



Council Meeting Summary (February & April)

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Mark Behar-Bannelier

Najmudin Hassam

Shelagh Kerr

Ruki Kondaj

Julie McKendry

Elsie Petch

Ray Skaff

Claudine Wilson

MEMBERS APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES

Khashayar Amirhosseini, RD

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Sobia Khan, RD

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2020

In February, Council approved the College's Strategic Plan (Goals and Objectives) for 2016-2020. The Strategic Planning process, which began in April 2015, was facilitated by a consultant with guidance from the College's Strategic Planning Committee. The Strategic Plan is the result of input from many sources: Council, committees, staff, members and other stakeholders. The College is confident that this plan focuses our resources on the most important issues facing profession regulation to ensure that safe, ethical and competent dietetic practice is enhanced in Ontario. The plan can be accessed on our website at www.collegeofdietitians.org: enter "strategic plan" in the search box.

STANDARDS OF CONSENT

In February, Council approved the new *Professional Practice Standard; Consent to Treatment and for the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information*. The standards articulate the minimum level of performance expected from RDs for obtaining informed consent prior to nutrition assessments and interventions, for making significant changes to existing treatment plans, and for collecting, using and disclosing personal health or other confidential information. To access the standards, go to the College website and enter "Consent 2016" in the search box.

DYSPHAGIA POLICY CONSULTATION RESULTS

In February, Council approved the revised College dysphagia policy, *Scope of Practice for Registered Dietitians Caring for Clients with Dysphagia in Ontario*. Revisions were made in consideration of the new role-definition paper from Dietitians of Canada to create clarity between entry level competence and full scope of practice skills. The revised policy defines the RD full scope of practice when assessing and managing dysphagia, with emphasis on competence, interprofessional collaboration and managing risk of harm. To access the policy, enter "dysphagia policy" in the website search box.

BUDGET 2016-17

Council approved the budget for 2016-17 at the April meeting. The budget assumes a modest increase in the fee for a General Certificate of Registration equal to the consumer price index (CPI) increase of 1.4% as of February 29, 2016 (which would bring the annual fee to \$608 from \$600 for the 2016-17 renewal year). This application of the CPI is in accordance with the By-law 2: Fees, s2.03.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

After circulation to members, amendments to By-Law 2 and By-law 4 were approved by Council on April 8, 2016, as circulated. The amendments address the registration application fees needed to implement the new process for assessing the education and training of internationally educated applicants. They also include an increase in the fees for the provision of certificates of authorization for professional corporations aligning them with the fees for General and Provisional Members. The College thanks all members who participated in the consultation process. Council carefully considered the feedback before making its decision.

Farewell and Best Wishes



Left: Susan Knowles, RD, CDO President
Right: Najmudin Hassam

NAJMUDIN HASSAM

Najmudin Hassam has served on Council as a public appointee since April 2013 and left Council on April 26, 2016. He has served diligently on several committees including the Discipline and the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committees. In the past year, he also served as a member of the Executive Committee.

Naj has always been willing to carry a heavy workload on Council and in his contribution to committees. His financial knowledge has been a great resource for Council. His measured and thoughtful approach in discussions was appreciated both on Council and in committee work. His focus was always on keeping public protection forefront in all discussions. Thank you, Naj for all of your hard work and your thoughtful contributions. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Welcome to New Public Appointees on Council



MARK BEHAR-BANNELIER PUBLIC APPOINTEE

After University, Mark graduated from Paris École Dentaire Française and became a Certified Dental Technician in France. In 1965, he moved to Toronto

where he worked as a Registered Dental Technologist and operated a small successful dental laboratory in the city for 30 years. Then, for several years, he helped manage a large laboratory before semi-retiring 10 years ago. He still lends a hand to the profession when he can.

Mark has taught dental technology at George Brown, Casa Loma Campus. His hobbies include ballroom dancing where he has achieved high levels in competitions.

Mark gained a significant experience in College governance when he sat as a Councillor on the Council of Dental Technologists for 18 years. During that time he served on all the College committees and become familiar with every aspect of College governance. He also gained an in-depth knowledge of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*.



RUKI KONDAJ BSC, MSC, PHD, RA PUBLIC APPOINTEE

Dr. Kondaj holds a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Tirana, Albania and a Master's Degree on International Health

Care Management, Economics and Policy from the University of Bocconi, Milan, Italy. She earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs, from the Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology (TIPT).

Dr. Kondaj is an experienced project manager and author of scientific publications, books and articles and member of professional associations and scientific boards.

Dr. Kondaj was honoured with the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Award from the Governor General of Canada in November 2012.

Welcome Mark and Ruki to the College. We look forward to working with you.