

CANADIAN DENTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FEDERATION

MINUTES OF MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Saturday, February 9, 2019
RCDSO Offices, 6 Crescent Road, Toronto, ON M4W 1T1

A meeting of the CDRAF Board of Directors took place on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. Randall Croutze, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Dental Association and College

Ms. Caroline Daoust, Directrice générale et secrétaire, L'Ordre des dentistes du Québec

Dr. Martin Gillis, Registrar, (CDRAF Chair) Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia

Mr. Dan Leger, Registrar, (CDRAF Vice-Chair) New Brunswick Dental Society

Dr. Patti Ling, Registrar, Manitoba Dental Association

Dr. Chris Hacker, Registrar, College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia

Dr. Maurice Coady, Registrar, (CDRAF Treasurer), Dental Council of Prince Edward Island

STAFF:

Dr. Jack Gerrow, CDRAF Executive Director

Ms. Angie Sherban, CDRAF Executive Assistant

REGRETS:

Mr. Irwin Fefergrad, Registrar, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

Dr. Paul O'Brien, Registrar, Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Board

Dr. Bernie White, Registrar, College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan

OBSERVERS:

Dr. Paul Allison, President, Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry

Mr. Frédéric Duguay, Director, Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada

Ms. Andréa Foti, Assistant Registrar, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

Dr. Doug Mackey, Past-President, National Dental Examining Board of Canada

Dr. Kirk Preston, Board representative, New Brunswick Dental Society

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Dr. Gillis, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Regional Licensing

MOTION: Daoust/Ling

THAT the agenda of the meeting of February 9, 2019 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) CDRAF Board Meeting – December 7, 2018

The draft minutes of the CDRAF Board meeting of December 7, 2018 were provided to the CDRAF Board electronically for approval, but only four responses were received at that time. A typographical error was identified on page 8 of the draft minutes and the Board unanimously approved them (as amended). The minutes will be posted on the CDRAF website.

MOTION: Coady/Croutze

THAT the CDRAF Board meeting minutes of December 7, 2018 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

(b) Appointment of Auditor

It was reported that there was unanimous approval to appoint the auditor, Hendry Warren, for the fiscal year through December 31, 2018. This was obtained through a mail vote on December 18, 2018.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC)

Dr. Gillis referred to the materials circulated in the Board meeting resources.

He reported that he and Dr. Gerrow met with the RCDC Council in Toronto on Saturday, December 8, 2018 and proposed that there be a new beginning for the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE). On behalf of the working group and CDRAF Board, they requested that RCDC communicate with the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) to transfer the responsibility of the NDSE to NDEB.

On December 21, 2018, CDRAF received a letter from Dr. Hugh Lamont, Chair, RCDC Board of RCDC, confirming that RCDC would begin consultation with NDEB respecting the provision of NDSE. The CDRAF Board was encouraged by Dr. Lamont's response. CDRAF sent acknowledgement letters to RCDC and NDEB which confirmed that CDRAF would assist in any way it could to help this process.

CDRAF received a letter from NDEB President Dr. Dennis Fuchs dated February 5, 2019, expressing concerns with the concept of NDEB assuming the responsibility for the NDSE. Furthermore, NDEB expressed the opinion that RCDC should continue to administer the NDSE.

Dr. Doug Mackey, Past NDEB President, was present and was informed by multiple members of the CDRAF Board that the current process of RCDC administering NDSE has to change. Ms. Foti advised that the RCDSO Executive Committee had been adamant in giving firm direction to look at alternative options to RCDC administering the NDSE.

Dr. Mackey apologized for the confusion and tone of the letter of February 5, 2019 and acknowledged that it lacked clarity. He stated that NDEB is not looking to take on an examination process. He stated that this initiative was not included in the recent NDEB strategic plan, but that NDEB is willing to work towards an agreement.

Dr. Mackey reported that there are rumours NDEB is administering the examination in 2020. He stated that such rumours are ill-founded particularly with no agreement to develop an agreement.

Dr. Gillis reiterated CDRAF's offer of assistance. Dr. Mackey thanked CDRAF and stated that assistance may be required at a later date.

Mr. McCutcheon cautioned CDRAF that it may take several years for a new organization to build an examination that RCDC has been administering for the past 15 years. It may not be feasible to put it in place as quickly as CDRAF would like.

Dr. Mackey asked CDRAF if it would reconsider its decision and have RCDC continue, but he was told this was not an option. Ms. Foti advised that the RCDSO Executive Committee had been adamant in giving firm direction to look at alternative options to RCDC administering the NDSE.

NDEB was asked and agreed to put together a preliminary plan for presentation to the CDRAF Board at its meeting in Ottawa on April 10, 2019.

