

Executive Director Spring Council Report

As Dr. Presite has mentioned in his reports, intrusive audits continue to be a problem. An interesting point raised at last weeks CDA meeting was that CDA could 'endorse' certain insurance companies/plans over others. This is seen as a last resort option, but could be something that could possibly be considered. Also, members of the Economics Committee have a meeting scheduled with the SK Superintendent of Insurance to discuss this auditing behaviour.

We are working with a Government Relations firm in an attempt to keep a closer watch on government activities. We have done little work in this area over the years and are working towards making this a priority in the immediate future.

In Fall of 2016, I was asked by the board of CDA to serve on the CDA Future of Dentistry steering committee. This committee was created in an effort to foresee issues that could harm or benefit the profession in the next 20 –30 years. Progress has been slow, as this is a topic that warrants much consideration. We will be presenting our report at the CDA AGM in April 2018.

The CDSS office structure has gone through some changes over the past year. We have added Ms. Shelly Voykin to our staff in the role as PERP coordinator. This will allow Marion to devote more time to her committee work and other responsibilities more suited to her role as a Manager.

The Ontario Dental Association will be celebrating its 150 year anniversary in early May. Dr. Prestie and I will be attending the CDSPI AGM in Toronto at this time and other activities related to this momentous occasion.

Dr. Prestie and I will also be attending our annual economic committee meeting in June. This meeting always provides a great interprovincial look at economics and is a great opportunity to see what the 'canary in the coalmine' is for dentistry across the country. This will also be the third meeting we've had with RKH being under the banner of Impact Consulting. We have been pleased with the transition to the new firm and feel they are doing a great job for us.

I'm am nearing 10 year with the CDSS and it has been a great experience so far. I have met great people through this position and have come to deeply admire and appreciate your profession. I look forward to continuing to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Jerod Orb

Executive Director, CDSS