

## Mission Statement

The College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia, in the best interest of the public, regulates members, promotes excellence in care and advances the profession.

## Nova Scotia Dental Hygienists Gave From the Heart



On Feb 16th, Joanne Noye and Katherine MackEigan provided free dental hygiene services and education to four young mothers who reside at "Supportive Housing for Young Mothers". We also did screenings for five babies/toddlers. Since we had lots of adult and children's toothbrushes donated by Maxell and Sunstar, we left them with the staff to keep for future residents.



It was a great day and we were happy to have the opportunity to share our knowledge and skills with these young women and babies.

We look forward to participating in this event next year.  
~ Joanne Noye, Essential Dental Hygiene Services

Happy Smiles Dental Hygiene participated in the annual gift from the heart event by providing dental hygiene services to those who for whatever reason are unable to afford services. Nine patients were seen by Jayne Beaumont of Happy Smiles Dental Hygiene with assistance from Cindy Clancy RDH and Shauna Coughlin RDH of Mic Mac Dental Centre. (Also shown in the picture is Donna Schnare DA and Jaci Kelly)



*The Gift from the Heart is a day set aside for Dental Hygienists all across Canada to educate everyone on the link between oral health and overall health.  
- [www.giftfromtheheart.ca](http://www.giftfromtheheart.ca)*

We opened our doors at 9am until 6pm to provide dental hygiene services and oral hygiene instruction. I was very lucky to have the event advertised by Lite 92.9 radio station and to have it listed on their events page. This gave way to numerous calls and even a cancellation list.

It was such a great day and clients were full of appreciation and many hugs were given out. I am really looking forward to next year's event and was honoured to be involved in the first one in Nova Scotia.  
~ Jayne Beaumont,  
Happy Smiles Dental Hygiene



On Friday February 8th, 2013, four dental hygienists from Richmond County, Cape Breton, participated for the first time in the 4th Annual Gift From The Heart Day. Jackie White, Jessica Boudreau, Sharon Hearn and Donna Samson gave their time and energy to provide dental hygiene services to those that might otherwise not receive them. It was held at Isle Madame Dental Center in Arichat.

It was a very productive day, running from 12 noon until 7:30pm, with 35 patients seen in total. The range in age was 11 to 83. Approximate value of dental hygiene services delivered was \$4300. All patients were very appreciative of the care they received.

A big thanks goes out to CDHNS' resource centre for their contributions of toothbrushes, floss, and numerous educational materials that we added to the patients' take home bags.  
~ Jackie White

# FROM THE DESK OF THE REGISTRAR

## Administrative

Since I last wrote in December, the CDHNS has been extra busy overseeing changes to the office space and we expect to move downstairs this month. We have also been occupied with the implementation and training phase of the new data base and software system. You will see changes to the way you can electronically interact with the CDHNS in the future particularly at renewal time. In this issue of the Unison there is an article on changes to the licence renewal process. Like any change there will be an adjustment period and there may be times when we feel a little frustrated or experience temporary disruptions to service. At the end of the day, or year in our case, these changes will help to make us more efficient and to serve our members and the public better in the future.



## Regulatory Issues

### Care Directive for Administration Local Anaesthetic

Some members have been inquiring about a sample of a care directive or order to be used in their place of employment when administering local anaesthetic. Two members of Council, Angie Parker and Donna Samson, are working with the Registrar to develop a Care Directives Document with a sample directive or order for local anaesthetic. We plan to present this to Council later this month and have it available to members shortly after that.

## Internationally Educated Dental Professionals

Meetings continue with the Stake Holder Group. The CDHNS received a grant last fall to develop materials and build capacity in this area. We are working with a consultant to develop a pathways document and materials for the website.

## Member Services

### Ownership Linkage

The Council Ownership Linkage visits to various areas in the province continued over the winter. The registrar and members of Council have visited four regions so far in Sydney, Bridgewater, Halifax and Truro. While the Halifax and Truro visits were postponed due to weather we still had excellent turn outs on the alternate dates. The next visit is the Annapolis Valley Study Club in Wolfville on March 17, 2013 and the last but certainly not least is planned for Yarmouth with the exact date TBA. We have had excellent attendance and great help from the local organizers. Thank you for the welcome and for your input into the CDHNS.

### Table Clinics

The CDHNS was represented by Council member Angie Parker who awarded the CDHNS prizes for the annual Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry Table Clinic presentations.

