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## 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.

### Important Dates to Remember

*National Dental Hygienist Week  
April 6 - 12, 2014*

*Infection Control Course  
May 25, 2014*

*CDHNS Council Meeting  
June 6, 7, 8, 2014*

*CDHNS AGM and CE Event  
June 8, 2014*

*Online Renewal Begins  
September 1, 2014*

## New Awards to Recognize Dental Hygienists

In celebration of the 5th Anniversary of the College, two new awards are being implemented this year.

The **"You Make Me Smile" Award** is presented to a dental hygienist who has been nominated by a client for extraordinary care or concern. Go to our website to print your own poster or business card and then encourage your patients to send their comments to Laura at [members@cdhns.ca](mailto:members@cdhns.ca).

The winner will be awarded with a **COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION** for the AGM and CE Conference on June 7th and 8th, and will be featured in an upcoming issue of The Unison.

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Our ambassadors explore opportunities for alternative practice settings and utilize a broader scope of practice as oral health providers and promoters, client advocates, educators, researchers, entrepreneurs or employees.

The **"Ambassador of the Year" Award** is presented to the dental hygienist who has utilized the Resource Centre, providing education and supporting the community outreach objectives of the College to the fullest in the past year.

The winner will be presented with a great prize during lunch at the AGM and CE Conference on June 8th and will be featured in an upcoming issue of The Unison.

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"When you become part of something, in some way you count. It could be a march; it could be a rally, even a brief one. You're part of something, and you suddenly realize you count. To count is very important."  
- Studs Terkel

Happy 5th Anniversary!

May 15, 2014 marks the 5th anniversary of the proclamation of our legislation making dental hygienists self regulated in Nova Scotia. The legislative process provided an opportunity for members to become part of something and the profession gained in strength as we rallied around a cause. Students joined us at the legislature in support of the Act, members who never before lobbied wrote letters and visited their MLA's. Even those who may not have fully embraced the cause felt part of the profession as they expressed their views. This feeling of being part of something is important and we are all part of the College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia (CDHNS). We are a professional college rather than a licensing board because college means a formal group of colleagues set up under statute or regulation; who share the common values and knowledge of that profession. On May 15, 2009 there were 563 members, today the CDHNS is 679 strong and everyone counts.

In the five years what have we accomplished and more importantly what have we learned? By obtaining self regulation we learned that "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." Walt Disney and then we shortly realized that "After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb." Nelson Mandela. After five years there are more hills to climb but it is dental hygienists who are choosing those hills and deciding what is the best way to attempt the summit.

The CDHNS is planning an AGM Celebratory event and Continuing Competency Day to mark this important milestone. At the Celebratory Reception the evening before the AGM we will take a look back at our NSDHA roots and the last five years as a College. At the AGM you can exercise your vote in the election of Council members. We have lined up a very dynamic key note speaker to start off the CE day following the AGM on Sunday. You will find details of the AGM and the planned events in this newsletter. Come and be part of the celebration. Sign up early as space will be limited.

Participate and make it count.

*Patricia Grant*

Patricia Grant, Registrar

The National Collaborating Centre for Environment Health has put together an evidence review showing the trends, benefits, and risks of water fluoridation.

This can be found on their website at [http://nccceh.ca/sites/default/files/Community\\_Water\\_Fluoridation\\_Feb\\_2014.pdf](http://nccceh.ca/sites/default/files/Community_Water_Fluoridation_Feb_2014.pdf)

**5th Anniversary AGM and CE Conference**

**A BE THERE Event!**

Time	Activity	CE Credit Allocation
<b>Saturday, June 7th</b>		
6 - 8 pm	Exhibits and Registration Open	
7 - 9 pm	Celebratory Reception	
<b>Sunday, June 8th</b>		
8:30 am	Registration Open: coffee and muffins	
9 - 10 am	AGM	1 CE credit in Category 3
10 am - noon	Keynote Speaker Eva Grayzel	2 CE credits in Category 1
12 - 1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Head & Neck Exam Survey Results - BDH Students Jordan Cameron & Sara Wade, advisor Prof. Cara Tax, Dalhousie University	1 CE credit in Category 1
2:30 - 4:30 pm	Head & Neck Oral Cancer Assessment - Prof. Peggy Maillet, Dalhousie University	2.5 CE credits in Category 1



