

Council Meeting Highlights - June 2017

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Deion Weir RD, President
Suzanne Obiorah RD, Vice President
Ruki Kondaj
Erin Woodbeck RD

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elected Councillors

William Franks RD
Alexandra Lacarte RD
Suzanne Obiorah RD
Nicole Osinga RD
Roula Tzianetas, RD
Dawn Van Engelen RD
Deion Weir, RD
Erin Woodbeck RD

Public Councillors

Shelagh Kerr
Laila Kanji
Ruki Kondaj
Ray Skaff
Soliman Abdel Fattah Soliman
Claudine Wilson

MEMBERS APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES

Khashayar Amithosseini RD
Alida Finnie RD
Dianne Gaffney RD
Renée Gaudet RD
Sobia Khan RD
Kerri LaBrecque RD
Cindy Tsai RD
Ruchika Wadhwa RD
Krista Witherspoon RD

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2017-2018

The members of the Executive Committee for 2017-2018 were elected as follows:

- President: Deion Weir RD
- Vice President: Suzanne Obiorah RD
- Third Member: Ruki Kondaj
- Fourth Member: Erin Woodbeck RD

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Council approved a new *Risk Policy (2017)* and the *Risk Tolerance Profile (2017)* to ensure that organizational risks are identified, assessed and managed in a timely, efficient and effective manner. This is an important aspect of best practices to minimize risks in organizational governance and management.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE STANDARDS FOR RECORD KEEPING

Council approved the updated Professional Practice Standards for Record Keeping June 2017. At the March 2017 meeting, Council approved, in principle, for the purpose of consultation. The College consulted with members from April 4 to May 19, 2017. The final version reflects feedback from RDs who participated in the consultation.

The Standards for Record Keeping include the required elements and minimum performance expectations that RDs must achieve when maintaining records in dietetic practice. It also reflects the professional obligations when RDs act as Health Information Custodians or as agents as defined in the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* in relation to record-keeping.

REVISIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE STANDARD: CONSENT TO TREATMENT AND FOR THE COLLECTION, USE & DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION (THE STANDARDS)

Council approved the proposed revisions to the Standards of Consent (2017), which had served as the foundation for the 2016 fall workshop series on consent. Following the workshops, College staff considered feedback from RDs and revised the Standards to more accurately reflect the practical realities of how consent is obtained in dietetic practice and to provide greater clarity for RDs surrounding their professional obligations for obtaining consent in an interprofessional environment.



REVISIONS TO BOUNDARY GUIDELINES FOR PROFESSIONAL THERAPEUTIC RD-CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS (BOUNDARY GUIDELINES)

Council approved the Boundary Guidelines for Professional Therapeutic RD-Client Relationships. In March 2017, Council approved, in principle for the purpose of consultation, the draft Boundary Guidelines for Dietitians in Ontario. The draft was circulated to

members in an online survey from April 4 to May 19, 2017. The feedback received from members was reviewed by Staff and the Boundary Guidelines were revised accordingly. The Boundary Guidelines clarify the laws and principles that RDs must put into practice to maintain professional therapeutic relationships with their clients. The final version reflects comments from RDs who participated in our survey.

Council Meeting Dates for 2017/18

Council meetings are open to the public.

If you plan to attend, please contact Jada Pierre at jada.pierre@collegeofdietitians.org or call 416-598-1725, ext. 221. The meeting agenda and materials are available for the public. To access them, go to the top right hand side of the College website at www.collegeofdietitians.org and click on Public Meetings and Hearings.

- September 29, 2017
- December 15, 2017
- March 23, 2018
- June 21 and 22, 2018 (Annual Meeting and Council)

Revised Dysphagia Policy Caring for Clients with Dysphagia in Ontario

The Dysphagia Policy: Caring for Clients with Dysphagia in Ontario has been updated to incorporate the *2017 Competencies for Dysphagia Assessment and Management*. The Policy statements clarify an RD's role in dysphagia assessment and management as defined by the needs of the client, the interprofessional resources and the environment in which care is provided.

Thank you to all RDs who provided feedback. Your input was valuable and made a difference.