RCDC has advised that it will administer the examination for 2019, but there was discussion on what it would take to bridge those years until another examination is developed. It was agreed that the CDRAF Working Group would discuss this further at its meeting following the CDRAF Board meeting and report back to the NDEB.

It was suggested that CDRAF meet with Dr. Marie Dagenais and the NDEB Finance Committee. Dr. Gerrow undertook to contact Dr. Dagenais to arrange for the meeting.

4.2 Report on Meeting of RCDSO/ODQ/CDAC, January 19, 2019

Dr. Gillis reported that this meeting was held in Montreal on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Attendees included: Irwin Fefergrad, Andr ea Foti, Flavio Turchet, Marianne Park (RCDSO), Caroline Daoust, Barry Dolman, Alain Boisvert, Fran oise Rollin, Veronique Gagnon, V ronique Desch enes (ODQ), Fr d eric Duguay and Amarjit Rihal (CDAC), Martin Gillis and Jack Gerrow.

The meeting was arranged to address concerns that ODQ and RCDSO raised, in particular, concerning the accreditation process, CDAC's governance structure, and relationship between CDAC and CDA.

Dr. Gillis stated that it was a collegial meeting and two of the outcomes from the meeting were suggestions to form two joint CDRAF/CDAC working groups: one to review the governance structure; and the second working group to review the current processes for accreditation, site visits and international reciprocal agreements and to look at ways to enhance them for more efficiency.

As a result of progress made during that meeting, RCDSO and ODQ agreed that it would be willing to fund \$15.00 per member to CDAC for 2019 on the understanding that further funding could be considered in the future when CDAC delivered on certain initiatives.

The CDRAF Board was asked to confirm the formation of two working groups as detailed above.

MOTION: Daoust/Croutze

THAT the CDRAF Board approves the formation of a joint working group with CDAC to review governance.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

The next meeting of this working group was tentatively scheduled on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in Ottawa.

MOTION: Ling/Daoust

THAT the CDRAF Board approves the formation of a joint working group with CDAC to review CDAC's accreditation process.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, British Columbia and Alberta wished to be included on the working groups. Dr. Gerrow undertook to check with Dr. White and Dr. O'Brien to see if they wished to be included.

For the second working group, Presidents and public members will be included. The first meeting of this working group is scheduled in Montreal on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

The CDRAF Board was asked to approve the preliminary payment of \$15.00 per member per province for the CDAC grant for 2019 on the understanding that further funding may be released at a later date.

MOTION: Daoust/Ling

THAT the CDRAF Board approves payment of \$15.00 per member per province to CDAC for the 2019 grant.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)

CDAC was asked to issue invoices to each of the DRAs in the amount of \$15.00 per member.

4.3 National Competency Standards for General Dentists

Ms. Foti reported that one of the major outcomes from the workshop held on November 9-10, 2018 was the acknowledgement of public input required for competency standards. RCDSO volunteered to organize a meeting of its Patient Relations Committee to meet with some public members from ODQ and RCDSO for a brainstorming session on competencies and to develop a consultation framework. Any template developed could be shared with other provinces to perform their own consultation. A meeting has been arranged for March 13, 2019 in Toronto.

Based on the feedback from public members at that meeting, Ms. Foti will prepare materials for dissemination to the working group that attended the workshop.

The CDRAF Board agreed that it is important to include public input, particularly from under-represented groups, for example, Indigenous peoples, ethnic minority and people with disabilities.

Dr. Gerrow was invited to attend the meeting on March 13, 2019, but he had to decline because of another commitment.

Dr. Gerrow was asked if the working group could continue with its development of competencies before the results of the public consultations are received. He thought it was the intention of the working group to wait for the information from the public.

4.4 CDRAF/ACFD Joint Working Group on Academic Licensure

Dr. Gillis reported that the first meeting of this joint working group was held by teleconference on February 7, 2019. There was discussion on the concerns that dental schools are experiencing with regard to academic licensing. It appears to differ from province to province.

Dr. Allison asked DRAs to provide him with information on the licensing status in each province that will be collated and brought back to a future meeting.

4.5 Working Group re CEO/Registrars' Conference

Dr. Gerrow reminded the CDRAF Board that at the 2018 conference, a joint working group of CDRAF and CDA was struck to look at the process for determining future locations of the CEO/Registrars' conferences. The working group is comprised of Claude Paul Boivin and Jocelyn Johnson (PDA representatives) and Martin Gillis and Jack Gerrow (CDRAF representatives). A teleconference meeting was postponed, but will be rescheduled in due course.

4.6 Direct to Consumer Initiatives

The CDRAF Board discussed an email message that was sent to them via Dr. Ling. The email included a Release form from the SmileDirectClub.