Early Bird Registration Member Rate \$125  
**Closes April 30th**  
**Space for lunch is limited so register now!**  
 May 1st Onward and Non-member Rate \$150

**Atlantica Hotel  
Halifax**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

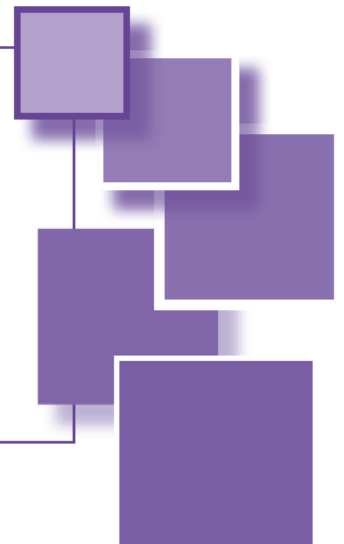
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal allergies / restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:  Cheque  Email transfer (secret answer is cdhns2014)

Cost: \$125 includes lunch and reception; \$150 after April 30th



Online at [cdhns.ca](http://cdhns.ca) under Events  
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# PUBLIC HEALTH IN NOVA SCOTIA

## Cape Breton District Health Authority Collects Local Data on Oral Health

Dental hygienists working in public health in the Cape Breton District Health Authority (CBDHA) have been offering the provincial Fluoride Mouthrinse Program (FMP) to high risk schools since 1997. This included the cooperation of 34 schools, the participation of almost 6000 students, and the coordination of over 200 volunteers - a significant task for 3 dental hygienists covering a large geographic area.



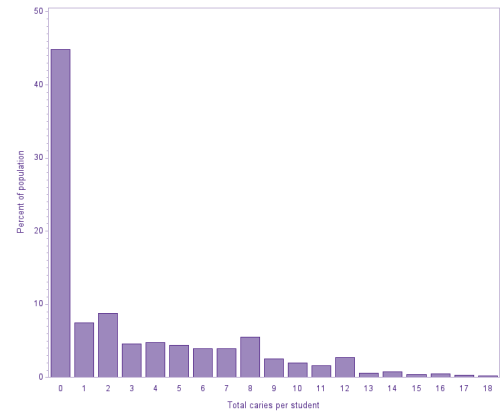
In 2012, the FMP was suspended for one year in order to carry out a Dental Screening Program of grade primary students. The purpose of this screening program was to gather local data on the oral health of the population in order to better inform us of the needs of the population. Early in the 2012-2013 school year, portable dental equipment and dental instruments were purchased, a sterilization process was put in place, calibration training was carried out, and consent forms, clinic charts and parent notification forms were developed. In January of 2013, screenings began.

A total of 40 schools participated in the Dental Screening Program from 3 school boards (Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board, Strait Regional School Board, and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial). Of the 1103 grade primary students in CBDHA, 956 were screened (87%). The mean age of participants was 5.2 years. Data was collected on the following indices: deft, DMFT, # caries-free, # sealants required, # with unmet dental needs, # referred for treatment, Community Periodontal Index of Treatment Needs (CPITN), risk assessment (a prediction of the relative risk of developing future decay).

The definition of high risk for tooth decay is: the presence of one or more decayed, missing (from tooth decay), or filled tooth surface in any primary teeth in a child 71 months of age or younger (5 years, 11 months of age).

45% of children screened were caries-free, while 55% had 1 more decayed, missing, or filled teeth making them “high risk for tooth decay”. The average deft/DMFT of the children screened was 3.11 and 34% had unmet dental needs.

The oral health goals for 6-year-olds identified in the draft Canadian Oral Health Framework (2013-2018) that was developed by the Federal, Provincial, Territorial Dental Working Group suggest an average deft/DMFT of <2.50, a caries-free rate of >55%, and the % of children with unmet dental needs of <15%. The results of the screenings for the 5-year-old population in CBDHA falls short of meeting all 3 of these suggested goals.



The Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS) that was completed from 2007-2009 collected oral health information on 6-11 year olds. The results of the CHMS showed an average deft/DMFT of 2.50, while the deft/DMFT for our 5-year-olds was 3.11; the CHMS showed 43% caries-free, while our 5-year-olds had a caries-free rate of 45% (a rate that will likely drop as these children grow older); and the CHMS showed 18% of children had unmet dental needs, while our 5-year-olds had 34% with unmet dental needs.

