



COLLEGE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS OF ONTARIO

COUNCIL MEETING

Highlights

July 6, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Le Parc, 8432 Leslie St, Thornhill, ON L3T 7M6

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President opened her remarks by recognizing the College's accomplishments, are a result of commitment by Council, statutory committees and a dedicated staff, led by the Registrar. Registration figures have also further demonstrated that the profession of TCM is committed to self-regulation.

The President advised Council that an in-person information session will be held on July 22, 2015 to provide information to members on Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) requirements, provide an overview of the QA program, and will review record keeping. The session will credit members with 6 hours of professional development. Additional sessions will be held online by webinar in August and September.

The President went on to advise Council of other achievements for the College including the commencement of doctor title planning, and the establishment of online renewal, which will reduce the College's costs. The President further remarked that the committees have received ongoing support, training and orientation sessions were provided as well for new committee members.

The President concluded her remarks by noting that Council should strive to be unified in fulfilling its mandate and serving the public interest.

REGISTRAR and CEO's REMARKS

The Registrar thanked participants at the meeting for attending, prefacing her remarks by noting how regulation works across all health regulatory colleges, and outlining how the College's activities fit under the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991.

The Registrar informed Council that the College has provided a further report of its activities to the Sexual Abuse Taskforce put into place by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and will continue to work with the taskforce.

The Registrar noted that the College has filed a response to CONO and COCOO in response to stakeholder consultations initiated by those colleges. This process is part of the College's regulatory role and other colleges will be engaged to comment in a similar process when the CTCMPO develops its own doctor title regulations.

The Registrar advised Council that a meeting was held with Scarborough Hospital's Centre for Integrative Medicine with the Registrar and CEO, President and a consultant from CTCMPO to

discuss an integrative care project. Involvement in the project is essential as it will ensure that TCM is recognized as an integrative, not alternative, approach to healthcare.

The Registrar also reported on the June 30, 2015 visit to the College by the Interim Fairness Commissioner and the Assistant Deputy Minister. Communication and responsiveness between both offices is very positive, and the College's registration process is viewed as positive.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Registration Committee Chair, Ms. Ferne Woolcott, referred the Council to the Committee's report and provided highlights on the following items:

- Update on 2015 Registration Examinations – Pan-Canadian Examination
- A Random audit of Members to submit proof of professional liability insurance.
- Prior Learning Assessment Process (PLAR) and Transfer on to General Class Deadline policy, which was approved and provided to Executive Committee.
- Update on Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (HRTO).

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Quality Assurance Committee Chair, Ms. Ferne Woolcott, referred Council to the Committee's report and provided highlights on the following items:

- Members randomly selected to submit QA records for 2014.
- Development of the Peer and Practice Assessor Handbook.
- Peer and practice assessment pilot program will be starting in July 2015.
- Professional Development guidelines were approved by the Committee and provided to the Executive Committee.
- Quality Assurance will be holding an Information session for members on July 22, 2015

INQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS AND REPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of the ICRC Chair, Mr. Mak referred the Council to the Committee's report and reported that two meetings have been conducted since the last Council meeting. In reference to the statistics of current cases, two files have been referred to the Discipline Committee.

PATIENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Patient Relations Committee Chair, Mr. Phil Schalm, referred the Council to the Committee's report and provided highlights on the following items:

- Training of the Committee: a half-day training session was conducted on June 9, 2015 for education and training on sexual abuse.
- Regulations around funding: Staff has been requested to research information on how other colleges are approaching funding and will report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Discipline Committee Chair, Mr. Henry Maeots, referred the Council to the Committee's report. The Committee met on May 4, 2015 and approved the rules of procedure for disciplinary panels. On May 21, 2015 7 members attended the basic workshop for conducting a disciplinary training, with a recommendation that the follow-up course also be attended.

FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Fitness to Practise Committee Chair, Mr. Phil Schalm, referred Council to the report. The Committee has not met, as there has yet to be a case referred to the Fitness to Practise Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Professional Development Guidelines

The Council approved of the Professional Development Guidelines which was drafted to give members a clear understanding of what types of activities would be considered for their mandatory 15 hours of professional development which must be completed annually.

New CTCMPAO Logo

Council approved of the creation of a new logo for the College, which has the official translation of the College name in both English and French. In accordance with section 5 of the *Traditional Chinese Medicine Act*, 2006 the legal name of the College is in English and French.

5. The College is established under the name College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario in English and *Ordre des praticiens en médecine traditionnelle chinoise et des acupuncteurs de l'Ontario* in French. 2006, c. 27, s. 5.

Doctor Title Regulation

The Council decided to move forward with the Doctor Title Regulation and it established that a working group in order to start the research that must be completed for this regulation. This working group will report to the Executive Committee who will keep the Council informed of its progress.

Delegation Policy Removal

Council decided to revoke the delegation policy.

PLAR Completion and General Class Transfer Application Deadline

This policy has been put in place to ensure that grandparented members complete the transfer process ahead of the April 1, 2018 deadline.

The new deadline for PLAR to be completed is **July 1, 2017**. Members should allow for another six to eight weeks for the College to apply the transfer process.

The College advises Grandparented members to submit their transfer applications to the College as soon they have completed PLAR, however, the College will not accept any application after **November 1, 2017**.

The date has been selected after due legal diligence by the College and in consultation with the professional testing firm.

By-Law Transparency Revisions

Council approved of the by-law revisions that will allow for more transparency as per the Minister of Health and Long Term Care's directive from 2014 and will be circulating these amendments to the membership for 60 days.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council meeting is Monday October 19, 2015 at the College's Office in Thornhill Ontario.