



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR DENTAL BOARD

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Minutes of the Newfoundland & Labrador Dental Board Annual General Meeting – Saturday, July 9, 2022

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Newfoundland & Labrador Dental Board was held on Saturday, July 9th, 2022, at the Capital Hotel, Kenmount Road, St. John's, NL.

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. P. O'Brien, Dr. J. Johnson, Dr. M. Sexton, Dr. S. Abhyankar, Dr. P. Hurley, Dr. L. Blakey, Ms. J. Lamswood, Ms. P. Parsons, and Mr. C. Finch. Absent Mr. Martin Harty

Call to Order

Dr. Jerome Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order and introduced the Board Members.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve AGM Minutes of November 30, 2020, as circulated. Moved by Dr. Marina Sexton and seconded by Dr. Paul Hurley. Motion Carried

Financial Report

The Registrar provided an overview of the audited 2021 Financial Statements which have been provided to the Minister of Health and Community Services.

The Board reduced the re-licensure fees for 2021 by deducting 3 months fees due to the closure of offices during the Pandemic in 2020. This saw a reduction in fees for 2021 by 25% – a \$60,000 loss in revenue but only a deficiency of revenues over expenses of \$16,000. The Board's assets remain strong. There will be no increase in fees for the upcoming year.

The Board has also approved in principle a pilot program for management of Continuing Education and its reporting process for our over 600 registrants. It will require the services of the Board's IT support company to develop the portal and its management.

Complaints Authorization Committee

Dr. Jerome Johnson Chair of the Complaints Authorization Committee (CAC) advised a comprehensive report for the CAC has been included in the Board's Annual Report to the NLDA for their AGM in June and also to the Minister of Health. During this year there were no complaints against Registered Dental Assistants or Registered Dental Technicians. There were approximately 20 complaints which were reviewed by the CAC, some which required disciplinary action, and one complaint sent to a disciplinary hearing, the summary of which has been posted on the Board's website.

Mandatory Continuing Education Committee

Paula Parsons, a member of the Mandatory Continuing Education Committee (CE), presented the CE report in the absence of Dr. Harry Simms who served as Chair of the Committee.

This Fall saw the end of our 4-year, pandemic affected, CE cycle. For the first time, the Board audited 100% of the Registrant's logs, some 600 in total. All but two Registrants filed their complete logs by the deadline. One dentist's file was completed and approved by the end of January and one Dental Technician never completed a log and remains outstanding.

The CE auditors noted with the increase in submissions for online courses it is clear they are becoming ever more popular, and it is anticipated the new CE Guidelines will accommodate more online courses and provide guidance to Registrants as to how online courses will fit into the various categories. The Committee is hopeful that a new computerized system will further streamline the reporting system.

Motion for Reappointment of Auditors for 2022

Motion to reappoint Brian T. Scammell CPV CBV as the Board auditors for 2022. Moved by Dr. Paul Hurley and seconded by Ms. Paula Parsons. Motion Carried.

Motion for Reappointment of Chief Solicitor for 2022

Motion to reappoint Mr. Gus Bruce as Chief Solicitor for 2022. Moved by Dr. Marina Sexton and seconded by Dr. Linda Blakey. Motion Carried.

The Chair thanked the Registrants who attended the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Dr. Marina Sexton and seconded by Dr. Linda Blakey. Motion Carried.