Board members agreed that the information requested by SmileDirectClub could impact licensees. It was suggested that the Release form be shared with DRAs' Councils/Boards to get feedback on how to deal with it with

respect to messaging to members. It was felt that it would be more appropriate for dentists to release records to patients directly.

Ms. Foti reported that the RCDSO has been contacted by the President of SmileDirectClub and asked for a meeting with the Registrar. The RCDSO Executive Committee felt that there would be value in a meeting in order to find out more information on SmileDirectClub's business model. The meeting has been arranged for early March and she advised that any information obtained would be shared with the other DRAs. She also offered to share any legal opinion that has been received.

Ms. Foti also reported that the RCDSO is looking at the role of tele-dentistry and the Quality Assurance Committee has been asked to consider developing a standard.

Ms. Foti undertook to consult with colleagues in the medical profession for information on virtual care.

4.7 Restrictive Permits (ACFD)

This was discussed in item 4.4.

4.8 English Proficiency Assessment (NDEB)

There were no updates at this time.

4.9 Review of Equivalency Process (NDEB)

There were no updates at this time.

4.10 Guidelines on Sedation

Ms. Foti reported that the RCDSO's Guidelines on Sedation are now finalized and posted on the College's website.

Dr. Croutze reported that the ADA+C Guidelines should be available in September.

Dr. Gerrow asked DRAs to provide their Sedation guidelines to him/Angie to collate and they will be included in the resource materials for the August 2019 meeting.

4.11 National Recognition of Dental Specialty

Dr. Hacker reported that he and Dr. Gerrow are scheduled to meet with the CDSBC Executive officers in early April. In 2018, the CDSBC undertook to present to the CDRAF Board a revised process and Dr. Hacker hoped to have a draft document ready for the April 10 Board meeting for input and then bring a final copy to the August meeting for approval.

5. CDRAF REPRESENTATIVES AND OBSERVERS OF OTHER MEETINGS

A listing of upcoming stakeholder/external meetings with CDRAF representatives was provided to the CDRAF Board for information purposes.

6. CDRAF BY-LAWS

The CDRAF By-Laws was provided for resource material.

7. CDRAF STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2020

The CDRAF strategic plan for 2017-2020 was provided for resource material.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Regional Licensing

Dr. Gillis referred to a news article he circulated entitled “Atlantic Canada could lead effort to ease mobility for doctors, nurses between provinces.” The Premiers in each of the four Atlantic Provinces are calling for common licensing for doctors, nurses and other health professionals that would allow them to move more easily between provinces as a way of addressing access to care issues.

Dr. Gillis advised that the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) has been looking at this matter for some ten years and that this is an issue being addressed by the Nova Scotia Regulated Health Professions Network which is comprised of the 26 health regulators in Nova Scotia.

The CDRAF Board discussed how this might impact portability across the country.

CDRAF Board members were asked to bring any information they may have on this issue for further discussion at the April 10 Board meeting. Ms. Foti undertook to obtain information from FMRAC and policies from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO).

9. NEXT MEETINGS

The next CDRAF Board meeting will be held at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

The CDRAF Board meeting on August 22-23, 2019 will be held in St. John's, NL (venue to be confirmed). It is anticipated that on the second day of the meeting, the provincial dental associations will be invited to attend in place of the usual CEO/Registrars' conference format.

The 2019 CEO/Registrars' conference has been scheduled in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Gerrow reminded the Board of the decision by Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and British Columbia not to attend because the location of the meeting is outside of Canada.

The CDRAF Board meeting and member representatives meeting will be held at the RCDSO Offices in Toronto on October 11, 2019.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) NDEB Judicial Reviews

The CDRAF Board was provided with the following judicial reviews for information:

- Dr. Kamyar Arizadeh vs NDEB, June 26, 2017
- Dr. Mark Ibrahim vs NDEB, January 8, 2019
- Dr. Hao (Holly) Wan vs NDEB, January 11, 2019
- Dr. Benjamin Kabiri vs NDEB, November 6, 2018
- Sher Fazli vs NDEB (Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario),
September 8, 2014

(b) Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA)

Dr. Gerrow and Dr. Gillis received an invitation from the President of CDSA, Dr. Frank Hohn, to attend its Annual General Meeting in Ottawa on April 11, 2019. Dr. Hohn stated that CDSA was interested in learning more about proposed changes to the administration of the National Dental Specialty Examination.

It was reported that NDEB and RCDC have also received invitations to attend. Mr. McCutcheon felt it would be beneficial to have a joint statement from CDRAF, NDEB and RCDC for CDSA. RCDC and NDEB agreed to prepare a draft joint statement for the meeting.

The CDRAF Board members agreed that Dr. Gerrow and Dr. Gillis attend the meeting on behalf of CDRAF.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

MOTION: Ling

THAT the CDRAF Board meeting of February 9, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED
(Unanimously)