



College of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario

Ordre des praticiens en médecine traditionnelle
chinoise et des acupuncteurs de l'Ontario

COLLEGE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS OF ONTARIO

MEETING OF COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 17 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
705-55 Commerce Valley Drive West, Thornhill, ON L3T 7V9

Consent Agenda

The following reports were approved by Council via the consent agenda, highlights are provided.

Registration Committee Report (Current to August 31, 2018)

- The Registration Renewal deadline was April 1, 2018, 2309 have successfully submitted their registration renewal.
- The 2018 Pan-Canadian Examination Applications closed on June 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. EST. The College received 320 applications. Of those, 268 will attempt the written component on October 13, 2018, and 52 the clinical component on January 19, 2019.
- The College has 2394 registered members:
 - General Class R. TCMP 1181 and R. Ac. 1155
 - Student Class R. TCMP 4 and R. Ac. 5

Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC) Report (Current to September 7, 2018)

- The College has thirty (30) pending files under review and investigation. Of those 30 files, 15 are complaints, and 15 are Registrar Investigations.
- Since the last report to Council in June 2018 there have been six (6) complaints filed with the College. At the request of the Registrar, there has been one (1) investigation commence since the last Council meeting.
- The panel finalized five (5) decisions since the last report to Council in June 2018.

Quality Assurance Committee Report

- The Committee has not met since the last report to Council in June 2018.
- As part of the Committee's plan to improve the QA Program, work continues on developing Standards of Practice and a of essential competencies.

Patient Relations Committee Report

- The Committee has not meet since the last report to Council in June 2018.
- The Committee has received one (1) application for funding for therapy and counselling related to sexual abuse in this reporting period.

Discipline Committee Report (Current to August 30, 2018)

- The Committee scheduled seven discipline hearings in Q2. Four are uncontested hearings, two are penalty hearings, and one is a contested hearing.

- The Committee completed and released their decision in two cases: [CTCMPAO v. Turevski](#), [CTCMPAO v. XIAO JUE KANG](#). The decisions are available on the College's website.
- Three pre-hearing conferences have occurred in this reporting period.
- There are 13 open cases which have been referred to the Discipline Committee by ICRC.

Fitness to Practise Committee Report

- There have not been any referrals to the Fitness to Practise Committee since the last report in June 2018.

Examination Appeals Committee Report

- The Committee 3 request for appeal, which were refused by the committee after thorough review.

Council Deliberations

2017 – 2018 Audited Statements

Council reviewed and approved the 2017 – 2018 Audited statements and reports as presented by Hilborn LLP Registered Chartered Accountants.

Hilborn LLP Registered Chartered Accountants were appointed by Council as the independent financial auditors for 2018 – 2019 fiscal year.

Election of Officer

An election for a Professional Member to Council to complete the term of Ms. Christine Lang following her resignation from Council was held in accordance with College By-Laws. Council elected Mr. Ming. C. Cha to the Executive Committee with the term ending March 2019.

Inquires, Complaints and Reports Committee

Ms. Yvonne Blackwood was announced as the new Chair for the ICRC, as elected by the Committee to fill the vacancy with the resignation of Ms. Christine Lang. Council thanked Ms. Blackwood for her continued support of the work of the College.

District 2 By-Election

With the resignation of Ms. Christine Lang from Council and in accordance with the College By-Laws, Council supported the Registrar in setting the date of November 28, 2018 as the closing date for voting for one Professional member to Council in electoral District 2 comprised of the counties of Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, and Simcoe, the city of Kawartha Lakes, and the regional municipality of Durham. This position will complete the term of the vacant position, ending 2020.

District 3 Elections to Council

Council was updated on the District 3 Elections comprised of the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of York, noting nominations have been received for the election of three Professional members to Council.

Voting will be held electronically and ballots will be sent to all members eligible to vote in District 3 on September 28, 2018 and members may vote until October 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

Work Plan

The Council was updated on the progress of the work plan and the initiatives for 2018 – 2021.

Registration Regulation Amendment

The College updated the Registration Regulation to more clearly define classes of registration designation, including adding “none” to the Student classes designation. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care had sought clarification on the designations and requested the addition of “none” to the student class designation to ensure compliancy with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) as leaving the space blank may be confusing those using braille or others reading the regulation.

Previous Registration Designations

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Certificate of Registration	Title	Designation
1.	Grandparented	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner	R. TCMP
		Acupuncturist	R. Ac
2.	General	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner	R. TCMP
		Acupuncturist	R. Ac
3.	Student	Student Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner	
		Student Acupuncturist	
4.	Inactive	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (Inactive)	R. TCMP (Inactive)
		Acupuncturist (Inactive)	R. Ac (Inactive)
5.	Temporary	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (Temp.)	R. TCMP (Temp.)
		Acupuncturist (Temp.)	R. Ac (Temp.)

Revised Registration Designations

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	Certificate of Registration	Title	Designation
1.	General	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner	R. TCMP
2.	General	Acupuncturist	R. Ac
3.	Student	Student Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner	None
4.	Student	Student Acupuncturist	None
5.	Inactive	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (Inactive)	R. TCMP (Inactive)
6.	Inactive	Acupuncturist (Inactive)	R. Ac (Inactive)
7.	Temporary	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (Temp.)	R. TCMP (Temp.)
8.	Temporary	Acupuncturist (Temp.)	R. Ac (Temp.)
9.	Grandparented	Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner (Temp.)	R. TCMP
10.	Grandparented	Acupuncturist (Temp.)	R. Ac

Meeting with the Office of the Fairness Commissioner

Council received and reviewed information regarding the Council of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Schools of Ontario (CTCMASO) letters of concern sent to the Office of the Fairness Commissioner (OFC). CTCMASO expressed concern to the OFC with regard to the most recent Pan-Canadian Examination process sighting lack of clearly presented competencies, unreasonable time constraints for completing the examination, lack of objective and impartial examinations, etc.

The College responded to the CTCMASO’s concerns and met with the OFC. The OFC brought forward three recommendations to the College; 1) clarify the competencies and explain how they should be read and interpreted and 2) reviewing the list of reference materials. 3) Publish the Terms of Reference, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Policies on our website. The College addressed these issues at the meetings held with the schools on June 14, 2018 and August 21, 2018.

Dr. Title Working Group

Council was updated on the interim report from Malatest & Associates for Phase 1. The consultants conducted a literature review and held key informant interviews from schools, associations, and Registrars from other health regulatory Colleges. Focus groups were held with the public and professional members in a few cities. An in-depth survey with professional members and members of the public will be held this fall.

By-Law Revision

Council reviewed and approved the changes to the By-Laws to be sent for consultation with members and stakeholders. Additional By-Law amendments were made to bring the By-Laws in line with changes from the *Protecting Patients Act, 2017* and changes to Schedule 4 - Fee Schedule.

Human Resources Manual

Council reviewed and approved the minor changes made to the Human Resources Manual to bring it in line with current employment regulations.

Risk Management

Council received and reviewed an updated Risk Management Report for the 2nd quarter of the fiscal year.

Council Meeting Dates for 2018

Wednesday, December 12, 2018