTs and \$75 for Assistants.

Registrants who have not submitted their renewal application and payment by March 31, 2011 will automatically be removed from the Register and as such will not legally be able to practice dental technology.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

The current 3-year Continuing Education Cycle will be ending on February 28, 2011.

The College Bylaws require all Registered Dental Technicians to complete 30 hours of Continuing Education Credits in each 3-year cycle as a condition of registration renewal.

Time is running out for those technicians who have not yet met this requirement to obtain the necessary Con Ed credit hours. Dental Technicians who have not completed the 30 hours of CE by February 28, 2011 will be assessed a non-compliance fee of \$200.00 [Bylaw Section 35. (6)]

Those registrants will still be required to complete the 30 hours of CE Credit before March 31, 2011 in order to be eligible for registration renewal and entitled to practice after April 1, 2011.

Please note that the College cannot process the renewal application of an RDT registrant who does not meet the Continuing Education requirements and the Registrar will have no alternative but to cancel the registration of that registrant on April 1, 2011.

Please call the College for further information or details on how to submit forms for Con Ed credit.



March 10-12
2011

Earn up to 15 CE credits, visit the two day tradeshow with over 500 exhibit booths and be part of the Spectrum Pacific Techno-Clinical Meeting at the Pacific Dental Conference. Online registration begins October 15th, 2010 at... www.pdconf.com

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER?

The terms of office for Ms. Hege Jahr, RDT, Mr. Anil Kumar, RDT, and Mr. Junichi Eto, Assistant, will end on May 1, 2011. Both Mr. Kumar and Mr. Eto are eligible to stand for re-election. Ms. Jahr has completed three consecutive terms on the Board and is not eligible for re-election at this time.

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 complete information.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Registrants are hereby given notice that there are three [3] pending vacancies for elected members of the Board. The new terms of office will begin on May 2, 2011.

NOMINATIONS:

Two [2] Dental Technician positions are available

One [1] Assistant position is available

- Nominations must be mailed to the Registrar between: **FEBRUARY 1, 2011 and MARCH 2, 2011.**
- 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 all be registrants in good standing.**
- A registrant may nominate a maximum of two [2] eligible registrants
 - o Only a Dental Technician may make or sign the nomination of a Dental Technician
 - o Only an Assistant may make or sign the nomination of an Assistant
 - o one nomination form is enclosed – if you require a second form, please either photocopy the enclosed form or contact the College office with your request.

ELECTIONS:

- One ballot will be provided per registrant.
- Dental Technicians IN GOOD STANDING may vote for the Dental Technician positions.
- Assistants IN GOOD STANDING may vote for the Assistant position.
- Ballots will be mailed to registrants shortly after March 7, 2011.
- Ballots must be received by the Registrar by April 1, 2011.
- Ballots must be returned in a sealed envelope, provided by the College, on which the voting registrant's name and signature appear.
- Ballots are tallied by an independent consultant, prior to the end of the term.

EXAMINATION UPDATE

Practical Exams

The marking of the 2010 Practical Examinations has been completed and there were 9 successful Candidates this year that became eligible to register as Dental Technicians. We would like to offer them our congratulations and wish them success in their future endeavours.

We would like to thank all of the Examiners for their hard work and recognize the dedication it took for them to give up their Saturdays to come to the College and mark the 98 completed Exam Assignments this year. If you are an RDT with at least 5-years experience in the profession and think you might be interested in becoming an examiner, please contact the College for further information or to request an Examiner Application Package.

Theory Exams

The theory exams were held for the second time this year on November 19th, with 14 Candidates writing the Competency Exam and 11 challenging the Jurisprudence Exam. The next sitting of the theory exams will be held in May 2011 and further information about the examination and scheduling forms will be mailed to all eligible candidates in due course.

BYLAW UPDATES

The Ministry has recently approved several amendments to the College Bylaws. They include the addition of a Tariff of Costs related to investigations and discipline hearings conducted by the College, changes to the registration renewal fees, and the renumbering of Section 48 to align with changes to the HPA. Please note that the most current version of the Bylaws is available on the College website and can be found through a link on the Registrant pages under "Publications".

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION?

The *Health Professions Act* requires the College to keep specific information about each registrant on file at the office. The Bylaws require you to advise the College immediately of any changes to that information. If you have moved, please either visit our website and update your profile online, or call the office and provide us with your current address information. This is necessary in order to ensure that you receive all College mailings.

WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS

The College is currently in the process of obtaining the Quality Assurance / Continuing Education module for our registration management software used to maintain registrant records. Once this new feature is in place, it will allow registrants to login to the secure section of the website and manage their own continuing education records. This system of tracking CE Credits will be much more efficient and will be available to registrants to check or update their own status at any time. Watch for this new enhancement coming online in the next few months

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- Patrick Poyner, LLB, Vice-Chair
- Junichi Eto, Assistant
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