

PROVINCIAL DENTAL BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA

MEETING 2016-05

December 5, 2016

A meeting of the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia was held on December 5, 2016 via conference call.

In Attendance: Dr. Chris Baker (Chair)
Dr. Kevin Walsh (Vice-chair)
Dr. Shelly Anderson
Dr. Clare Champoux
Dr. David Dignan
Dr. Terrie Logue
Dr. Tom Raddall III
Dr. Daniel Albert
Ms. Donna Rushton
Mr. Greg Fevens
Mr. David Melvin
Dr. Martin Gillis (Registrar)
Ms. Jane Donovan (Executive Assistant)

Observers: Mr. Jason Cooke (External Legal Counsel)
Morgan Knickle-Smith joined the meeting for Agenda Items 1-8.

Agenda 1. **Call to Order and Role Call**
At 7:34pm the Chair welcomed the Board members and provided general instructions regarding the proceedings.

Agenda 2. **Welcome: New public members and new legal counsel**
The Board welcomed Mr. David Melvin and Mr. Greg Fevens as new public members to the Board. The Board also welcomed Mr. Jason Cooke, who has replaced Ms. Ann Smith, as the Board's new external legal counsel.

Agenda 3. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**
The Chair asked the Board if any members had or knew of other Board members who had a conflict of interest with today's agenda. No conflict of interest was reported.

Agenda 4. **Approval of the Agenda**
The Chair reviewed the agenda and noted the addition of "Tooth Whitening/Bleaching" as item 8c.

It was moved and seconded – Dr. K. Walsh/ Mr. D. Melvin

Motion 2016- 61

“To approve the agenda as amended.”

Motion Carried

Agenda 5.

Chair’s Report

- a) **Meeting with the Minister of Department of Health and Wellness: November, 22, 2016**
The Registrar, Chair, and Vice-Chair met with the Minister of the Department of Health and Wellness on November 22, 2016. The ongoing legislative amendments were discussed. The goal is to present a new version of the *Dental Act* to the Minister in 2017. The Minister was given an update on the Board’s quality assurance initiatives including radiography inspections, recordkeeping guidelines, and sedation inspections/guidelines.

- b) **Opioid use and pain management**
The Registrar met with Dr. Peter MacDougall, an anaesthesiologist who offers a pain management course for nurses and physicians. The idea of a pain management course for dentists, potentially as a component of MCDE in the future, was discussed.

Agenda 6.

Guidelines and Standards Committee

- a) **Sedation Guidelines Update**
Dr. Albert provided an update on the Sedation Guidelines. The Committee has reviewed guidelines form different provinces and is close to completing a draft. The committee would like to conduct three pilot inspection site visits in 2017. The Board will bear the initial cost of \$900 per office for the pilot inspections; in the future, licensees may cover the costs of inspections.

It was moved and seconded – Dr. D. Albert/ Dr. T. Logue

Motion 2016- 62

“To task the Sedation Inspection Team with performing pilot inspections of offices offering moderate and deep sedation.”

Motion Carried

- b) **Recordkeeping Guidelines Update**
Dr. Walsh provided an update on the Recordkeeping Guidelines. A draft of the Guidelines has gone to stakeholders. Feedback so far has been positive.

- c) **Botox and Aesthetic Therapy Guidelines Update**
Dr. Anderson provided an update on the Botox and Aesthetic Therapy Guidelines. Since the last meeting, it has come to the attention of the Committee that Quebec and British Columbia are also revisiting their guidelines. The Committee has elected to wait and see what the national trend is going to be before moving forward with the Nova Scotia Guidelines.

Agenda 7. Human Resources and Governance Committee

Lease – New Premises

The lease for the Board's new premises has been signed. The Board will move to the new premise at 210 Waterfront Drive in Bedford in July 2017.

Agenda 8. New Business

a) **Request: Nursing Home**

The Registrar received correspondence from a nursing home in Antigonish regarding an on-premise dental suite. Direction was given to the Registrar to form a working group to develop guidelines and ensure regulatory compliance with this type of dental practice. There is some precedent for this type of practice at other nursing homes in the province.

b) **Antibiotic Prophylaxis Regimen – Prosthetic Joints**

The CDA statement on Antibiotic Prophylaxis Regimen – Prosthetic Joints was presented for informational purposes. Direction was given to the Registrar to contact Dr. Blaine Cleghorn for his opinion on the CDA statement and report at the January Board Meeting.

c) **Tooth Whitening/Bleaching**

The Board received correspondence from a dental office regarding the tooth whitening policy. This policy has not been updated since 2004. Direction was given to the Registrar to re-examine the Tooth Whitening Guidelines.

Agenda 9. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded – Mr. D. Melvin / Ms. D. Rushton

Motion 2016 -63

“To adjourn the meeting”

Motion Carried

Next Board Meeting – January, 27, 2017

Approved,



Dr. Chris Baker, Chair

27-01-2017.

Date