

CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT- September 2018

Our system for Continuing Education points accrual will be revised in 2019. As the model presently dictates, Members must accrue at least 90 continuing education points over a three year block of time. There are a number of disadvantages to this format:

1. Surplus points can not be carried over to subsequent years.
2. Theoretically, Members could attain all their points in Year 1 and be dormant in the latter stages of their three year block.

The block time period will be converted to a three rolling time period whereby the Member is continually in the third year of their cycle and includes the previous two years of their points accumulation records. The advantages are as follows:

1. They are more current and active in their pursuit of Continuing Education.
2. They can now carry over points accrued from the previous 2 years if they were active in C. E. due to life and professional opportunities. They are thus not required to hit a 're-set' with regards to points every third year.
3. Members remain in their three year time allotment and the points target remains at least 90 points.
4. Typically, Members are more active in Year 2 and most active in Year 3 anyway.

Your C. E. points ledger is very capably administered and accounted by Mr. Jason Korte at the CDSS Office. We are called upon frequently to judge the applicability of certain courses at the request of Members. In some circumstances, we deem the course to be inappropriate to the Members' practice of Dentistry.

With my apologies to Burton Cummings, Canadian dentists will be "Running Back to Saskatoon" on September 12-14, 2019. The CDA National Convention will be held in conjunction with our own CDSS Scientific Session in Saskatoon. It promises to be interesting and worthwhile. Mr. Korte has worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this venture, our first since 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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