In summary, we now know that there are a significant number of grade primary students (now grade 1 students) in CBDHA with caries and with unmet dental needs. In addition, we have also learned that a significant number of children have not been to a dentist before the age of 5. We acknowledge that while we have a comprehensive understanding of the oral health of this age group, we do not have the same understanding for children <5 years of age or for children >5 years of age.

Moving forward, we have re-directed our Fluoride Mouthrinse Program to the “highest” of our high risk schools, currently offering the program to 21 schools. In addition, we have begun the work of building new relationships with the staff and clients of Cape Breton’s Family Place Resource Centre in an attempt to reach more families with young children. We are working on using more social media messages to get the word out about the new changes to the MSI Children’s Oral Health Program and to encourage families to begin dental care early. CBDHA has also initiated a new Dental Screening Program for grade 6 students. Screenings will take place between January-June of the current school year, and this information will form the baseline for future data analysis.

Joyce Lind,  
Public Health Dental Hygienist  
Cape Breton District Health Authority

# CONTINUING COMPETENCY COMMITTEE

## Continuing Competency Report

The Continuing Competency Committee met for the audit meeting on Feb 1, 2014 at the CDHNS Office. A total of 39 audits were reviewed during this meeting. Of that number, 27 passed, 11 failed and one audit was reviewed and will be audited again at our next meeting due to a late CE cycle extension request.



Most of the failures were due to inaccuracies with respect to placing courses in the proper category according to course content. Many were also lacking in Category 3. There were a number of members who did not submit a Certificate of Attendance for their CPR course and the points awarded were reduced. Again, Certificates of Attendance are mandatory for all CPR courses!

All members should review the CDHNS guidelines available through the Continuing Education section of the Members section of our website - ([www.cdhns.ca](http://www.cdhns.ca)). Soon after completing a CE course, determine the proper category and record it on the members only page of our website or on the paper form issued at the beginning of each CE cycle. It is helpful to keep a brochure or course outline and notes on the course in case of questionable course content during audit.

Also mentioned in the previous edition of the Unison:

1. As of January 1, 2014, any member who completes the Self Initiation Course offered online at CDHA will receive 15 credits in Category 1.
2. Exhibit nights sponsored by dental companies are not guaranteed to be eligible for CE by the Continuing Competency Committee for credits. Keep any and all scientific documentation possible with respect to these types of courses for audit purposes. Do not assume that a certificate issued from a dental company for a given number of hours will be approved and accepted as same by the College.

The Committee meets again in November.

Until next time,

Jackie White, Chair  
Continuing Competency Committee

Over 600 Nova Scotians  
were served by the  
Resource Centre last year!

April is Oral Health Month!

The CDHNS resource centre is in the midst of preparing for April's Oral Health Month.

Many members take advantage of our resources while preparing to make oral health presentations to their community. The resource centre has materials and supplies for all ages and a variety of topics.

Email Jenn at [info@cdhns.ca](mailto:info@cdhns.ca) to reserve your supplies today!

**CHICA-CANADA**  
**HALIFAX**  
**NOVA SCOTIA**

**PREVENTION**  
*A Port in Any Storm*  
MAY 25 - 28, 2014

**Infection Control in the Dental Setting**  
Sunday, May 25, 2014 12 noon – 5:00 pm  
World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax

Co-hosted by the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association  
and CHICA Nova Scotia (a Chapter of CHICA-Canada)

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**Who Should Attend?**  
Dentists and Allied Dental Health Personnel

**Education Program**  
12 noon – 1:00 pm  
Lunch included with registration  
Special Guest Speaker to be announced  
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Education Sessions

**Infection Prevention Requires Attention! (3.5 hrs)**  
**Marie Fluent DDS**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

- A review of the routine application of infection control practices and protocols
- A review of acceptable product choices for infection control goals

**CHICA-Canada Dental Audit Toolkit (.5 hrs)**  
**Mary LeBlanc RN BN CIC**, CHICA-Canada Audit Tool Working Group

- A review of the Dental Office Infection Prevention and Control Audit Tool, its use and benefits

**Registration Fee**  
\$125.00 per person

**Continuing Education Credits**  
Continuing Education Credit: 4 Hours

**CHICA-CANADA**

# SMOKE-FREE NOVA SCOTIA

## Smoke-Free Nova Scotia Position Statement on E-cigarettes and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems



### Background

Smoke-Free Nova Scotia is committed to reducing tobacco use and its harm to the people of Nova Scotia. We are concerned about the rapid growth of the marketing, awareness and use of electronic cigarettes (ECs) or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) in Nova Scotia, Canada and globally.