The plans for the 50th anniversary of the School of Dental Hygiene continue. I hope to see you all there.

*Patricia Grant*

Patricia Grant, Registrar  
March, 2013

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# PRACTICE ISSUES

## REGULATION 35: ADVERTISING STANDARDS

The CDHNS supports and encourages members who wish to deliver dental hygiene care in alternate ways. Businesses, particularly new businesses, rely on advertising in various forms to inform the public about their services. It can be especially difficult to promote new businesses like dental hygiene where the public is not generally aware that the services are available directly to the public. The ability and need to advertise is new for dental hygienists in Nova Scotia and care should be taken to avoid inadvertently misrepresenting the practice or services provided. Dental Hygiene Regulation 35 addresses advertising standards for members of the profession in Nova Scotia.

In Regulation 35 advertising means to publish, display, or distribute any advertisement, announcement or information related to a dental hygienist's practice. This can be through any means including brochures, business cards, websites, bill boards, or other forms of electronic or paper media.

Advertising must be of a dignified nature and in good taste, so as to uphold the dignity, honour and ethics of the profession and not bring the dental hygienist or the profession into disrepute. Generally this is accomplished by providing truthful information in plain language which will not confuse nor mislead nor is likely to be misinterpreted by the public. It is safer to speak about what you have to offer than to compare your services to others.

The regulation stipulates that the information be directed to the general public and not to an individual member of the public other than when it is sent to current clients of record. The information must be relevant to the public's ability to make an informed choice and should include the following:

- the dental hygienist's name
- professional description
- academic degrees gained by examination
- the office's location
- e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers
- hours and days of operation
- the languages spoken
- universal symbols, such as symbols for wheel chair accessibility,
- methods of payment and the services available.

The content of the advertising must be accurate and true. The claims made must be capable of being proven by facts independent of personal feelings, beliefs, opinions or interpretations. It should not make comparisons with another practice or practitioner, or suggest that the services provided are unique or superior to another practice or practitioner. Similarly the advertising may not refer to the quality of services provided, for example: "Jon Smith's Hygiene Clinic - does the best scaling and polishing in town" would not be considered appropriate under the regulation.

Content must not be ambiguous nor likely to be confusing nor misleading to the public. Care must be taken to use wording consistent with the scope of practice of dental hygiene under the legislation in Nova Scotia. Web site developers or others who may be hired to write advertising copy are not necessarily familiar with the appropriate language to describe professional services; nor are they familiar with the Advertising Regulation of the profession. Similarly if a particular reference is used directly you should make sure that you acknowledge it appropriately. Some documents

have copyright restrictions. Regardless of the person writing the advertisement it is the member's responsibility to ensure the Advertising Regulation is met.

It is best to use simple and clear language when describing dental hygiene services offered. It may be helpful to use references and background material especially when working with a consultant so that examples of wording can be found. If you are reviewing other web sites for ideas make sure that they are consistent with the regulations. The following documents would provide definitions of dental hygiene processes and would be useful as background information for anyone preparing a website for example:

*Dental Hygiene Act of Nova Scotia and the Regulations*  
*Dental Hygiene: Theory and Practice [edited by] Darby, M and Walsh, M, 3rd ed.*

*National Dental Hygiene Competencies (NDHC) available at [http://www.cdha.ca/pdfs/Competencies\\_and\\_Standards.pdf](http://www.cdha.ca/pdfs/Competencies_and_Standards.pdf)*  
*CDHA National List of Service Codes – revised 2012*

The example below demonstrates how the definition of the dental hygiene assessment from the text Dental Hygiene: Theory and Practice by Darby and Walsh may help in finding the right wording to use on a website.

Definition: Assessment involves the systematic collection and analysis of the following data to identify client needs, and oral health problems: medical and dental histories; vital signs; extraoral and intraoral examination; radiographs; indices; and risk assessments (Darby & Walsh, 2010, p.15).

Using this definition a user friendly version for the public could be written such as:

"During the assessment the dental hygienist will record a thorough medical and oral health history, including vital signs such as blood pressure, complete a close inspection of the head and neck, teeth, gums and other soft tissues of the mouth. Where indicated they may use radiographs, indices or measurements and risk assessments to determine and record your personal oral health status. The information gained from the assessment will be used to determine your dental hygiene diagnosis and treatment plan."

