

Report to the Royal College of Dentists of Canada

September 2022

The Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA) established in 2011 is now in its eleventh year of operation. The CDSA remains committed to its mandate of representing dental specialties in Canada as the collective national voice of dental specialists. The CDSA believes that representation and participation as a stakeholder in other national dental organizations is a key step in fulfilling our organization's directives. The CDSA currently sends representatives to the annual council meeting of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC), holds observer status with the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF), is a voting member at the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) AGM and holds an annual joint meeting with the CDA.

The CDSA website www.cdda-acsd.ca identifies the Mission and Objectives of the CDSA, our By-Laws and contact information for CDSA board members.

CDSA Board Members 2022-2023

CDSA Board Member	Specialty	CDSA Executive Position
Dr. Maneesh Sharma	Canadian Academy of Endodontics (CAE)	President
Dr. Caroline Nguyen	Association of Prosthodontists of Canada (APC)	Vice-President
Dr. Trish Lukat	Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (CAOMR)	Secretary/Treasurer
Dr. Paul Andrews	Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (CAPD)	Immediate Past-President
Dr. Kevin E. Lung	Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CAOMS)	
Dr. Omid Kiarash	Canadian Academy of Periodontology (CAP)	
Dr. Lisa Johnson	Canadian Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine (CAOMP/OM)	
Dr. Keith Da Silva	Canadian Academy of Public Health Dentistry (CAPHD)	





It has been a busy year, and the following is a summation of the issues that arose.

1. CDSPI Engagement

CDSA participated on a Zoom call with Ed Dermit (President and CEO of CDSPI) on June 1, 2022. The call was informative and provided good background on the state of issues at this time.

2. CDRAF Strategic Plan

CDRAF approached CDSA to comment on their strategic plan. Comments were provided by members and a unified response was sent to CDRAF. A copy was shared with all the members.

3. CDA Governance Committee

CDA approached CDSA (via Dr. Paul Andrews) for nominations for the CDA Governance Committee. Dr. Paul Andrews nominated Dr. Matthew Fay to the committee.

4. FDI Position Papers

The CDSA and its members were approached by the CDA regarding the FDI position papers. No changes or comments were raised by any members, and this was conveyed to the CDA.

5. RBC Interview

In July CDSA was approached by a writer on behalf of RBC to comment on the role of specialists in dentistry. The Zoom interview went well, and the interviewer will let us know when the article is published on the RBC Healthcare website.

6. Corporate Dentistry Article in Globe & Mail

Dr. Kevin Lung forwarded an article from the Globe and Mail regarding corporate dentistry: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/small-business/article-health-regulators-urged-to-act-more-as-level-of-corporate-ownership/>. We contacted the CDA who indicated that more formal meetings are planned between CDA and regulators on this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Maneesh Sharma
President, CDSA

