

TECH TALK

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

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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.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Now that summer is upon us, I have the difficult job of informing the registrants that our Registrar, Ms. Rosemary Ishkanian, will not be returning at the end of her one-year leave of absence. For those of you who had the opportunity to meet and work with Rosemary, you will agree that she has been a very dedicated and passionate Registrar. I am so pleased to have had the opportunity to be a board member during Rosemary's tenure. I have always referred to Rosemary as the "bricks and mortar registrar" because she really did set and build the foundation for the College of Dental Technicians of BC. We truly benefited from her legal experience when drafting bylaws and dealing with difficult issues. As a non-RDT, it surprised me how passionate she was about our industry. She often debated and defended critical issues pertaining to RDTs, which made a lot of the board members sit up and take notice. A very big thank you goes out to Rosemary from myself and the board members, past and present.

To continue with the theme of farewells, I would like to thank Mr. Andrew Pritchard RDT, Mr. Ken Izumi RDT and Ms. Barbara Lee (public member) for their services as board members. Andrew, Ken and Barbara, who served for 8, 7 and 3 years respectively as board members, have been passionate colleagues to say the least, contributing many hours that have benefited the College and the profession. On behalf of the board, thank you and all the best in the future.

With three board members leaving, they are replaced with three new members. I would like to congratulate and welcome Ms. Therese Roche RDT, Mr. Barry Van De Snepscheut RDT and Mr. Azim Lalani (public member) to the Board. I hope they will find the experience of being a board member as enjoyable as I do.

With over 100 broadcasts of the Dental Technology vignettes having been aired on the Knowledge Network, it is safe to say that we are very pleased with the response. Many registrants were pleased, dental professionals noticed and the public learned. All in all, we succeeded more than expected.

The College of Dental Technicians of BC is involved with the Consortium of Dental Technicians /Technologists who developed the MRA (Mutual Recognition Agreement) to now have an agreement

with Alberta. Alberta joins Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia under this agreement that provides for immediate labour mobility rights for RDTs between each of the four provinces. This means that RDTs wanting to move to one of these listed jurisdictions must only meet jurisdiction specific requirements, such as writing a jurisprudence exam to become an RDT in that province.

Please do not forget that the AGM is coming up in September. I hope to see as many RDTs involved this year as possible!

In closing, I would like to thank the college staff for their hard work and dedication, as well as the board members for their continued commitment.

John Eggeling, RDT
Board Chair

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

As always, the office is very busy on a daily basis responding to calls and emails from registrants, members of the public and representatives from various Ministries of the Provincial government. Most of the communications we receive are related to changes of information to registrant files, questions regarding the practice of the profession or general registration requests. Occasionally we receive calls that are due to complaint issues or other concerns that a registrant may have.

Recently, the College has received a number of calls from registrants advising of companies who are offering low-cost dental laboratory services from locations outside of Canada. We have also received copies of letters from dental supply companies and manufacturers regarding services and materials that they are offering for sale to U.S. laboratory customers. The Board is actively addressing the practice of what is commonly referred to as "outsourcing" and is also working with other Canadian dental technology regulators to address this concern as it impacts directly on our responsibility to regulate the profession of dental technology in the public interest.

One of the responsibilities the College has in fulfilling its mandate of protecting the public is to make registrants aware of their obligations and responsibilities under law.

Bylaw 50 (2) (b) requires that "a dental technician must be able to describe characteristics and properties of dental materials associated with the fabrication of dental prosthetic devices and appliances". The College reminds you that as a dental technician you are responsible to ensure that the materials you use in the laboratory are safe, appropriate for the task and, if applicable, are licensed by Health Canada for importation and sale in Canada under the Medical Devices Regulations.

All registrants are asked to carefully read the enclosed notice from Health Canada for more specific information about what your responsibilities are with respect to importing custom-made medical devices. You can search the government website at: <http://www.mdall.ca> for a listing of all active licenses to verify that the material you wish to purchase has a valid license for sale in Canada. If you have any concerns or problems with a material or component that you use, call the Inspectorate Hotline at: 1-800-267-9675.

Ronald Revell, RDT
Interim Registrar

FAREWELL NOTE

As most of you know, I have been away since last summer on a leave of absence to attend to personal family matters. Just recently I have advised the Board that I will not be exercising my option to return and have provided my resignation as Registrar of the College.

I am taking this opportunity to say goodbye to all of the registrants I have met and worked with over the years. I have been truly privileged to have held this position since 1991 and have enjoyed every single challenging minute of it.