A simple test to determine if your information is clear and not misleading would be to have several individuals who have no dental background or knowledge of dental hygiene services read the material. Ask them questions to find out how your message is coming across. Are they confused at all about what services they would receive and who is providing them?

Professional corporations recognized under the Dental Hygienists Act must adhere to these same Advertising Regulation.

The Advertising Regulation is written with protection of the public in mind and it is not meant to prohibit in any way legitimate advertising by members who wish to inform the public regarding their services: "to get the word out there" so to speak. If members are preparing a website or other forms of advertisement they should review Section 35 of the Dental Hygiene Regulation. A little extra time spent up front could avoid a complaint under the Advertising Regulation later. The regulations are available on the CDHNS website at [www.cdhns.ca](http://www.cdhns.ca). If members have questions regarding the Advertising Regulation they should consult with the CDHNS.

## ANTIBIOTICS FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT CLIENTS

On December 18, 2012 the AAOS (American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons) and the ADA (American Dental Association) released a new guideline document titled Prevention of Orthopaedic Implant Infection in Patients Undergoing Dental Procedures. This document replaces the previous AAOS guideline document released in 2009.

There were News Releases by both the AAOS and the ADA on December 18, 2012 that summarized the new guideline document. At this time the CDHNS is not aware of any statement the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) has released on the new guidelines.

The News Release by the ADA is titled Evidence Does Not Support Antibiotics For Dental Patients with Joint Replacements (see link below).

<http://www.ada.org/news/8061.aspx>

The News Release by the AAOS is titled Evidence Insufficient to Recommend Routine Antibiotics for Joint Replacement Patients Who Undergo Dental Procedures (see link below).

<http://newsroom.aaos.org/media-resources/Press-releases/evidence-insufficient-to-recommend-routine-antibiotics-for-joint-replacement-patients-who-undergo-dental-procedures.htm>

The link to the ADA site listed below summarizes the recommendations, provides links to the full guideline document and an executive summary. This link also provides a link to the Shared Decision Making Tool Prepared by David S. Jevsevar, MD, MBA.

This tool will assist you in discussing this issue with your clients. Practitioners will find this particularly helpful.

<http://www.ada.org/2583.aspx?currentTab=2#replace>

All members should review the guidelines for themselves. No doubt there will be discussion with employers and question from clients that will need to be addressed.

These new guidelines are evidence based and the first recommendation reads, "The practitioner might consider discontinuing the practice of routinely prescribing prophylactic antibiotics for patients with hip and knee prosthetic joint implants undergoing dental procedures." The strength of the Recommendation: Limited. A Limited recommendation means the quality of the supporting evidence that exists is unconvincing, or that well-conducted studies show little clear advantage to one approach versus another. It goes on to say that "Practitioners should be cautious in deciding whether to follow a recommendation classified as Limited, and should exercise judgment and be alert to emerging publications that report evidence. Patient preference should have a substantial influencing role." (from ADA website: <http://www.ada.org/2583.aspx?currentTab=2#replace>)

Therefore the level of evidence have determined that there is insufficient evidence to routinely prescribe prophylactic antibiotics prior to dental procedures that cause bacteremias for most patients with total joint replacements. All patients should be advised of the new guidelines and be re-evaluated. Patients should be given the information and be allowed to make an informed decision as to whether or not they wish to take antibiotics prior to dental procedures causing a bacteraemia.

The recommendations in the guidelines, recommend continued prophylactic antibiotic coverage for patients that are immunocompromised. All other patients should be advised that prophylactic antibiotic coverage is not recommended.

It is important to be prepared discuss this with the client's physician, dental colleagues, employers and with your clients.

Guidelines and policies change from time to time and it is important for the safety of the public that health care practitioners stay current.

# RESOURCES

## CONTINUING COMPETENCY REPORT

The Continuing Competency Committee has met twice in the last year; on Nov 3, 2012 and then for the annual audit on Jan 26, 2013.

At our meeting in November, we welcomed our two newest members Jennifer Cox and Teanne MacCallum. Revisions to the guidelines were proposed; check the CDHNS website for the most current and up to date edition of our guidelines.



At our audit meeting in January, a total of 38 audits were completed. 35 members passed and 3 members failed. The failed audits were due to a lack of Category 3 credits. These members have been contacted and will need to complete their requirements within a limited time.

A reminder, once again, that all members must get a Certificate of Attendance signed when attending your CPR recertification, paying particular attention to the length of time of the course. This verification needs to be sent in only if audited, and not when sending in your annual registration and licence renewal fee to the College.

