

## President's Report to Council for Winter Quarterly Session 2023

Welcome back my fellow council members. I truly hope everyone had a peace filled holiday season with their family and friends.

I thank each of you for volunteering your time to be a part of our council team for 2023. This is a very exciting and important time in the history of dentistry to be involved with the CDSS.

Since the Fall Council and AGM, I am pleased to see the continued evolution and positive change of our organization to keep it vibrant, healthy, and even more relevant. There have already been tangible improvements in communication and transparency within our organization and between our organization, the public and our members.

Since the AGM, we have promoted Ms. Jaime Korczak into the role as Executive Director of the CDSS. Jaime and I travelled to Toronto in early December to meet, in person, with the Canadian Dental Association, alongside our partners in other provinces. We discussed the current and potential future implications of the new Federal Dental Benefit.

I have also had a productive meeting recently with the new Dean of the College of Dentistry, Dr. Walter Siqueira. He certainly has ambitious goals and visions for the positive direction for the College of Dentistry. Of heightened interest to many members of Saskatchewan is their involvement in training dental assistants, hygienists, and possibly therapists, as well as, introducing the first specialty program for Saskatchewan and working towards a hopeful reboot of the GPR program.

Let's all make 2023 a great year together. Let's embrace the opportunities to get together in person to have meaningful debate discussions and decisions that impact all of Saskatchewan's 1.2 million people; and growing fast!

Yours truly,

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