There are simply too many people to thank! Too many memories to call on! Every registrant who took the time to teach me a little about the profession. Every new student and exam candidate who reminded me of all the good reasons to work hard for fair and reasoned regulation. Every new board member who challenged me and ensured that policies were well grounded and made sense.

The position of Registrar of a regulatory College is a challenging one. A Registrar must work with board member, applicant, registrant and various other regulatory, political and legal folk alike, adapting to each, understanding each and trying with each to properly manage and shepherd the business of the college.

A Registrar must manage the daily business of the Board: applications, communications, examinations, the complaint processes, various committees, renewals, etc. ensuring that work is done well in a timely manner, with proper staff in place.

But more than these, a Registrar must ensure that under his or her mentorship there flourishes an informed, sound and healthy-minded board that embraces respectful discussion and thorough debate and remains firmly focused on its regulatory course.

I leave recognizing that I was very fortunate to have served and grown in this position. I know we all did good work together over the last 15 years, and I believe we have set a strong base for the further evolution of this College.

I leave with the message repeated over the years. Take the time to understand the regulatory model and support your College. Get involved, question and query, run for election, volunteer for committees. But please look also to the critical task of developing a strong and vital Association that can work directly for the profession, that can work to address the many political economic and labour related issues facing dental technicians today. The profession needs to do this if it is to meet the challenges ahead.

I have had fine and supportive staff throughout the years, and I leave you now with excellent staff in place, all my very best wishes, and a most sincere thank you.

Rosemary Ishkanian

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please read the letter from Health Canada (enclosed with this Newsletter) regarding the "Purchase of Licensed Medical Devices for Use in Dental Health Care".

As a dental health care provider, dental technicians in BC must comply with the Canadian Medical Devices Regulations with respect to both materials and components used in the manufacture of dental prostheses and appliances. Contact the Medical Devices Bureau directly if you have any questions about these requirements.

COLLEGE BOARD

Board Election Results

The College received five nominations for the three RDT vacancies on the Board this year. Returned voting ballots were tabulated by an officer from Manning Elliott, Chartered Accountants, in April 2006.

The following RDTs received the most votes in this election and were elected to the Board for a three-year term commencing May 2, 2006:

- Mr. Gordon Robertshaw, RDT
- Ms. Therese Roche, RDT
- Mr. Barry Van De Snepscheut, RDT

Thank you to those RDTs who let their names stand for election and welcome to the newly elected Board.

Public Member Appointment

Mr. Azim Lalani, CA has been appointed as a public member for a one year term ending May 2007.

Introduction to New Board Members

Azim Lalani, CA

Mr. Lalani is the Director of Finance at the Canadian Hotel Income Properties Real Estate Investment Trust. Previously, he was the Director of Financing and Reporting for IPS Industrial Promotion Services Limited and in management at KPMG. Within his community, Mr. Lalani is Treasurer of the Independent School of West Vancouver and is a Tax Clinic Volunteer.

Mr. Lalani has his Bachelor of Commerce from the University of British Columbia and has his Chartered Accountant designation.

Therese Roche, RDT

Ms. Roche has been a registered dental technician for 38 years and an active member in the dental technician community after a number of years as a prosthodontic instructor for dental technicians and dental assistants at Vancouver City College.

Ms. Roche moved to the Fraser Valley in 1979 where she established her own dental lab Trident Dental Ceramics Ltd, which she successfully operated for 25 years. During those years,

Ms. Roche stayed very active in the dental industry as a member of the Dental Technicians Board of Examiners, held a position on the Program Advisory Committee at VCC and has held various positions on the Commercial Dental Lab Association. For the past 18 years, she has been the CDLA Convention Chair and was recognized as Woman of the Year in 1991. She was previously appointed by order of the Lieutenant Governor of BC as a member of the Dental Technicians & Denturist Board in 1990.

Barry Van De Snepscheut, RDT

After graduating from Dental Technician School as an Allround Dental Technician in Utrecht, the Netherlands, Mr. Van De Snepscheut worked in a full service laboratory for nine years and as a manager for the last three. In 1985, Mr. Van De Snepscheut opened his own full service Dental Lab in Munich, Germany. In 1990, he moved to Vancouver and in 1992 opened Tulip Dental Studio, a full service Dental Lab in the Lower Mainland.