CDHA sent us a list of their upcoming webinars, along with the material covered and the presenters, for our review. The list of points and appropriate categories likely granted by the Continuing Competency Committee is available on the credit table through the CDHA website. CDHA has informed us that they will be reviewing and updating their credits table in the near future. There are two inaccuracies on their table to note: RRSP webinar should be listed as a category 3 course and Oraqix should be removed from the Discussions tab as it is not Category 2. It is properly classified under webinars as category 1. They have been notified of the inaccuracy.

We see quite often that there are many brochures circulating from commercial organizations which "advertise" the number of credits that we will approve for their course. Keeping in mind that the Continuing Competency Committee does not pre-approve courses, most organizations do not send us their course information prior to sending out advertisements for their course. Therefore, we want you, the members, to be aware that **advertised courses may not be eligible for the points they claim**, according to our own guidelines. We encourage you, the member, to identify the appropriate category to which you believe the course may belong, along with the appropriate number of hours, when submitting for audit. It is recommended that you keep the course outline for verification of the material covered, its presenter and/or sponsor, and a signed certificate of attendance, if proper documentation is not given with your receipt.

There are many business management groups that go into offices and speak about how to maximize office potential, like the Transitions Group. The College has recently received a number of inquiries regarding these management groups. These are **for** profit organizations that are leading some to believe that their courses will fulfill all CE requirements here in Nova Scotia. This is completely inaccurate information and members need to be aware that this company has not sent us any of their course material to review. If you attend these courses, please ensure you keep a record of the course outline and your signed certificates of attendance. **There is no course available that will fulfill all your CE requirements!** Of the 45 credit hours/per three year cycle, we require a minimum of 15 hours in Category One. We also require a minimum of 5 hours in category Three, and a maximum of 15 hours in Category Three can be claimed per cycle.

A few points to keep in mind when preparing and documenting your CE log:

1. What category will this CE fit into? Check the guidelines - <http://www.cdhns.ca/images/Continuing%20Competency%20Guidelines%20-%20revised%20Nov%203%202012.pdf>
2. Does the receipt issued by the sponsor of the CE give all required information? If not, get a Certificate of Attendance signed by the presenter, available on our website - [http://www.cdhns.ca/images/stories/CDHNS\\_Certificate\\_of\\_Attendance.pdf](http://www.cdhns.ca/images/stories/CDHNS_Certificate_of_Attendance.pdf)
3. Required information - course topic (include a syllabus if topic unclear by title), date, time, length of presentation (include hands-on portion, if any) and sponsor of course

The Continuing Competency Committee wants to stress to our members that it is ultimately your responsibility as a professional to understand the guidelines and to provide **adequate** supporting documentation if and when requested for audit purposes. Keep as much information on your courses as you can. Better to be safe than sorry!

Happy Spring Everyone!

Jackie White  
Chair of CDHNS Continuing Competency Committee

# RESOURCES CONTINUED

CDHNS Members have been active!

The Community Education Resource Centre has been busier than ever!

During the 2012/2013 year, members of the College have completed dental hygiene educational presentations to over 1500 Nova Scotians. Dental hygienists spoke to pre-natal classes, classrooms, community groups, high school students, adults with addictions, even prisoners.

Over 1500 Nova Scotians served by the CDHNS Community Education Resource Centre!

A HUGE thank you to all our CDHNS volunteers!

If you are interested in presenting to a group in your community, members can contact the CDHNS Resource Centre to obtain toothbrushes, floss, pamphlets, and little surprises for kids, including pencils, tattoos, and activity sheets.

April is the busiest month for the resource centre, so send your request early.

CPR Re-certification for dental hygienists  
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada  
HCP Level C with AED

Saturday September 28, 2013  
9:00 - 12:30a.m or 1:00 - 4:30p.m.  
South Shore Health Office -  
Public Health/Continuing Care  
215 Dominion Street, Suite 200  
Gateway Plaza  
Bridgewater

Sign up at: [r.b@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:r.b@ns.sympatico.ca)  
Space is limited.

Northern Nova Scotia Summer & Fall  
CPR booking  
Book your group date early  
Dates are filling up already

If you wish to book a date for your group  
or study club session

Contact Rosemary Bourque  
at [r.b@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:r.b@ns.sympatico.ca)  
to schedule a  
Heart and Stroke CPR for Healthcare Professionals  
Re-certification is 3.5 hours @ \$30.00 per person.

