

Editorial

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Democracy in Action

It is at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that the work done by the various committees and the Board of Directors during the year and the ACDQ's financial statements are all reviewed. The AGM is also the forum where members can express themselves, ask questions about various issues and Board decisions, and exercise their right to vote, such as on the annual membership fee or a special fee.

“The General Meeting is a vital lever of our association’s democracy.”

There was a time when the room where the meeting was held was jam-packed. Hundreds of you and our predecessors crammed themselves just so they could actively participate in discussions that are an inherent part of the democratic process. These numerous and healthy debates have

played a major role in and contributed to galvanizing the Association and infusing it with an incessant drive to innovate in pursuit of its mission, which is to defend the interests of Quebec dentists.

In the last few years, we have noticed a decline in member attendance at the AGM, which is held every year over the lunch hour on the Monday of the Journées dentaires internationales du Québec (JDIQ). We can only wonder why. Is it due to a lack of information? Not enough time? Not enough interest in the issues of the profession and the battles being fought by the Association? Or is it due to overconfidence in the ACDQ's current governance?

Whatever your reasons are for missing previous AGMs, we invite you to attend the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Your involvement in the Association will make it stronger and more aware of your needs and concerns. So join us on May 28 at the Palais des congrès. Come inform yourself, express yourself and vote!

At this meeting, we will discuss, among other topics, the progress in the negotiation of our agreement with the government, the issue of accessory costs (conscious sedation), the regulatory review of oral health professions (“modernization”), our discussions with insurers and stopping the assignment of benefits. These are all issues of prime importance that affect both our current practice and the future of our profession.

“Want to know what your membership fee is used for? The ACDQ’s financial statements will be presented and explained in a transparent manner, just like every year.”

Want to share your views on a potential special fee to fund a televised advertisement campaign? As it so happens, this very matter will be submitted to a vote of members at the 2018 AGM.

Add this event to your planner and come exercise your democratic right!



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