

Presidents Welcome and Report

Welcome everyone to the 2018 fall council meeting. I want to congratulate Dr. Craig Humber for being elected as Vice President 2019. Dr. Hilary Stevens, Dr. Todd Graham and Dr. Craig Humber make a powerhouse executive committee. I also want to welcome Aaron Vosseneuve, our new public rep. Thank you for joining the CDSS council. We are looking forward to working with you.

Since our spring meeting; Dr. White, Jerod and myself attended a meeting with the minister of health, Jim Reiter in Regina. The support of establishing a dental department in the new Saskatchewan Health Authority was discussed.

At the end of August, Dr. Hilary Stevens, Jerod and myself attended the presidents and CEO meeting in Charlottetown where the “future of the profession” report was discussed. The report of the CDA task force on the “future of the profession” is a call to action to Canadian dentists. Changing disease patterns, innovative technologies and evolving societal expectations combined with new practice models, the ever-increasing supply of dentists and the expanding role of mid-level providers are transforming dentistry.

The profession needs to navigate these new realities if it is to meet its ultimate goal of providing optimal health care to all Canadians. The report is the starting point for the profession to collectively develop a set of action plans to ensure that dentistry remains a valuable and rewarding profession.

At the meeting there was a facilitated session. All recommendations received from different provinces were discussed. Twelve priority recommendations were identified. Six of the recommendations were identified as category A and six were identified as category B.

The CDA Board of directors has established two CDA board priority teams to guide and oversee the implementation of the 12 priority recommendations. The two new board priority teams are:

1. **The healthy public team:** the goal is optimal health care to everyone in Canada and will deal in matters external to the profession.
2. **The strong profession team:** the goal is support for the dentist of the future and will deal with matters internal to the profession.

The CDA president will be sending out regular status reports.

Executive council is also in the process of strategic planning and finding a strategic planning facilitator. Executive council also had interviews with applicants for the council chair position and are in the process of hiring a council chair for start date January 2019.

I also want to thank council members for their exceptional work. They put in a tremendous amount of effort and time into their committees. It is an honor to be part of this team. Thank- you

Respectfully submitted,

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