## Duty to Report

### What should you do if you suspect Child Abuse?

Nova Scotia's Department of Community Services Website states:

"Everyone has the duty to immediately report to a child welfare agency even a suspicion that a child under 16 may be in need of protective services... If you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected, please contact the child welfare agency in the area where the child lives. It is best if you contact the agency by telephone or in person. To find the child welfare agency in your area, please contact the agency or district office of the Department of Community Services nearest you for more information.

After regular business hours call 1-866-922-2434 if you believe a child is in immediate danger."

<http://novascotia.ca/coms/families/abuse/index.html>

### What about Senior Abuse?

Nova Scotia's Department of Seniors website lists many signs of abuse on their website:  
[http://novascotia.ca/seniors/about\\_senior\\_abuse.asp](http://novascotia.ca/seniors/about_senior_abuse.asp).

If you know or suspect an adult is need of protection, call Adult Protection Services at 1-800-225-7225.

## The licence renewal routine will be changing in 2013

The College has been in the process of acquiring and implementing a member management system to link both the register and the website. This will allow us to better serve our members in a more efficient manner while being able to update a variety of government agencies to which we have a duty to report.

By the end of June 2013, members will have access to a members-only section of the CDHNS website to view various documents and to update their contact information. The College will use this members-only section to communicate information to its members.

With these changes to our website, the College will be offering online renewals for the 2013-2014 licence renewal period. At the end of August, when we would be sending out licence renewal forms, we will be sending information to our members on how to complete the online licence renewal process. Instructions on how to renew will be available online as well. The College will not be sending out paper renewals, however they will be available upon request.

Members who wish to obtain a practicing licence for November 1, 2013 will need to send in their CPR certificates to the College before the system will allow online renewal. A CPR course should be taken before the end of September to allow sufficient time for the College to receive your CPR certificate and activate your registration options online.

The College has asked the major CPR organizations in Nova Scotia about their classes, recertification requirements, and when certificates are issued. Please see the following chart:

CPR Courses (As of March 2013)	Red Cross (includes Life Shield)	St. John Ambulance	Heart & Stroke Foundation
What dates are on your certificates?	Both the issue date and the expiry date.	Both the issue date and expiry date (as of January 1, 2013).	Only the expiry date is on the card. All courses are valid for one year.
When are your certificates issued?	Certificates are given on the day of the course.	Certificates are given on the day of the course, unless late registrant.	Instructors must enter the class information on a portal and then pay for the class to receive their certificates. All certificates are printed weekly and then sent to participants. Delays may occur due to instructor data entry or payment.
Does Level C automatically come with AED?	AED is automatic with Level C and HCP.	AED is automatic with Level C and HCP.	AED is automatic with Health Care Provider.
How often does someone need to complete the full course?	A full course must be taken every three years. Members can recertify each year.	CPR can be recertified each year. The full First Aid course must be taken every three years.	A full course must be completed initially and then members can recertify annually as long as it is completed within 12 months of their last course. If you supply your email address, you will receive a reminder that you are due to renew.

Once the renewal process is completed online, members will click a button that states "invoice me". All payments options remain the same as the previous years: an email money transfer or a cheque mailed to the office. After the online renewal process has been completed and payment has been received by the College, your licence will be issued.

The steps that members will need to take to renew their licence for 2013-2014 are:

1. Send in CPR Certification Card
2. The system will allow you to renew online after September 1 if the College has received your CPR card.
3. Members will update their information online.
4. An invoice is emailed to the member.
5. Members have the choice to send in an email money transfer or cheque.
6. CDHNS will receive payment and issue licences.

Payments and online licence renewals are due before October 15, 2013.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Student Table Clinic Winners for 2013  
Congratulations to all the winners!

1st place - Morgan Hanrahan & Keri MacNeil  
“New, Non-Controversial, Convenient Sources of Stem Cells Could Lead to Tomorrow’s Cures”  
Advisor: P. Maillet

2nd Place - Jordan Cameron & Sarah Hayden  
“Lichen Planus: Valuable Information for Dental Professionals”  
Advisor: T. MacCallum

3rd Place - Laura Thorne & Tia Gerwatoski  
“Green Treatments for Periodontal Disease”  
Advisor: C. Tax

4th Place - Nicole MacCormack & Lisa MacDonald  
“Oil Pulling: Does a Tablespoon a Day Keep the Streptococcus Mutans Away?”  
Advisor: K. Haslam



You are invited!

