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**Reminder: Election Nominations due December 15, 2016**

All Full Registrants received a formal Notice of Election on November 3, 2016. Four terms on the CDBC Board of Directors end March 31, 2017. Nominations are open in the following Electoral Regions for **Board positions beginning April 1, 2017:**

- Fraser,
- Interior/North,
- Vancouver Coastal and
- Vancouver Island.



Prior to accepting a nomination, interested registrants are asked to review the [Notice of Election](#) to familiarize themselves with Directors' responsibilities and time commitments. In order to be an effective Board member, prospective Directors need to ensure their interests and skills align with the College's mandate. CDBC Directors must act in the public's interest at all times and not with the goal of promoting dietitians, addressing employment or union issues, or pursuing personal issues or challenges with practice.

Any Full Registrant may nominate a maximum of two Full Registrants, in good standing, for each vacant Director position in his/her Electoral Region. Full registrants nominating a candidate for election must also include the nominee's short biography, or notify the nominee to forward their biography to the College. Guidelines are included on the [Nomination Form](#).

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**Call for Registrants Interested in Participating on a CDBC Committee**

The terms of some members on the College's committees (Inquiry, Quality Assurance and Registration) end March 31, 2017 and the Board will be determining reappointments and new appointments at their March 2017 meeting. Reappointments create committee stability and expertise while new appointments allow for fresh energy and ideas. Both are considered by the Board when appointments are made. If you're interested in applying for a committee position and are a Full registrant who has not yet worked with the College, please **submit a current resume** explaining why you are interested in participating on a College Committee and the **strengths** you would bring. **Previous applicants** who have not yet served on a Committee are asked to **re-apply and update** their resumes. Please submit by **Friday, February 10, 2017** to [info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org](mailto:info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming Committee vacancies:



- Inquiry Committee:
  - One elected Board member
  - One public representative
- Quality Assurance Committee:
  - Two Full registrants, one from Interior/North, one from Fraser Health.



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### Health Professions Act Amendment Allows RDs to Administer Naloxone in an Emergency

On October 13, 2016, the [Health Professions Act \(HPA\)](#) and the [Emergency Health Services Act](#) were amended to allow any health professional, including dietitians, to administer naloxone outside of a hospital setting. This was done to prevent further loss of life from opioid overdose, to the extent possible, by enabling anyone to administer naloxone to someone appearing to be suffering from an opioid overdose. Naloxone is a safe medication that can reverse an overdose reaction and is available in BC without a prescription. Anyone can purchase naloxone and receive training on how to use it from local pharmacies. To learn more check with your local pharmacy.



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### New CDBC Database: Service Interruption Expected December 2-7

The College of Dietitians of BC will be changing its registration database **between December 2 and 7**. The new database will be hosted by the College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC). With this change, the CDBC becomes the co-owner in a Joint IT Consortium composed of five BC Colleges, one Ontario College and one association. The College's new work environment and database will increase overall operational efficiency, legislation compliance and cyber security.

What does this change mean for you?

- Access to your CDBC online account will be unavailable **after 16:00 on Friday, December 2 until Wednesday, December 7**. The CDBC website will remain active during this time.
- Starting December 8, you may access your new online account from the CDBC website: <http://collegeofdietitiansofbc.org/home/registrants>. You will be asked to complete the following steps:

1. Click on the "Create Account" link on the sign in page
2. Select "Yes" to indicate you're an existing CDBC registrant
3. Provide the following information:

- CDBC registration number (available on the CDBC [Public Register](#));
- Your date of birth;
- A new password (please note in a safe place);
- A security question and answer.

4. Click on "Create Account". A confirmation page will appear once completed.



Create Account

Do you already have a CDBC Identification (ID) number?

Yes  No

Note: You already have a CDBC Identification (ID) number if you are

- a current or former CDBC registrant

If you think you have a CDBC ID number but do not know it, please contact us.

**Important Note:** the next time you sign in to your account, your CDBC username will change to the email we have on file (the email address for this Monthly Update).

CDBC staff will be training on the new system on December 8 and 9. Your patience and understanding during this transition are much appreciated!

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## Website Updates for November/December 2016

Website updates include:

- [October 2016 Monthly Update](#)
- [October 21, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- Inquiry Committee:
  - [October 17, 2016 Teleconference Meeting Minutes](#)
  - [November 16, 2016 Teleconference Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Quality Assurance Committee Terms - 2016-2017](#)



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## Holidays Office Hours

The College will be closed for the holiday season from December 23, 2016 to January 2, 2017. **Best wishes for a lovely Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!**



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## You Asked About... Professional Liability Insurance

**Q: I have Professional Liability Insurance provided by my employer. Should I purchase additional insurance if I want to provide dietetic services outside of my current job?**

**A:** Yes, you should purchase additional professional liability insurance if you are providing dietetic services outside of your regular job where your employer pays your liability insurance.

Insurance provided by your employer only covers the activities that you do while you are at your employer's workplace. Any dietetic services that you provide outside of the work expected of you by your employer will not be insured by your employer.

As per CDBC bylaws, section 55 - Professional Liability Insurance. "All full, temporary and emergency registrants must obtain and at all times maintain professional liability insurance coverage in an amount of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence in a form that is satisfactory to the College." As such, dietitians must ensure that professional liability insurance coverage is in place for any dietetic services provided.



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## Questions? Comments?

Please contact the College staff if you have **questions** or **comments** about items in this Monthly Update. Call 604.736.2016 or toll-free in BC to 1.877.736.2016, or email us at [info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org](mailto:info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

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