



College of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario
安省中醫師及針灸師管理局

Highlights of 5th Meeting of Council

FOR the 5th Meeting of Council, held on January 23, 2014 from 9:35 a.m. to 4:37 p.m. at 101 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario. Twelve observers and members of the media were in attendance.

Officer Elections

Elections were held for officer positions on Council for the 2014-2015 year, with the following results:

President

Joanne Pritchard-Sobhani Professional Member

Vice-President

Richard Guo Qing Dong Professional Member

Executive Committee Members

Terry Wai Tin Hui Professional Member

Claudia Newman Public Member

Ferne Woolcott Public Member

College Business Plan 2014 – 2015

In compliance with the terms and conditions governing the funding provided to the College by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the College prepared and submitted to the Ministry the Business Plan for 2014-2015, the CTCMPAO Workplan for April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2015, and Ministry Transfer Payment Agreement Budget.

Website Updates

The Process for Certification of Professional Incorporation has been placed it on the College website. Notices of upcoming deadlines and registration requirements have been posted online to assist applicants and potential applicants to the College.

New Office Location

Council has approved the move of the College offices to a new location to take place in the summer of 2014.

Legal Challenge Update

The Application sought by the Federation of Traditional Chinese Medicine Associations to declare the College's registration regulation as invalid was heard before three judges at Divisional Court in Toronto on January 7, 2014. As of the Council meeting date, a decision had not yet been released. The Act and the Registration Regulation continue to be the law of Ontario and the College continues to operate in full force.

PLAR Update

The Registration Committee approved the process for assessing Grandparented members for the transition to the General class of membership and the manual for selection and training of Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) evaluators.

Education Equivalency Policy

General Class applicants are required to submit verifiable documentation to demonstrate successful completion of a post-secondary program with their applications for registration. To evaluate applicants' completed education program to ensure it met required competencies related to registration with the College as well as to determine whether their education was a full-time program, the Registration Committee has struck a working group to develop a guideline for evaluation of full-time traditional Chinese medicine/acupuncture education programs or substantial equivalent education programs, corresponding tools and a process for validation of the guideline and tools to ensure a fair, transparent and objective assessment process.

Annual Registration Renewal Application Form

The College is preparing for its first annual registration renewal for its members and is currently developing its first registration renewal application form. It is expected that members will be able to renew their registrations online or via hard copy.

Fair Registration Practices Report

The Office of the Fairness Commissioner (OFC) requires regulated professions to submit reports about their registration practices and their compliance with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act, 2006* or the *Health Professions Procedural Code* set out in Schedule 2 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*. College staff is working in conjunction with the OFC to complete its first Fair Registration Practices Report and expects to submit the report on time by March 1, 2014.

Deadline to Submit General Class Applications to use Provisional Title/Designation

There are a number of applicants for registration in the General class to use the provisional titles/designations. The deadline for registration in this class of membership was December 31, 2013. A number of candidates had not been able to successfully complete the Safety Program Test or Jurisprudence Course Test prior to the deadline and as such, had not met the requirements for entry to practice. Therefore, the Committee extended the deadline to March 31, 2014 for those General Class applicants who had submitted applications to use the provisional titles and designations by the deadline of December 31, 2013, but had not yet completed the Safety Program Test and/or Jurisprudence Course Test to be considered for admission to entry to practice with the College. If applicants delay successful completion of the application process beyond March 31, 2014, they will have to pass the Pan-Canadian registration examinations first in order to meet entry to practice requirements in the General Class of registration.

By-Law Amendments

Council approved the following amendments to the College Bylaws to be circulated to members for a period of 60 days:

Section 200 of the College By-Laws:

Effective June 1, each fee [but for 2014-2015] described in these by-laws shall be increased annually by 2% plus the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for goods and services in Ontario as published by Statistics Canada or any successor organization.

Section 181 of the College By-laws:

The application fee for registration is \$252.75 (non-refundable).

Section 182 of the College By-Laws:

The registration fee for a Grandparented certificate of registration for either category is \$859.35. The annual renewal fee for a Grandparented certificate of registration for either category is \$1011.00.

Section 183 of the College By-Laws:

The registration fee for a General certificate of registration for either category is \$859.35. The annual renewal fee for a General certificate of registration for either category is \$1011.00.

Section 184 of the College By-Laws:

The registration fee for a General (Provisional) certificate of registration for either category is \$859.35. The annual renewal fee for a General (Provisional) certificate of registration for either category is \$1011.00.