



Provincial  
Dental Board of  
Nova Scotia

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Mr. Peter O'Brien, Chair  
FOIPOP Review Committee  
c/o Nova Scotia Department of Justice  
5151 Terminal Road, P.O. Box 7  
Halifax, NS B3J 2L6

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Your February 13, 2003 letter regarding the FOIPOP Act review is acknowledged.

Because of several common concerns the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia (PDB of NS) will be presenting its position jointly with a number of other self-regulating professions. In addition however, I wish to make a separate submission with a specific focus on Board policy and activity.

In 1996, a written submission to the then Deputy Minister of Justice was presented on behalf of several of the self-regulating professions. (Copy enclosed). The expressed position was that the FOIPOP should not apply to self regulating groups and the position is repeated now.

While the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia has members appointed by Governor in Council, there is no government funding to the Board.

Board activity in carrying out its mandate of licensure and governance is totally open and transparent;

- the Board, Complaints Committee and Discipline Committee have Lay representation.
- Board and Discipline Committee meetings are open to the public.
- all Registers are open to the public.
- the annual Proceedings of the Board is a public document.
- the audited Financial Statements of the Board is a public document.
- decisions of Complaints and Discipline Committee hearings are published.
- regular reporting to the Minister of Health is routine.

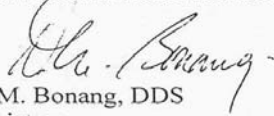
Of concern is that, in the course of complaint investigation, information related to the complainant and the licensee is recorded. This information might be of a confidential nature and that confidentiality must be honored.

For these and reason of common concerns, expressed in our joint submission, the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia respectfully requests a continuance of exemption from the provisions of the FOIPOP Act.

Should further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL DENTAL BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA

  
D. M. Bonang, DDS  
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