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Election 2018 ♦ Lower Mainland

Registrants of the Lower Mainland district will vote for one of two candidates nominated in their district.

Biographical information has been reproduced exactly as submitted by each candidate.

C. Amber Ariss, Dip. DH, BDS_c(DH), PID, RDH (365 Day Rule Exempt)

Following a number of years in dental assisting and reception, I returned to school to complete my Diploma in Dental Hygiene at VCC. My ongoing educational journey has included degree completion at UBC (2009), attainment of my Provincial Instructors Diploma (2012), and current enrollment in SFU's Master of Education Program (completion March 2018).

I am committed to promoting safe and ethical dental hygiene care both in my role as an educator and clinical practice. My current teaching responsibilities at VCC are focused on professional practice and ethics, ensuring awareness of and compliance with CDHBC standards of practice. Additionally, my active private practice schedule keeps me in touch with the current challenges and complexities in the provision of dental hygiene care. These complementary roles will inform my contributions to the Board.

I have a great respect for the privilege of self-regulation and would be honoured to serve on the CDHBC Board.

Jade Lavallee, RDH, BDS_c, MSc

I have practised as a dental hygienist since I completed a diploma in dental hygiene at Vancouver Community College in 2010. With a strong interest in public health, I have conducted community oral health research and initiated health promotion programs since 2013, both locally and internationally. I was the recipient of the BCDHA's 2013 Dianne Gallagher Inspiration Award, and the IFDH's 2015 Social Responsibility Award. I completed a Bachelor's Degree in Dental Science in 2014, and most recently a Master's Degree in Craniofacial Science at the University of British Columbia, where I currently teach as a clinical and community dental hygiene instructor. I have also undertaken research with the BC Oral Cancer Prevention Program, and presented the findings at several conferences. I am passionate about my roles as a researcher, educator, and clinician. I enjoy traveling, practicing yoga, and competing in triathlons.

Registrants of the Lower Mainland district will receive an email from Big Pulse, the company engaged by the College to host the 2018 Online Election. The email will contain important directions on how to vote for one of the two candidates, where to read their biographies, and the dates the online election polls will be open. In order to vote, you simply follow the link provided in the email. This step allows the College and BigPulse to confirm that you are an eligible voter, and that you only vote once, while maintaining voting selection anonymity.

Please ensure that you add the following information to your “Safe Senders” list in your email security settings to ensure that you receive your Online Election Email from Big Pulse:

BigPulse sends emails from the domain name **mail1.bigpulse.com**.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

Election results will be posted on the CDHBC website and in the next issue of *ACCESS* newsletter.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The term for the Board member elected to the Lower Mainland district will take effect on March 1, 2018.