The CDHNS Hearing Committee is looking for more members.

The Hearing Committee’s mandate: As requested by the Investigative Committee and/or Registrar, the Hearing Committee holds formal hearings and makes disciplinary decisions in relation to citations regarding a dental hygienist’s conduct, competency and/or ability to practice, pursuant to legislation.

Each member of the committee is fully trained and they are working on the manual and actions needed for discipline case. Currently, the Committee meets twice a year.

If you would like to be a part of this important committee, please contact the CDHNS at (902) 444-7241.

## Celebrate 50 Years of Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Graduates

Join your fellow alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends as we commemorate this special milestone!

Friday, April 26 & Saturday, April 27, 2013  
in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Register by April 15 at [www.daldh50.ca](http://www.daldh50.ca)  
or call (902) 494-1674

We look forward to seeing you there!





# NOMINATIONS SLATE 2013

The following CDHNS members have been nominated according to the rules set out and have accepted the nomination for election to the CDHNS Council at the AGM on June 1, 2013. Each nominee was asked to submit a brief biography and a statement of intent. The following names have offered for the five positions opening on Council.

## **1. Jerry Craig                      Dartmouth                      Canadian Forces Dental Services School (CFDSS) 1978**

Jerry began his career as a dental hygienist in the Canadian Forces for eleven years before becoming an instructor with the CFDSS. He has since worked in private practice since 1989 in Ontario and Nova Scotia. Jerry has been active in his profession including the President of the Simcoe County Dental Hygiene Society and being involved in the Collaborative Campaign for Self-Regulation. Currently he is an active member in the CDHNS Hearing Committee.

Statement of Intent: I have only a few working years left in a profession to which I have dedicated 35 years. I have always strived to be a consummate professional in my work, with clients and colleagues, and toward the promotion of high standards for our profession. Since self-regulation we have the power and ability to guide our chosen field to achieve the deserved accolade of Professional; I would like to complete my working life participating in the Council that oversees, guides and directs Dental Hygiene in Nova Scotia through visible and active leadership.

## **2. Sara Harding                      Bridgewater                      Dalhousie 1986**

Sara has worked in Public/Community Health settings as well as family private practice in Nova Scotia, Alberta, and British Columbia. She is an active member in the CDHNS Council including the position Member at Large and a member of the Ownership Linkage Committee. Sara is currently the Chair of the CDHNS Credentials Committee. She has volunteered with the Lunenburg Academy with the Fluoride Mouthrinse Program weekly.

Statement of Intent: Now, as in the past, I enjoy and find the Council work challenging, interesting and fulfilling. I hope to contribute in a meaningful way to enhance the public and member's best interests and promote Dental Hygiene as a profession.

## **3. Joyce Lind                      Sydney                      Dalhousie 1985**

Joyce has been working full-time as a Public Health Dental Hygienist since her graduation. Joyce has served on the Northside Community Health Board and on the Robin Foote Elementary School Advisory Council, she has recently been elected as a school board member for the Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board. Joyce is currently serving as the Vice-Chair of the CDHNS Council.

Statement of Intent: My intent is to bring to the table the unique perspective of the dental hygienist whose client is "community", while gaining insight to our provincial licensing body. I hope to learn, while bringing my experience and perspective to the table.

## **4. Ann MacArthur                      Windsor                      Dalhousie 1992**

Ann has worked in clinical practice for the past eleven years serving a variety of clients. She had been involved in many committees during her Home Economics studies in the early 1970s including the Womens Administrative Council. Ann has served on both the Halifax and Annapolis Valley component societies and is currently serving as a Member at Large on the CDHNS Council.

Statement of Intent: I am very proud of my profession and very grateful for the opportunities the practice of dental hygiene has provided in my life. Serving as a Council member allows me to give back to my profession and participate with my colleagues in the decision process that moves our profession forward.

## **5. Wendy Stewart                      Halifax                      Dalhousie 2001**

Wendy has been an active member in both NSDHA and CDHNS since 2004 and has served on various roles on the Continuing Competency Committee and the CDHNS Council, including sitting as our current Chair of Council, while working in private practice for the past twelve years.

