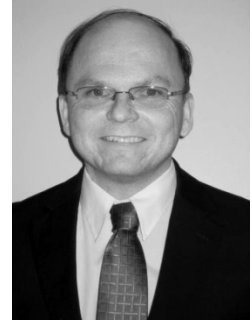


BOARD BUSINESS

From the Registrar's Desk

No. 73, June 2021



NEW REGISTRAR

At the May 11, 2021 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board, the Board members accepted Dr. Doug Mackey as the recommended candidate of the Search Committee to be the next Registrar.

Dr. Gillis will be retiring from his role as Registrar on June 30, 2021 and Dr. Mackey will assume the Registrar position on July 1, 2021.

LICENSING REPORT

As of June 28, 2021 the number of licensed dentists, students, Registered Dental Assistants and corporations are:

Year	DDS	Students	DA's	Corporations
2021 (June 28, 2021)	567	21	800	410
2020 (Sept. 30, 20)	560	17	822	411
2019 (Dec.31,19)	560	17	831	394
2018 (Dec.31,18)	570	19	805	376
2017 (Dec.31,17)	559	18	789	393
2016 (Dec.31,16)	549	19	746	384



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FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

At the September 25, 2020 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board the following re-appointments were made:

Discipline Committee

Dr. Tom Boyle (Chair)
Dr. Janet Cullinan
Dr. Wayne Ramier
Dr. Natalie Brothers
Dr. Peter Thomson
Dr. William Whyte
Dr. Stuart Kirby
Dr. David Quigley
Dr. Mark Sutherland
Ms. Michelle Fowler (RDA)
Mr. Michael Muise

Complaints Committee

Dr. Rick Raftus (Chair)
Dr. Paul MacEachern
Dr. Claire Karst
Dr. Earle Carson
Dr. Blair Raddall
Ms. Donna Dickie (RDA)
Ms. Shirlene Dancause (RDA)
Ms. Janelle Gray
Mr. Bill Watson

Mandatory Continuing Dental Education

Dr. Erin Hennessy (Chair)
Ms. Jacqueline Snooks (RDA)

At the October 8, 2020 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board the following appointment was made:

PDBNS Representative to NDEB

Dr. Tanya Cook

At the November 26, 2020 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board the following appointments were made:

Discipline Committee

Dr. Daniel MacLellan

Dr. Chris Baker

At the May 28, 2021 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board the following appointments were made:

Registration Appeal Committee

Ms. Angela O’Handley, RDA

Mandatory Continuing Dental Education

Dr. Nader Hamdan

At the May 28, 2021 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board the following re-appointments were made:

Registration Appeal Committee

Dr. Ian Doyle

Ms Gwen Haliburton

Mr. Doug Lloy

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Board Appointments

Dr. Chris Baker and Dr. Dave Dignan completed their third and final terms as government appointed Board members. Government has appointed Dr. Sachin Seth and Dr. April Nason to the Board and re-appointed Ms. Marina Crawford.

The Provincial Dental Board would like to thank Dr. Baker and Dr. Dignan for their service over the past nine years.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Complaints Committee

November 18, 2020

An emergency meeting of the Complaints Committee was held on November 18, 2020 to review several complaints the Board received against Dr. Errol Gaum. Following review, the Complaints Committee, under s.34(1) of the *Dental Act* suspended Dr. Gaum’s license indefinitely effective immediately.

December 21, 2020

An emergency meeting of the Complaints Committee was held on December 22, 2020 to consider information that had recently come to light regarding an incident involving Dr. Louis Bourget that occurred on or about October 16, 2020. Pursuant to s.34 (1) of the *Dental Act*, the Complaints Committee immediately suspended Dr. Bourget's license to practice dentistry.

January 12, 2021

A meeting of the Complaints Committee of the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia was held on January 12, 2021 pursuant to s. 34(3) of the *Dental Act* to review the Committee's December 21, 2020 suspension of Dr. Louis Bourget's license. The decision of the Complaints Committee was to terminate the suspension effective January 13, 2021. The Committee directed the Registrar and Deputy Registrar to perform Dental Practice Review for all locations in the Province of Nova Scotia in which Dr. Bourget practices, and that the results of the Dental Practice Review be reported to the Committee for review.

February 11, 2021

On February 11, 2021, a meeting of the Complaints Committee of the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia was convened. The meeting was convened after the Provincial Dental Board was informed by legal counsel for Dr. Louis Bourget on February 5, 2021 that he is facing criminal charges of aggravated assault and assault with a weapon. Dr. Bourget is registered as an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon practicing in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Following a review of the information regarding the criminal charges that Dr. Bourget is facing, the Complaints Committee ordered that Dr. Bourget's license to practice in the Province of Nova Scotia be suspended effective immediately. This matter has been referred to the Discipline Committee of the Provincial Dental Board for a hearing under s. 34 (4) of the *Dental Act*.

April 19, 2021

A meeting of the Complaints Committee was held on April 19, 2021 to hear six cases.