Currently the safety of these devices and the vapour they produce is not known. Their usefulness to help people stop smoking has not been adequately scientifically demonstrated. The delivery devices and the liquid cartridges they contain (with or without nicotine) have not gone through the consumer safety testing processes required to be approved by Health Canada. Therefore, people don't know if what they are buying is safe to use, nor how likely it is to help them reduce or stop smoking tobacco products. Given the uncertainty around the safety and efficacy of e-cigarettes or ENDS, there is a need for rigorous study by independent research organizations that are not affiliated with the e-cigarette or tobacco industry or their subsidiaries.

E-cigarettes have the potential to undermine gains made in tobacco control. E-cigarette promotion and use also pose risks to public health if:

- they become a gateway to cigarette smoking by youth;
- they re-normalize smoking;
- smokers who would otherwise have quit smoking instead switch to e-cigarettes; or
- former smokers begin using e-cigarettes rather than maintaining complete abstinence.

Nova Scotians are now using these products in hospitals, public places and workplaces where smoking is banned. This undermines smoking bans that have helped reduce the proportion of Nova Scotians using tobacco products. The second hand vapour from ECs/ENDS may put other people's health at risk. In the near future, the province is planning on introducing legislation to ban e-cigarette use in indoor public areas.

Electronic cigarettes or ENDS are devices that vaporize and deliver a chemical mixture, sometimes called e-juice, to the lungs of the user. This mixture usually contains nicotine, propylene glycol and other chemicals, although some products claim to contain no nicotine. Each device contains an electronic vaporization system, batteries,

electronic controls and cartridges of the liquid that is vaporized. Most devices look like tobacco products (e.g. cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, hookahs or shishas).

Where included, the levels of nicotine in the e-juice can vary greatly. The cartridges can also contain candy-like flavours appealing to children and youth. If children swallow the e-juice it could cause nicotine poisoning. The long-term health risks of inhaling propylene glycol – the major ingredient in e-cigarettes – are unknown.

In Canada, under the Food and Drugs Act, it's illegal to import market or sell e-cigarettes that contain nicotine unless they are approved as a new drug by Health Canada. To date, no e-cigarette manufacturer's product has received market authorization from Health Canada. It is also illegal to sell e-cigarettes that make a health claim, such as suggesting that e-cigarettes are a smoking cessation aid, or selling e-cigarette nicotine cartridges or liquid. Due to enforcement gaps, nicotine in liquid or cartridge form can be purchased online and in some stores. Currently e-cigarettes that don't use nicotine and that make a health claim can be legally imported, marketed and sold in Canada.

In March 2009, Health Canada issued an Advisory to Canadians to not use e-cigarettes as these products may pose health risks and have not been fully evaluated for safety, quality and efficacy by Health Canada.

Based on the most recent review of the scientific evidence,<sup>1, 2</sup> the position of Smoke-Free Nova Scotia is as follows. *Note: This position will be reviewed and may change as scientific evidence emerges about the safety and effectiveness of electronic cigarettes and ENDS to help people stop smoking tobacco.*

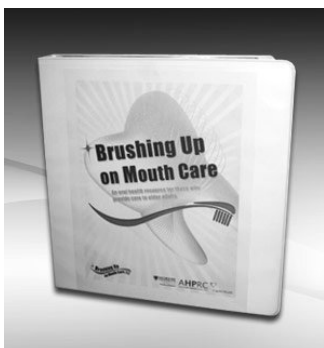
<sup>1</sup>Bam, T.S., Bellew, I., Berezhonova, W., et al. (2014) Position statement on electronic cigarettes or electronic nicotine delivery systems: An official statement of the E-cigarette Working Group of the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. The International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease 18(1): 5-7. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5588/ijtld.13.0815>

<sup>2</sup>Non-Smokers' Rights Association/Smoking and Health Action Foundation (2013) Position on Electronic Cigarettes [http://www.nsraadnf.ca/cms/file/files/NSRA\\_ecig\\_position\\_statement\\_final\\_Nov13.pdf](http://www.nsraadnf.ca/cms/file/files/NSRA_ecig_position_statement_final_Nov13.pdf)

