



DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

a. William Raymond Bennest (DOB: 1944.01.30)

b. Conduct Unbecoming a Member.

c. The hearing was held February 24, 1998 at the College offices. The report and recommendations of the hearing panel were presented to Council on June 19, 1998.

d. The citation stated that in October 1997 Mr. Bennest pleaded guilty to and was convicted of a charge that he had child pornography, specifically video tapes, printed material and photographs in his possession, contrary to Section 163.1(4) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

e. The panel determined that Mr. Bennest was guilty of conduct unbecoming a member.

The panel found that Mr. Bennest's conduct was a breach of trust. Mr. Bennest used his position as a principal to obtain the co-operation of a 12 old student to make what appeared to be an innocent video tape. It must be noted that the student had not been involved in any sexual activity with Mr. Bennest. Mr. Bennest then used this material to prepare video tapes and photographs which depicted this student as if he were naked and engaged in sexual activity. Mr. Bennest prepared this material for his own use but did not distribute this material to other persons. Mr. Bennest acted under false pretences and without the permission of the student's parents.

The panel is of the view that Mr. Bennest no longer has the ability to fulfill a position of public trust.

f. The panel recommended that Mr. Bennest's certificate of qualification be cancelled and his membership terminated. The Council concurred with this recommendation.