Case 1: Counsel. Publish on a no-name basis.

Case 2: Table decision.

Case 3: Table decision.

Case 4: Table decision.

Case 5: Table decision.

Case 6: Referral of complaint to Discipline.

May 6, 2021

A meeting of the Complaints Committee was held on May 6, 2021 to hear three cases.

Case 1: Dismiss. Publish on a no-name basis.

Case 2: Letter of Reprimand. The Committee directed the Registrar and Deputy Registrar to perform Dental Practice Review for the registrant and that the results of the Dental Practice Review be reported to the Committee for review. Publish on a no-name basis.

Case 3: Letter of Reprimand. Publish on a no-name basis.

May 17, 2021

A meeting of the Complaints Committee was held on May 17, 2021 to hear two cases.

Case 1: Letter of Reprimand. Publish on a no-name basis.

Case 2: Dismiss. Publish on a no-name basis.

Discipline Committee

March 13, 2021

The Discipline Committee of the Provincial Dental Board held a hearing pursuant to s. 34(4) of the *Dental Act* for Dr. Louis Bourget. The Committee's decision can be found at:

<http://pdbns.ca/hearings/decision/dr.-louis-bourget-oral-surgeon>

May 28, 2021

The Discipline Committee of the Provincial Dental Board held a hearing to approve a Settlement Agreement for Dr. Daniel Tam. The Committee's decision can be found at:

<http://pdbns.ca/hearings/decision/dr.-daniel-tam>

June 11, 2021

The Discipline Committee of the Provincial Dental Board held a hearing to approve a Settlement Agreement for Dr. Louis Bourget. The Committee's decision can be found at:

<http://pdbns.ca/hearings/decision/dr.-louis-bourget-oral-surgeon>

Mandatory Continuing Education (MCDE) Committee

The MCDE Committee met virtually on June 17, 2021 for the business meeting. No audit was performed this year due to the one year extension that the Board granted to registrants in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The Committee addressed the issues of course eligibility for the mandatory medical emergency course and the educational requirements for Registered Dental Assistants who operate CBCT equipment.

Mandatory Medical Emergencies Course

There have been several inquiries regarding acceptable courses to fulfill the mandatory medical emergencies course. A variety of courses are available which fulfill the educational requirements for this course. Any course, in person or on-line, which covers the following topics would be acceptable:

- A. Basic Physiology
- B. Emergency preparedness
- C. Equipment and Supplies
- D. Medical Emergencies
 - I. Loss of consciousness (an approach to)
 - i. Vasovagal syncope
 - II. Angina/Myocardial infarction (ACS)
 - III. Aspiration/Airway obstruction
 - IV. Allergy/Anaphylaxis
 - V. Acute asthma/bronchospasm
 - VI. Diabetic emergencies

- VII. Seizures
- VIII. Stroke/CVA

Many courses will cover more topics and will also be accepted. The course must include a post test. The office of continuing professional education at Dalhousie University will be offering a medical emergencies course in the coming months which will fulfill these educational requirements. It will be offered asynchronously. This format will allow participants to review the course material at their convenience after which they will complete the post test.

A list of approved programs will be posted on the PDBNS website.

Qualifications for Registered Dental Assistants Designated to take Dentoalveolar or Craniofacial CBCT Scans

As outlined in the “Use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) in Dental Practice Standard”, training is to include both didactic and hands-on experience and include principles of radiation safety and protection, operating principles of CBCT equipment, exposure parameters and patient positioning. This training can be completed by various means. Most manufacturers will provide training that will fulfill this educational requirement. Dentists who have completed a PDBNS approved CBCT course can also provide training to their Registered Dental Assistants.

Registered Dental Assistants who operate CBCT equipment will be required to attest to having completed the appropriate training as part of their annual license renewal. The attestation question will be included in next year’s license renewal form for Registered Dental Assistants.

Dental Practice Review (DPR) Committee

The Dental Practice Review (DPR) Committee met virtually on June 24, 2021 to review the Self-assessment forms submitted by dentists audited in 2021. The second phase of the audit will get underway in the summer with site visits being conducted by the Registrar and Deputy Registrar. The primary focus of DPR site visits in 2020 will be much like it was the previous year, which will be to review each office’s site-specific COVID-19 Reopening Plan and that this Plan is being properly implemented.

Registration Appeal Committee

The Registration Appeal Committee had no activity since the last meeting of the Provincial Dental Board.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this time to sincerely thank the staff and all current and past Board and Committee members for their tremendous support during my eight years as Registrar. I would also like to thank Dr. Bill MacInnis for his guidance and sage advice during my year as Deputy Registrar before filling his very large shoes.

What I will remember the most during my time as Registrar are the exceptional contributions from exceptional people to serve this profession in the public’s interest. It’s been a true pleasure working with you.

Congratulations Doug on being selected as the next Registrar and I wish you great success in your new role.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Martin Gillis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a stylized "G".

Dr. Martin Gillis,
Registrar