Statement of Intent: I hope you will consider my name when electing your Council at the 2013 AGM. I am standing for re-election because I enjoy volunteering within my profession. In addition to the satisfaction volunteering brings to my professional life, I feel that I now bring experience to the table from my previous local, Provincial, and National Board terms.

# AGM 2012

CDHNS Annual General Meeting  
May 26, 2012  
Scotia Bank Theatre, Marion McCain Building  
Faculty of Arts and Science Dalhousie University

## CDHNS Annual General Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

Council Chair, Rosemary Bourque welcomed everyone to the third Annual CDHNS Business Meeting. Rosemary introduced the council members to the audience. In attendance: Dawna Ernst-Henry, Joyce Lind, Ann MacArthur, Cathy MacLean, Joanne Noye, Wendy Stewart, Jackie White, Karen Wolf. Absent were Sara Harding and Greg Glynn.

### 4. Approval of Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

Motion: To approve the agenda: Francine Leach, seconded by Wendy Stewart. Motion passed.

### 5. Approval of CDHNS AGM June 5, 2011 minutes

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes.

Motion: To accept the minutes as circulated: Joanne Noye, seconded by Ann MacArthur. Motion passed.

### 6. Annual Report –copies circulated

The CDHNS had put out a call for a practice advisor for the Resource Centre to review materials and pamphlets. Patricia Grant announced that two volunteers come forward to volunteer: Jocelyn Burke and Shannon O'Neill.

### 7. Audit Statements

Rosemary Bourque spoke to the audit statements in the annual report. The CDHNS Council had approved and accepted the audit statements the day before at the Council meeting and reaffirmed the accounting firm, Wilde Timmons and Michaud. Rosemary also informed the membership that the financial year end changed and the audit statements reflect a nine-month period, not a full year.

There were no questions on the audit statements.

### 8. Report of the Nominations Committee

Karen Wolf, as Chair of the Nominations Committee announced that the CDHNS received four nominations for the four openings on the CDHNS Council. Therefore there would not be an election and the members were acclaimed into position.

Karen introduced the new council members: Simone d'Entremont, Francine Leach, Donna Samson, who were in attendance, and Angie Parker who was absent.

### 9. Special Recognitions

Rosemary Bourque presented Distinguished Service Certificates to Dawna Ernst-Henry, Jackie White, and Karen Wolf for their service on the CDHNS Council.

Wendy Stewart presented a Distinguished Service Certificate to Rosemary Bourque for her service on the CDHNS Council.

Jackie White presented Certificates of Appreciation to Odette d'Eon and Wendy Stewart for their service on the CDHNS Continuing Competency Committee. Odette d'Eon was absent from the meeting and Simone d'Entremont accepted on her behalf.

### 12. Adjournment

The Business Meeting portion of the AGM was adjourned.

13. Ownership Linkage (Session from 2:30 – 3:30)

Karen Wolf introduced Policy Government to the membership. Karen explained P.R.E.S.T.O, which are any issues that would be out of the CDHNS's control that may hinder the CDHNS from completing its goals. These range from Political, Regulatory, Economic, Sociological, Technical, and Other. A list of each issue was placed on the screen for members to discuss items and add anything not already there. Members brought forward many topics that relate to their practice and geographical area.

Part of the Council's mandate is to link with different populations within Nova Scotia. Over the past year, the council focused on a group of underserved population: "Families of Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves". Rosemary Bourque and Joanne Noye presented the Council's Ownership Linkage project which occurred at the Mira Long Term Care Facility in Truro.

There was an opportunity for members to speak to the different projects occurring in difference areas around the province. Several members stood and spoke to how they are contributing to their community through dental hygiene services and were applauded by the membership.

It was announced that the registrar will be travelling around the province to speak to the membership along with their local council members. The membership was able to vote on the topics they would to discuss at these meetings. The top two topics were: A follow up to the Empowering Yourself in the Workplace employment handbook, and interest in alternate practice settings.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

**Register for the 2013 Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held in the Scotiabank Theatre,  
Marion McCain Arts & Social Sciences Building, Dalhousie Campus

Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 1:30pm - 3:30-pm

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March 17  
Annapolis Valley Ownership Linkage Meeting

March 22-24  
CDHNS Council Meeting

April 7 - 13  
National Dental Hygienists Week

April 13  
Volunteer at Northend Community Health Centre

April 26 - 27  
50 Years of School of Dental Hygiene at Dalhousie

May  
Yarmouth Ownership Linkage Meeting

May 31-June 2  
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