CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT

The Continuing Education Program of the CDSS is coordinated and administered by the College of Dentistry of the University of Saskatchewan and has been for a number of years now. It is reflected in their business plan and mandate but the CDSS remain active partners in the program.

We strive to achieve the three 'A's of Continuing Education Courses- Available, Affordable, and Applicable. Members are invited to refer courses to us which they feel would benefit the Membership and our Coordinator, Jason Korte, has pursued two such referrals. Jason has endeavored to maximize the number of courses presented and will advertise on the College website and newsletters. He also forwards correspondence and registrations regarding upcoming courses. His new website is http://www.usask.ca/dentistry/cpde.

From a regulatory standpoint, the College has adjusted the compulsory point system slightly to encourage more personal attendance at continuing education courses. There is still a generous allowance for participation, however, for online learning for those members whom may have difficulty attending courses.

The CDSS is in the process of evaluating the system of compulsory point accumulation. At present, members are required to accumulate at least 90 points in a three-year block of time. There is some validity to altering that requirement to a rolling three year term whereby the preceeding two years always enter the equation. We realize life circumstances dictate one's ability to attend courses at certain junctures and not at other times.

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Respectfully submitted:

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