

**PROVINCIAL DENTAL BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA**

**MEETING 2017-02**

**April 17, 2017**

A meeting of the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia was held on April 17, 2017 via conference call.

**In Attendance:** Dr. Christopher A. Baker (Chair)  
Dr. Kevin Walsh (Vice-chair)  
Dr. Daniel Albert  
Dr. Shelly Anderson  
Dr. David Dignan  
Dr. Terrie Logue  
Dr. Tom Raddall III  
Ms. Marina Crawford  
Ms. Donna Rushton  
Mr. Greg Fevens  
Mr. David Melvin  
Dr. Martin Gillis (Registrar)  
Ms. Jane Donovan (Executive Assistant)  
Mr. Jason Cooke (External Legal Counsel) –Joined at 8:25pm

**Regrets:** Dr. Clare Champoux

**Agenda 1:** Call to order  
The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:02pm.

**Agenda 2:** Roll Call

**Agenda 3:** Conflict of Interest

The Chair asked the Board members if they 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

It was moved and seconded – Mr. D. Melvin/Mr. G. Fevens

**Motion 2017-16**

“To accept the agenda as presented”.

**Motion Carried**

**Agenda 5.** Decanal Candidates – Dalhousie

The Chair and Registrar were invited to partake in the process to select a new Dean at the Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry. They met with the four candidates both one on one and in a group setting and were able to ask specific questions. We were updated by Dr. T. Logue that the new Dean selection should be public any day now.

**Agenda 6.** Update: New Premises/New Staff

- a) New premises – The move to the new PDB premises in Bedford is planned to start May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the plan is to be operational May 8<sup>th</sup>. May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are typically busy with RDA renewals so the Board office will remain fully operational at the Halifax location during this process.
- b) New Staff: Ms. Sarah Hill, a former Quick Card employee with dental industry knowledge, has been hired as the new receptionist. As well, we have had funding approved for two students and we hope to hire them in May. Advertising is ongoing for these positions.

**Agenda 7.** CDRAF Registrars Meeting – Mar 20, 2017

- a) Strategic Plan - A draft of the strategic plan was prepared at the last meeting and this will be sent to stakeholders.
- b) Governance – Historically CDRAF has experienced problems with governance and the governance structure had been an issue of ongoing debate within the organization. Such debate has impeded the progress of the organization to move forward on key regulatory issues. Some provincial dental regulatory authorities are beginning to question the value of this national body. This perception diminishes the relevance of CDRAF and creates the risk of provinces leaving CDRAF and ultimately the folding of the organization. In order to address the governance issue, a document has been prepared that proposes a new governance model which makes the Provincial Registrars the board members of CDRAF. The idea is that the Registrars are in the best position to understand the issues and represent continuity. The elected provincial representatives would attend an Annual General Assembly to address key operational functions such as budget approval and the approval of CDRAF projects. This proposal will be reviewed at the CDRAF Board meeting.

**Agenda 8.**

Update – PDBNS Board Appointments/ Reappointments

Reappointments (Dr. Chris Baker, Dr. Dave Dignan, Ms. Marina Crawford) and at least one appointment (Dr. T. Raddall completing his final term) will be needed before our September Board meeting to maintain a full slate of Board members. We have been assured by the province that timely reappointments will not be a problem as we have experienced in the recent past.

**Agenda 9.**

NDAEB Reappointment – Member Representative

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

**Motion 2017 -17**

“To re-appoint Ms. Donna Rushton as the NDAEB representative to the PDB ”.

**Motion Carried**

**Agenda 10.**

Legislative Amendments Update

Draft *Dental Act* - Mr. Jason Cooke gave an update on the status of the draft *Act*. The last committee meeting advanced the legislative amendments to the point where they will be ready for the Board to review (the draft will be available Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> on Drop Box and the Board is requested to respond to the Registrar by May 3<sup>rd</sup> ), and a Board conference call will occur if required. Next, the goal is for the draft to go before the Board at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting for adoption, followed by forwarding it to stakeholders in June with a Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for stakeholder feedback.

**Agenda 11.**

In Camera

**Agenda 12.**

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded – Dr. T. Raddall/Dr. D. Dignan

**Motion 2017-18**

“Meeting adjourned” at 8:30pm.

**Motion Carried**

**Next Board Meeting - Friday, May 26, 2017.**

Approved,



Dr. Christopher A. Baker, Chair

3-6-2017

Date