



Annual General Meeting 2010
June 5, 2010, 2:30 – 4:30
Empire Theatres Dartmouth Crossing, Dartmouth Nova Scotia

Attendance: 227 members of the CDHNS

Guest Speaker, Sheila Kelly, presented the topic “Change Your Story” and become the person they want to be.

1. Introduction of Council Members

Karen Wolf introduced the Council Members: Rosemary Bourque, Dawna Ernst Henry, Sara Harding, Joanne Noye, Stephanie Stevens, Wendy Stewart, Jackie White and Karen Wolf. Regrets – Diane Chalmers, The Honourable Maureen MacDonald Minister of Health (see attached comments)

2. Reports

Karen Wolf, Council Chair, welcomed the members to the first AGM of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia. She made reference to the format for the meeting and encouraged general discussion and questions from the membership.

Karen addressed issues in her report including the Annual Report. She specifically addressed the last meeting of the NSDHA, held in Sydney NS on June 07, 2009, and gave highlights of that meeting including the two recipients of the 2009 Distinguished Service Awards, Allyson Cormier and Glenda Butt.

The members were then shown the slide presentation prepared by Terry Mitchell, “Through The Years”, which depicted the history of the NSDHA, the Legislation process and finally, the transformation to the CDHNS.

Patricia Grant, the Registrar, spoke to her report and presented a power point presentation to familiarize members with the role of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia, member demographics, public interest, excellence of care, and member services.

The Register referred to the list of Committee Members including public representatives which was published in the Annual Report and added Mary Jane Kiley, a public representative, to the Credentials Committee.

Audit Statements were distributed at the beginning of the meeting and were discussed. The CDHNS’s plan is to place a portion of any surplus at the end of each financial year in a reserved fund for the next three years, or, until such time as the fund contains an amount equal to one year’s operating budget.

A question was raised from the membership regarding the ten thousand dollar capitol loss shown in this year’s audit statements. This loss resulted from the sale of mutual fund investments following the market decline in 2008 and this was reflected in the 2009 budget year.

3. Representative Annual Reports received for information

The Chair spoke to the following individual representative reports included in Annual Report:
The National Dental Hygienists Certification Board

Wendy Stewart, Chair of Continuing Competency Committee, spoke to her report. There were questions from the audience regarding CPR certification, including CE points and whether it needs to be done annually. It was discussed that Dental Hygienists should be recertified each year, as this had been part of the discussion during the legislative process.

4. Strategic Plan

The Chair spoke to the College about now being an independent regulatory body; including the vision and mission statement.

Values: accountability to the public, excellence in care, ethical decision making, professional integrity, accountability and support, equitable access to health care, sound resource management, interprofessional and interagency collaboration, and interprovincial and national collaboration.

Strategic Directions and Goals: The Registrar spoke about the 6 strategic directions; Regulatory Administration, Standards of Care, Awareness of Dental Hygiene Profession, Membership Services, Leadership Development, Interprofessional and Interagency Awareness and Collaboration.

To demonstrate the Strategic Direction: Awareness of the Dental Hygiene Profession, a recent video from ATV's Live at Five was shown. The topic was a profile of Joanne Noye, the first CDHNS member to provide mobile dental hygiene services to residents of long term care.

The following upcoming professional issues were discussed with the membership present:

- a. Lasers: Council will be investigating lasers more before a statement is made.
- b. Oral Anaesthetics: Nancy Neish, Director of Dental Hygiene Program at Dalhousie University, announced there will be a Local Anaesthesia course offered, by distance, through Dalhousie that may have some hands on components that will have to be done at the University. No set date for these as yet, but it is hoped to be fairly soon.
- c. Whitening: Karen Wolf spoke to an owner of a whitening clinic in Bedford NS. She listened to their information and then proceeded to introduce herself and explain and inform the owner of many aspects of teeth whitening that the owner did not previously know. The CDHNS plans to do advisory work in this area.
- d. CDHA Meeting June 2011: As already spoken of earlier, CDHA will be holding a National Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia next June and the CDHNS will be planning the next AGM around this event, as well as collaborating with CDHA on certain aspects of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35.