## Smoke-Free Nova Scotia Position on E-cigarettes and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems

1. E-cigarettes (ECs) and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) should be subject to the same regulatory controls as tobacco products in Nova Scotia to reduce the risks of undermining the progress made in reducing tobacco use. Regulations include:
  - no sales to minors
  - no flavours appealing to children
  - no promotion, advertising or displays of ECs, ENDS or refills in retail stores minors can access
  - no e-cigarette sales where sale of tobacco products is prohibited
  - no use in indoor public places/workplaces or on school grounds where tobacco use prohibited
2. ECs/ENDS devices, parts, and cartridges should be required to meet the same minimum manufacturing standards as other products under Canadian consumer protection law. This provision should be actively enforced.
3. Health Canada should establish and actively enforce consumer safety standards for EC/ENDS cartridges, including ensuring manufacturing consistency and regulating the maximum quantity/dosage of nicotine they may contain. Should Health Canada approve e-cigarettes with nicotine for sale, the maximum dosage of nicotine in e-cigarettes should be regulated. Chemicals used in e-cigarettes have not been fully disclosed and there is no adequate data on their emissions.
4. Packaging and labeling of cartridges, refills and disposable ECs/ENDS should include a list of all ingredients, and stipulate the quantity of nicotine.
5. More independent research to prove the safety and benefits of ECs/ENDS as harm reduction or cessation aids should be conducted and shared to enable legislators and the public to make informed decisions.
6. All e-cigarettes and cartridges/refills (with or without nicotine) and electronic delivery systems should be subject to the same manufacturing and sales regulatory frameworks. This would be less confusing for the public, lessen the likelihood of deceptive practices and simplify enforcement.
7. E-liquid should be sold only in child-proof bottles, given that swallowing a small amount of nicotine can be toxic, especially to children.
8. Health claims about e-cigarettes, including their effectiveness in helping smokers quit, should continue to be illegal and Health Canada should actively enforce this provision – until there is adequate scientific evidence to support such claims.
9. The provisions governing the manufacture, marketing, sale, and use of e-cigarettes should be revisited within a maximum of five years and sooner if significant new research becomes available. If new research determines, for example, that e-cigarettes are proven to be an effective cessation aid, with no risk related to youth uptake, addiction or renormalization of smoking behaviour.

January 2014



### Brushing Up on Mouth Care

We are happy to report that the Brushing Up on Mouth Care binder has been updated to include a French version and a facilitators guide! Brushing Up on Mouth Care provides long term care facilities with resources and materials on how to provide personalized oral care to their clients depending on their individual needs. The facilitator's guide is an education tool to providers of oral health to long term care clients including continuing care aides. All the binder material is available on their website <http://www.ahprc.dal.ca/projects/oral-care/default.asp>. A copy of the updated Brushing Up on Mouth Care binder is available through the CDHNS Resource Centre.

# CELEBRATING THE PROFESSION



Back row (L-R) Lisa Morgan, Donna Samson RDH, Sharon Hearn RDH, Laura Langdon RDH, Kaitlyn Boudreau DH2 student

Front row (L-R) Cheryl Talbot (Office Manager), Jackie White RDH, Jessica Boudreau RDH, Ashley Clannon RDA

At Isle Madame Dental Centre in Richmond County, there were five DH's who offered their time for the day to service the 35 clients who came to the office. Jessica Boudreau (Class of '85), Sharon Hearn (Class of '89), Donna Samson (Class of '91), Jackie White (Class of '92) and our newest recruit, Laura Langdon (Class of '13) were involved with the event, along with a soon to be RDH, Kaitlyn Boudreau (Class of '14) who helped prepare the "treat bags" for our clients and set up an OHI station for those who stopped by for a visit. We also had the office manager, dental assistant and treatment co-ordinator helping to sterilize instruments and ensuring clients signed up for numerous door prizes, donated by the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Also during the day, Jessica, Ashley and Kaitlyn took the ultrasonic cleaner across the road to the local seniors home and cleaned the dentures for nine of the residents.

Approximate value of services rendered on this day was \$4700!

