

CDSA Report to CDA

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The Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA) is the official incorporated national voice of Dental Specialties in Canada.

Our relationship with the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) has been maintained and strengthened through our annual Executive Board meetings. Since its inception CDA's past-Presidents (Drs. Rob McGregor, Rob Sutherland, and Peter Doig) and current President Dr. Gary McDonald have supported the CDSA and have attended or were represented by a designate at many individual specialty Annual General Meetings. The CDSA appreciates CDA attendance at the Specialty AGMs, as it reinforces collaboration and promotes effective dialogue on issues of common interest to oral health in Canada.

The CDSA Board is kept informed of CDA's activities through the distribution of the CDA Board of Director's Highlight Monthly reports. This has allowed for the identification of pertinent issues requiring further mutual understanding for the benefit of organized dentistry.

CDSA has identified the need for recognition and participation in other national dental organizations. The Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) as well as the Canadian Dental Regulatory Association Federation (CDRAF) have granted observer status to their respective meetings.

As part of its key initiatives this past year, CDSA submitted extensive presentations to CDRAF for their consideration with regards to Dental Anaesthesia's application for recognition as a National Specialty as well as commenting on CDAC's proposed changes to the dental specialty program directors requirements.

CDSA continues to provide committee members to the Canadian Oral Health Roundtable (COHR), the NHIB Review Task Force, the USC&LS, and the CDA-ACFD Special Care in Dentistry Working Group. Continuous dialogue within committees is essential to target the emerging health programs and challenging issues for vulnerable groups (children in low-income families, elderly people living in institutions, First Nations, disabled persons and others from low-income backgrounds) as recognized by CDA and identified by the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS).



CDSA has identified the sustainability of academic staff within the Canadian dental faculties, in both undergraduate and postgraduate programs as a most challenging current issue.

CDSA comprises 10.3% of CDA's individual (affiliated) membership. The CDSA Executive rotates through its line officers on a predetermined schedule encompassing all nine dental specialties. Incoming President Dr. Duncan Chambers (Association of Prosthodontists of Canada), Vice-President Dr. Ernest Lam (Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology) and Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Jean-Pierre Picard (Canadian Academy of Periodontology) comprise the CDSA Executive for the year ending April 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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