

OUR MISSION

The British Columbia Dental Hygienists' Association Exists so that...

MEMBERS ARE CONNECTED TO A GROWING, VIBRANT PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Specifically, BCDHA strives to achieve the following:

- Members include all dental hygienists in the province.
- The public recognizes oral health as integral to their overall health.
- Dental hygienists participate in developing and implementing healthy public policy and programs which impact education, regulation, community service, research and practice.

The College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia (CDHBC) differs from BCDHA

The CDHBC exists to protect the public by developing, advocating and regulating safe and ethical dental hygiene practice.

This includes:

- registration of dental hygienists in BC
- setting standards of practice for dental hygienists
- ensuring quality dental hygiene care
- investigating complaints against dental hygienists.

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BCDHA proudly provides a joint membership with the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association.

Membership renewal forms available from:

Canadian Dental Hygienists Association

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BRITISH COLUMBIA DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION

OWNERS MANUAL



**Everything You Need To
Know About Your
Professional Association**

Members own BCDHA

As members of BCDHA, we are all recipients of BCDHA's benefits and services. Do you know that you also **own** BCDHA? Your Association is run by dental hygienists, for dental hygienists. As owners you have the responsibility and privilege to set the direction for BCDHA's policies, values and goals through your elected board.

Your board represents you - the "owners" - as it governs. The Board sets the goals, and evaluates the association's success in achieving those goals. The executive director manages the day-to-day work and resources required to achieve the goals specified by the Board.

This enables your elected board to

- . focus on both current and long term issues
- . delegate with clarity
- . control management's job without meddling
- . rigorously evaluate the accomplishments of BCDHA

How does BCDHA link with its owners?

- . Board members think & govern as owners
- . Newsletter & website www.bcdha.com
- . Owner benefits
- . Staff and Director regional visits
- . Annual general meeting
- . Annual membership drive
- . Statistical – surveys
- . Personal contact

What are my rights as a BCDHA owner?

- . "Hire" or elect your board
- . Hold the board accountable
- . Dialogue with the board
- . Share input at meetings
- . Stand for board election

What are my responsibilities as an owner?

- . Vote in elections
- . Stay informed; clarify issues, ask questions
- . Input, support, advocate, & promote the long term best interests of all owners
- . "Invest" in BCDHA through membership
- . Volunteer time & resources

Our investment promise to you in our shared future:

The board will:

- . define the vision, strategic goals & ensure progress
- . act ethically, legally & with prudence
- . ensure long-term success and safety

What this means to you:

- . building equity in the future of your profession
- . BCDHA has a history of achievements
- . the BCDHA board is your ownership representative for all of you all of the time
- . regional representation & diversity as listeners & messengers to our respective regions
- . all equally responsible for acting in the interests of all regions as one voice for dental hygiene in BC