This year, there were a total of six locations in Nova Scotia participating in Gift From the Heart offering free DH services to those in need. This is up from last year when three locations were involved in this national initiative. Note that Nova Scotia had as many offices involved as those in all of Alberta and British Columbia. True Maritime spirit at its best!



More information on the NS locations, pictures, and how to get involved can be found at [www.giftfromtheheart.ca](http://www.giftfromtheheart.ca)



This was the first year for Gift From the Heart at All Smiles with Marilyn Cummings!

## 2014 Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Student Presentation Winners

**1st Place - "Schizophrenia/BiPolar"**  
Michelle Robichaud, Lauren Steeves,  
Karly Pugh, Joanne Robichaud

**2nd Place - "Stroke/COPD"**  
Katie Springer, Janelle MacDonald,  
Brittany Seguin, Madison Parcells

**3rd Place - "Early Childhood Caries"**  
Melanie Layden, Amanda Lee,  
Jordon McNeil, Lori Stevenson

Congratulations to all the winners!

**National  
Dental Hygienist  
Week!**

**April 6-12, 2014**

**Oral Health For  
Total Health!**



# NOMINATIONS

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 8, 2014. Each nominee was asked to submit a brief biography and a statement of intent. The following names have offered for the **four** positions opening on Council.

## **Simone D'Entremont**

## **Lower West Pubnico**

## **Dalhousie 2009**

Simone graduated with her Bachelor of Dental Hygiene in 2010. She is currently working as a clinical dental hygienist in general dentistry and orthodontics. Simone has volunteered her time with the NDHCB Exam Committee within the past year as well.

Statement of Intent: I am re-offering for Council to have the opportunity to serve our profession for a second term. I hope to contribute and be a part of all the positive changes, as well as be informed and work towards improving various issues that affect our profession.

## **Karen Fuller**

## **Antigonish**

## **Dalhousie 1984**

Karen has worked as a clinical and restorative dental hygienist and was among the first to complete the local anaesthetic course at Dalhousie. Karen has volunteered her time with CDHA, CDHNS, NSDHA, International Development, and locally on her Community Health Board, as well as a basketball coach and music director.

Statement of Intent: My past experience on Councils and Boards is varied and I have had a couple of years sebatlcal and wish to return to give back to my profession. Plainly, I miss being involved.

## **Shannon ONeill**

## **Beaver Bank**

## **Dalhousie 1997**

Shannon brings ten years of private practice experience and seven years of public health experience, specializing in children's oral health, fluoride mouthrinse program, and promoting healthy public policy. Shannon has volunteered at the Halifax Dental Hygiene Society, NSDHA, and the National Planning Committee for Dental Hygiene Week with CDHA.

Statement of Intent: I am interested in serving on the board because I have a keen interest in the CDHNS plan to provide quality preventative oral health care, increased public awareness of the profession of dental hygiene and collaborate with other health care professionals. I hope to strongly support the CDHNS's pursuit of increased public access to dental hygiene practitioners.

## **Angie Parker**

## **Enfield**

## **Dalhousie 1994**

Angie has a Bachelor and Masters of Education (1990 and 2009 respectfully) as well as a Diploma in Dental Hygiene. She has experience in both periodontal offices and as a Dalhousie University dental hygiene instructor. Angie has volunteered her time as a speaker for her profession and as a founding member of the East Hants Heritage Sports Society.

Statement of Intent: To engage with the profession of dental hygiene and serve my profession and fellow colleagues. To have a voice in the regulation of our profession.

## **Donna Samson**

## **Louisdale**

## **Dalhousie 1991**

Donna has worked in private practice settings in British Columbia, where she practiced local anaesthetic, and Nova Scotia before becoming a Public Health Dental Hygienist in 2000. She is currently employed in a management position in the District Health Authority. Donna has volunteered on the Richmond Literacy Board for the past several years.

Statement of Intent: I will reoffer for the CDHNS Council for 2014 - 2016 as I have found the experience to be very fulfilling. I have learned much about the governance of the profession. I enjoy spending time with the group discussing issues that impact the public and our profession. It has raised my awareness greatly and educated me on the details of the governance process.

# AGM 2013 MEETING MINUTES

**CDHNS Annual General Meeting**  
**Scotiabank Theatre, Marion McCain Building**

**June 1, 2013**  
**Faculty of Arts and Science Dalhousie University**

## **CDHNS Annual General Meeting Minutes**

### 1. Announcements

Patricia Grant, Registrar of the CDHNS, made a few announcements including a thank you to CIBC Wood Gundy who provided the pens and notepads for the attendees.

