

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 2 February 2015

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The Dental Council is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions.

This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meetings held in February 2015.

Election of the Chair and Deputy Chair – Council

Under clause 3, schedule 3 of the HPCA Act (2003), the Council must, at its first meeting of the year, elect from its membership a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

- Dr Michael Bain was re-elected as Chair of the Dental Council.
- Dr Robin Whyman was re-elected as Deputy Chair of the Dental Council.

Election of the Chair and Deputy Chair – Audit and Risk Management Committee

Council approved the appointments of Brent Kennerley as Chair, and David Stephens as Deputy Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

University of Otago – proposal for new qualifications

The University of Otago had proposed to develop two new qualifications; Master's degree in Cosmetic Dentistry and Masters of Rural Oral Health Care (MRuralOHC).

Council resolved to commend the University of Otago on developing further education opportunities. However, in the absence of fully developed programmes the proposals put forward lacked sufficient information for Council to determine its support or otherwise.

2015 Council and ARM Meeting Dates – proposed changes

Council resolved to approve the strategic planning day date of 7 July 2015; and 4 May, 20 July and 19 October for the 2015 Audit and Risk Management Committee meetings.

Appointments - National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) Examinations

In accordance with the collaborative agreement with the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB), Council would need to appoint the following roles:

- A pool of dental examiners (10-12 members)
- Examinations Supervisor – key role
- Examinations Support

University of Otago – DCLinDent(Oral Surgery) Site Evaluation Team Membership

Council approved the following appointments to the University of Otago DCLinDent(Oral Surgery) SET:

- Stephen Cox - Senior Academic teaching in an oral surgery programme in Australia
- Don Macalister and David Chrisp - New Zealand registered oral surgeons
- Marie Kiely – New Zealand laymember.

Consultation 2015/16 Budgets and Fees and Levies

The Council approved the 2015/16 proposed budgets, APC fees and discipline levies for non-dentists, the examination fees, registration fees, competence programme fees, Fitness to Practise fees for the practising period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 effective from 1 April 2015, and these fees will be gazetted.