For questions, please feel free to contact the College's Practice Advisory Service:

practiceadvisor@collegeofdietitians.org

416-598-1725 / 1-800-668-4990, ext. 397

Welcome (and welcome back) to the College

COUNCIL 2017 ELECTION RESULTS



Dawn van Engelen RD
Elected by Acclamation, District 2

Dawn van Engelen graduated from Mount Saint Vincent University with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and completed her internship at Hamilton Health Sciences in 1994. Presently, Dawn is completing a MHS (Bioethics) at the University of Toronto. After finishing her internship, Dawn completed a couple of maternity leave positions and settled into West Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Grimsby, Ontario for the last 21 years. This is a long time at one facility but this was the perfect place for Dawn to work at the peak of her professional scope of practice. Dawn continues to lead the facility in dysphagia management and diabetes education, and currently her long-held passion for ethics and patient experience. Her keen interest in patient-centered care will be an asset in serving on the College Council.



Bill Franks RD
Appointed, District 1

Bill Franks has been a front line clinical dietitian since 1984. He has enjoyed a variety of assignments over the years and now works with Circles: Bridges Out of Poverty. The field of nutrition remains a good career fit for Bill. We welcome Bill back to the College. He was previously a member of Council from 2000 to 2001.



Suzanne Obiorah RD, MBA
Re-elected by Acclamation, District 4

Suzanne Obiorah was re-elected by acclamation for a second term on Council. In her first term as a Councillor (June 2014 to June 2017), Suzanne served on the Patient Relations, Quality Assurance, Discipline and Fitness to Practice Committees. In 2016, she was elected to the Executive Committee and, as of June 2017, Suzanne will be serving on the Executive Committee as Vice President.

Suzanne is a Professional Practice Manager at the Ottawa Hospital where she provides leadership to the practice of dietetics, speech-language pathology and audiology. She's engaged in a variety of initiatives aimed to standardize processes, expand the practice scope and improve the utilization of these professions. Most recently she's aimed to increase the awareness of malnutrition and its implications in Canadian Hospitals. Suzanne graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Food and Nutrition and did her dietetic internship at The Ottawa Hospital. In December of 2014, she completed her Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Management from Saint Mary's University.



Appointment to the Registration Committee - Alida Finnie RD



Alida completed her term as a Councillor (2014-2017) and has now been appointed to the Registration Committee for another two-year term. During her term as Councillor, Alida served on the Registration and the Patient Relations Committees. She was also elected to the

Executive Committee where she served as Vice President from June 2016 to June 2017.

The College wishes to thank Alida for her hard work, her attention to detail and her dedication to public protection and safe dietetic care.

Farewell and Thank You



ELSIE PETCH, PUBLIC APPOINTEE

The College wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Elsie Petch for her hard work on Council for the past 10 years. Elsie was appointed as a public representative on Council from June 2007 to June 2017. During that time, Elsie has been a dedicated member of the Patient Relations and the Quality Assurance Committees since her appointment in 2007. She has also served on the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports, Elections, Legislative Issues, Registration, Discipline and Fitness to Practice Committees.

Elsie has worked extensively in the field of health care and received Best Practice recognition and awards from WHO,

Health Canada and the American Public Health Association. In 2003, Elsie received the University of Toronto Arbor Award for outstanding volunteer work for her contributions to the External Review and Health Promotion Curriculum Committees; as President of the Community Health Alumni Association; and on the College of Electors. She has also worked collaboratively with community dietitians in a multicultural setting and advocates for accessible health information and opportunities for equitable health choices.

Elsie has been a valuable and consistent voice on the College Council for public safety and accessible public services. Thank you, Elsie. We wish you success in all your future endeavours.



SUSAN HUI RD

Susan Hui RD, has served three two-year terms as a committee member appointed to the Registration Committee (2011-2017). For six years, Susan has brought insight, hard work and commitment to

College registration policies and processes. The College has appreciated her competence and dedication. We wish Susan success in all her future endeavours.

The College Values Its Council Members

The College Council is the board of directors for the organization. Council is composed of eight councillors who are Registered Dietitians elected by members of the College and seven public councillors appointed by the Provincial Cabinet.

Council governs the College and is responsible for establishing the policies, programs, and standards that regulate the profession of dietetics. Councillors also oversee the management of the organization making sure that programs, finances and staff resources are managed effectively and are coordinated to achieve planned results.

The College appreciates the dedicated work of all its Council and committee members. We work hard to create

an environment that supports and enables Council members to fulfill their governance role effectively. A learning environment has been created with many external and internal opportunities available throughout the year for Council education. At times, external consultants and lawyers are brought in to facilitate and lend expertise to complex issues discussed at Council meetings.

For more information about what you can expect when you volunteer as a Councillor or a committee member at the College, call the Registrar & ED or consider talking to other RDs who have served or are currently serving on Council or on committees.

