

CRDHA Council met on June 5-6, 2020. The following are highlights of key discussions and decisions from the meeting:

### Key Discussions and Decisions:

Relevant sections of the *Health Professions Act* (HPA), Dental Hygienists Regulation, or CRDHA Bylaws are included, as appropriate, to the discussions and decisions.

- The College will be undertaking a review of the current Practice Standards, practice guidelines and Bylaws. This is a longer-term project that will require legal, registrant, stakeholder and Council review.  
**\*HPA 131(1), 132(1), 133(1)**
- A review of the CRDHA sharpening protocol is under review, including a scoping literature review, a jurisdictional review and considerations related to CSA standards. Stakeholder meetings are currently underway. The CRDHA will be releasing updated guidelines if any changes are warranted.
- Council discussed moving to Phase 3 of the Return-to-Work Guidelines as per the recommendation of the CRDHA COVID-19 Task Force. Phase 3 Guidelines will be provided to all registrants shortly.
- Council discussed the requirement for practice permits to be displayed as per the HPA. More information will be provided to registrants with their renewal documentation.  
**\*HPA 36(5)(a)(b).**
- The planned fee increase for the 2020/21 renewal year was rescinded. Fees will remain at the 2019/20 level. A fee decrease was deemed not feasible for the organization. The College will be working with their database provider to see if they can provide options for splitting the fee into a payment schedule.  
**\*Bylaw 11.1**
- Council will be allowing for either in-person OR online CPR training for the 2020-21 renewal cycle.  
**\*DH Regulations 11(b)**
- Council approved the amendments to the Continuing Competence Program Rules as recommended by the Continuing Competence Committee. Changes to these rules and the effective date will be communicated to registrants shortly.  
**\*DH Regulations 19(2)(3)(4)**
- The *Elements of Prescribing Undergraduate University of Alberta Course* and the 52 competencies for Registered Dental Hygienist Prescribing Schedule 1 Drugs were both approved by Council. *The CRDHA Elements of Prescribing: A Pharmacy Refresher Course* is currently being updated through the University of Alberta Continuing Dental Education department.

## Council Positions:

The 2019-20 Council term begins July 1

- Salima Thawer was appointed by acclamation as President for the 2020-21 Council term.  
**\*Bylaw 4.2, 4.3**
- Kathy Sauze was appointed by acclamation as Vice President for the 2020-21 Council term.  
**\*Bylaw 4.2, 4.4**
- Jacqueline VanMalsen completes her term as Vice President June 30.  
**\*Bylaw 4.4**
- Denise Kokaram completes her term as Past President June 30.  
**\*Bylaw 4.5**
- Nadia Kobagi completes her term as a Council member June 30.  
**\*Bylaw 4.5**
- Beth Blair will be joining Council as a new Council member for a 3-year term beginning July 1.  
**\*Bylaw 4.5**