Retiring Board Members

Mr. Andrew Pritchard, RDT completed his terms of office as an elected member in May 2006 after serving for 8 years. Mr. Pritchard was elected as a Board member in 1998 and served as Chair of the Board from 2001 to 2004.

Mr. Ken Izumi, RDT completed his terms of office as an elected member in May 2006 after serving for 7 years. Mr. Izumi was elected as a Board member in 1999 and served as Vice-Chair of the Board from 2004 to 2006.

For personal reasons, Ms. Barbara Lee has resigned as a public member in April 2006 after serving on the Board for 3 years.



Ken Izumi (left), Barbara Lee (front) and Andrew Pritchard (back), who retired from the Board this spring, were thanked by John Eggeling, Chair.

Current CDTBC Board Members are:

- John Eggeling, RDT, Chair
- Gordon Robertshaw, RDT, Vice-Chair
- Hege Jahr, RDT
- Azim Lalani, CA
- Bikkar Lalli, Ph.D.
- Bernie Leong
- Dong Hee Park, Assistant
- Therese Roche, RDT
- Barry Van De Snepscheut, RDT

EXAMINATIONS UPDATE

The first sitting of the College's Theory Examinations for this year was offered on May 12, 2006. Twelve candidates attempted the exams, with the majority of them writing both the Jurisprudence Exam and Competency Exam. 73% of the candidates passed the Jurisprudence Exam and 20% of the candidates passed the Competency Exam. The second sitting of the Theory Exams is scheduled for November 17, 2006.

The Practical Examinations are scheduled for July 31 to August 24, 2006. The College has begun to implement the comprehensive Practical Exams this year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The *Continuing Education Guide (CE Guide)* has been amended to specify how the infection control credit requirement and non-technical credit allowance will be assigned for a Dental Technician who is registered or reinstated during a continuing education cycle. "Section 1.6 RDT registered/reinstated during a CE cycle" has been added to the *CE Guide* to address this issue.

The new *CE Guide* (effective February 2006) together with the updated *Policy and Guidelines Index* are attached to the newsletter. Registrants should replace the old *Index* and the *CE Guide* in their Blue Binder with these updated versions.

AWARD

College of Dental Technicians of BC Award

This award is presented to the most outstanding student completing the first year of the Dental Technology Program at Vancouver Community College (VCC). The 2006 award was presented to Ms. Julia Izumi by the Interim Registrar, Ronald Revell, RDT on May 26, 2006 at the VCC Spring Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the College
is scheduled for

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre

711 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC

6:30 pm Registration / Refreshment

7:00 pm Meeting Starts

- The purpose of the Annual General Meeting is to present the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements to registrants.
- Registrants may also present special resolutions as set out in the Bylaws.
- An educational forum will follow the AGM (2 CE Credits).
- Quorum for the AGM is 5% of all voting registrants, who are Dental Technicians in good standing.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

(Fiscal period 2006-2007)

Practical Exams

- July 31 - August 24, 2006

Annual General Meeting

- September 21, 2006

Board Meetings

- October 14, 2006
- January 27, 2007

Theory Exams

- November 17, 2006

For a detailed and current calendar of College activities, please visit the College web site @ www.cdt.bc.ca

How to access "Calendar of Events"

- Go to www.cdt.bc.ca
- Click **Enter the Site**
- Click **Registrants of the College**
- Click **What's New**
- Click **Calendar of Events**

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

The bylaw noted to the right, is established to ensure that the College can monitor ratio, facilitate new assistant registrations, contact registrants and provide registrants with information routinely sent from the College.

It is essential that the College's registrant information is accurate and current in order to fulfill our regulatory obligations. Use the *Change of Information* form below or give the College office a quick call to let us know whenever you move or change your place of work.

Failure to comply with Section 38 may be subject to investigation and penalty.

A registrant must immediately notify the Registrar of any change of address, name or any other information previously provided to the Registrar.

(Bylaws Section 38)

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Name _____		Classification _____	
<i>New Home Information</i>		<i>New Work Information</i>	
New Address _____		Lab Name _____	
_____		Lab Address _____	
New Home Phone _____		_____	
New Cell Phone _____		New Work Phone _____	
New Fax _____		New Work Fax _____	
New Email _____		New Email _____	
Effective Date of Change _____		Signature _____	

* Would like College mail sent to: Home Work

*** Please note:**

The work address you provide forms the Register which is a public document and may be distributed to the public from time to time. You may elect to have the regular mail from the College delivered to your place of work or your home. Your home address is not available to the public UNLESS it is also your place of work.

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