

DENTAL COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND

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Dental Council of New Zealand (DCNZ) Meeting Summary of Decisions – 15 February 2010

Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Professor Robert Love was reappointed as the Chair and Dr Erin Collins as Deputy Chair.

2009 Graduates

Council noted that only 20 percent of Otago University's graduating Dental Technicians for 2009 and 24 percent of Clinical Dental Technicians have registered. This was an area of concern for Council who directed the Secretariat to write to the University noting the low number of registrants for both courses and whether the University could identify why this had occurred.

Ministry of Health (MOH) Communications

Council was asked by the Ministry of Health to provide a submission on the consultation document "*How do we determine if the statutory regulation is the most appropriate way to regulate health professions?*"

Council agreed to make a public submission addressing the necessary issues and it would highlight Council's experience with registering practitioners whose activities do not qualify as restricted or as a risk of serious harm to the public.

Draft Annual Plan and Budget for 2010/11 Year

The Council reviewed the draft annual plan and budget for 2010/11 and agreed to the late budget adjustments as follows:

- Increase Dentist Board competency costs by \$10K - to capture the full costs of the Professional Advisor in 2010/11.
- Increase the Therapist examinations revenue \$3K - to equate with examinations expenditure.

Following consultation with stakeholders Council approved the following APC fees for the 2010/11 per annum:

a)	Dentists	\$748	(\$374 for six months)
b)	Dental Therapists	\$561	
c)	Orthodontic Auxiliaries	\$336	
d)	Dental Hygienists	\$462	
e)	Dental Technicians	\$736	
f)	Clinical Dental Technicians	\$889.	

Capital Plan 2009/10 Update

Council approved the re-allocation of the 2009/10 Budget capital budget item for the refit of the reception area to enhance office security in accordance with health and safety requirements.

Review of Exam and Registration Fees Based on 2009/10 Budget

Council reviewed the registration, examination and other fees for the year 2010/11 and the new fees were gazetted 4 March 2010.

These fees are available on the DCNZ website: www.dcnz.org.nz under the tab “Schedule of Fees”.

Risk Policy

A new risk policy was agreed by Council for immediate implementation which included a new reporting process for potential and current risks.

Registration Update Report

Council agreed the register should detail the qualification(s) that allowed registration and any other qualification should be categorised as “other”.

Request for Cancellation of Registration

Council directed the Registrar to cancel entries in the register of three dentists, four dental technician and dental therapists pursuant to section 142 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 and a dentist pursuant to section 142(3) of the Act.

Additional Scope – Hygiene and Therapy

In order to enhance registration processes Council approved that the Secretariat commence work on a draft consultation document to remove the additional scopes of practice for dental hygiene and dental therapy and extend the general scopes of practice for dental hygiene and dental therapy to include all areas trained in the undergraduate degree programme.

The timeframe for consultation and Professional Associations would be as follows:

- June 2010 – approach professional associations
- July 2010 - develop consultation document
- August-September 2010 - consult and develop consultation feedback
- October 2010 - consultation to Council for consideration
- November 2010-December 2010 - advise practitioners of Council’s decision
- January 2011-February 2011 - make the necessary changes on the database
- March 2011 - send out new registration certificates with APC

The Council’s financial committee ARM was to investigate the fee necessary to fully recover the costs of course approval of the various courses that led to the additional scopes

Proposed Change to the Dental Technology and Clinical Dental Technology Scopes of Practice

Council considered a proposal from New Zealand Institute of Dental Technologists (NZIDT) to amend the scopes of practice for dental technology and clinical dental technology practice. Council approved that the Secretariat commence work on a draft consultation document in liaison with the Chair of Council, and for the Chair to clarify/discuss with NZIDT any changes Council required. The Council directed the Secretariat undertake consultation on the proposed amendments upon finalising the consultation document.

Registration Examination Matters

Council approved the re-initiation of the Council's Dental Technology and Clinical Dental Technology registration examinations due to changes to the status of CORA examinations.

Policy to Address Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Non-Compliance

A proposal by the Registrar for management of CPD noncompliance in accordance with the statutory process was approved by Council.

Consultation on Code of Practice on the working relationship between orthodontic auxiliaries and orthodontists/dental specialists/dentists

The Council accepted the draft code of practice subject to three minor amendments.

Consultation on the proposal to prescribe the New Zealand Association of Orthodontists Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme: Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting

Council received and reviewed the consultation feedback on the proposal to prescribe the NZAO Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme: Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting.

The Council agreed that the programme had met the requirements as a prescribed qualification and that the Secretariat gazette the qualification accordingly.

Pulpotomies and Stainless Steel Crowns Course Approval: Course Review Team Nominations

Council agreed to approach nominees for the Review Team to review the Auckland Regional Dental Service Pulpotomy and Stainless Steel Crowns Course.

Proposed Change to 2010 & 2011 Calendar for Council Meetings

The number of Council meetings would be changed from four meetings per year, one of which was two days, to five meetings per annum that would be spread throughout the year:

Other Matters

Maori Protocols

The Chair recommended that Council strengthen its Maori protocols and requested the Chief Executive to nominate someone within the Secretariat to work on this area in consultation with Minnie McGibbon.

Professional Boards

The Chair recommended that clinically trained Council members should also sit on a relevant Professional Board to ensure a continual flow of communication between Council and its Boards and Council agreed to the subsequent appointments:

- Leslea Eilenberg and Minnie McGibbon join the Dental Hygienist-Dental Therapist Board;
- Dr Michael Bain to join the Dentist Board;
- Additionally, it was agreed that Wendy Tozer will replace Helen Colebrook who had resigned from Council, as the new lay member for the Dental Hygienist-Dental Therapist Board;

These appointments to the respective boards were to be effective immediately and the appointment duration for each member was to coincide with their Council term.