### 2. Call to Order

Wendy Stewart, Chair of the Council, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

### 3. Chair's Address and Welcome

Wendy Stewart welcomed everyone to the fourth annual CDHNS business meeting. She introduced the Council Members to the attendees. In attendance were: Joyce Lind (Vice-Chair), Sara Harding (Executive Member), Ann MacArthur (Executive Member), Simone d'Entremont, Francine Leach, Joanne Noye, Angie Parker, Donna Samson, Greg Glynn (Public Member), Cathy MacLean (Public Member).

### 4. Additions to the Agenda

Wendy Stewart called for any additions or amendments that were needed to the Agenda. There were no additions or amendments to the agenda brought forward.

### 5. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented: Francine Leach, seconded by Joyce Lind. Motion carried.

### 6. Approval of CDHNS AGM May 26, 2012 Minutes

Members were asked to review last year's Minutes for any errors or omissions. There were no errors or omissions reported.

Motion: To accept the Minutes as circulated: Patty Powell, seconded by Sara Harding. Motion carried.

### 7. Annual Report / Audit Statements- copies circulated

Patricia Grant reminded everyone that the annual report is a public document which reports on the College's activities over the past year. She spoke to some of the highlights in the report including: the Mega End, the President's Message, the CDHNS Committees, and the Ownership Linkage meetings that moved around the province this year, and the information member management system that will begin at the College this year.

Patricia updated the members on the changes to the licence renewal process through the new information member management system. She showed the renewal process step by step through a PowerPoint presentation that included screen shots from the new system.

Patricia also spoke to the ads in the annual report that were published in Our Children magazine, including the ad placed in January 2013 that stated they can receive a sticker chart for their child from the College. There were several requests to the College from parents in Nova Scotia.

She pointed out that the financial statements were in the back of the annual report and that Council met the previous day with the auditor for an in camera session to go over the financials of the College.

### 8. Report of the Nominations Committee

A call for nominations was published in the December 2012 edition of the Unison. Only members who are licensed and are in good standing are eligible to run for Council.

9. Election of New Council

There were five nominations for the vacant positions on Council. The following have been duly nominated; Jerry Craig (Dartmouth), Sara Harding (Bridgewater), Joyce Lind (Sydney), Ann MacArthur (Windsor), Wendy Stewart (Halifax). These members have been elected by acclamation to Council for a term of two years.

10. CDHA Presentation – Joanne Noye, NS representative

Joanne Noye, showed a CDHA PowerPoint presentation to the membership. This clarified what CDHA is working on behind the scenes, their goals, and expanded on the value of CDHA membership.

11. Special Recognitions

Wendy Stewart presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Joanne Noye for her four outstanding years of service as a CDHNS Council Member and longstanding service to her profession.

12. Ownership Linkage Survey

Wendy Stewart drew the member's attention to the request form to join a Committee. The Hearing Committee is currently looking for new members, however members are free to choose whichever committee they would like to join and will be placed on a list for when new members are needed.

At last year's AGM, Karen Wolf discussed PRESTO, and members were invited to talk about projects which generated discussion. This year, there has been a lot of focus on children. The Ownership Linkage Committee devised some question on early childhood carries for the members to answer. The members were given five minutes to complete the survey.

13. Adjournment

Wendy Stewart adjourned the meeting at 2:17pm.

Door prizes were donated from CDHA and CDHNS. The winners were: Mandy Cook, Nathalie MacIsaac, Mary MacPherson, and Heather Bell.

### ***The Election Process***

- Following receipt of the nominations a Nomination Slate will be sent with the March/April edition of the Unison.
- Election of the CDHNS Council nominees will take place at the CDHNS AGM on June 8st, 2014.
- Members will be provided with a voting card.

Please remember to bring your membership (wallet) card or personal identification with you.

- Mail ballot: If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to vote on the nominees you may request a ballot by mail from the College at [info@cdhns.ca](mailto:info@cdhns.ca) or calling 902 444-7241.
- Mail ballot envelopes will be numbered and must be received by the College by a date to be specified on the form.
- Mail ballots will be counted prior to the AGM and the results sealed until the day of the election.

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