



COLLEGE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS OF ONTARIO

Meeting Highlights

9th Council meeting

November 10, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
705-55 Commerce Valley Drive West, Thornhill ON L3T 7V9

President's Remarks

Highlights of the President's remarks included:

1. Focusing on outreach to grand parented members to help them understand their roles and responsibilities, and the College setting benchmarks to overcome any barriers to enable this transition.
2. The College now has the largest membership compared to regulatory colleges across Canada, with over 3,000 members, and 1,000 new applicants processed in 2014.
3. Commendation of the associations and schools that are helping practitioners with enrolling in the grand parented class, and helping to work with the College to ensure safe and ethical care to Ontarians.
4. The Office of the Fairness Commissioner has recognized the work of this College. The College is considered a leader in overcoming the barriers of traditional entrance exams.
5. Key goals for the College include accountability, avoiding conflict of interest, confidentiality, liability and speaking with one voice.

Presentation: The Role of Ministry-Appointed Supervisor; Self-Regulation: Maintaining the Privilege

Ms. Williams outlined the role of the regulatory college, its responsibility to the public, and government, emphasizing that self-regulation means being accountable to do the right things. Accountability also involves trust from both the public and the government. In turn, it is also the regulator's role to hold its members accountable, by setting and enforcing standards to ensure that the profession is practising safely and competently in the public interest.

Moment of Silence

The Registrar led the Council in a moment of silence.

Registrars Remarks

The College has had many major accomplishments:

1. The College has passed the 3000 member mark.
2. The College is reviewing the feasibility of Bill 70.
3. The College is pursuing an extension of funding from the MOHLTC.
4. The College is aggressively pursuing unauthorised practice through statutory process.
5. The College has conducted significant outreach to foster inter collaboration and information sharing.
6. Information session webinars for members have been completed.
7. The College website is being revamped and expanded.
8. Staff training is being implemented to provide a cohesive work with committees.

Executive Committee Report

Joanne Pritchard-Sobhani gave an update on the MOHLTC's requirement that all regulatory colleges examine their transparency with the public. Minister Hoskins has asked for the colleges to seek opportunity to enhance its transparency. It was noted that updating the register would require database work and additional costs. It was noted that the College is moving forward with Bill 70.

Registration Committee Report

Claudia Newman updated that the Registrar has been directed to explore resources for development of a regulation for the doctor title; research for language benchmarking; the development of a Supervision policy; and registration updates. The results for the Pan-Canadian exam will be provided by November 14.

Quality Assurance Committee Report

Ferne Woolcott reported that sessions to inform members on standards of practice and record keeping were established; the Peer and Practice Assessment program was established; and a training date was set on October 17. A draft version of the Continuing Education guidelines and Advertising guidelines were viewed.

ICRC Committee Report

Martial Moreau reported 26 investigations are currently being conducted, and are working on a guideline for the deliberation of matters relating to members using the doctor title. A prepared statement was read asking that ICRC responsibilities be conducted neutrally.

Patient Relations Committee Report

Nathalie Xian Yi Yan advised that the Committee had approved the draft regulation as an exemption to Bill 70, and regulation to the Standard of Practice, prohibiting a sexual relationship with a patient, and has directed a marketing company to draft a public education campaign.

Discipline Committee Report

Henry Maeots advised that the Committee has not met yet as there has yet to be a case referred to discipline. Mr. Maeots has attended training sessions and has canvassed eligible Council members as to their availability to serve on discipline panels.

Fitness to Practice Committee Report

Phil Schalm advised that the Committee has not met yet as there has yet to be a case referred to the Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on December 17, 2014.