



COLLEGE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS OF ONTARIO

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 26, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
705- 55 Commerce Valley Drive West, Thornhill, ON L3T 7V9

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President opened her remarks by recognizing Council's and staff's contributions to the College's transformation and its mandate to protect the public.

Congratulations and welcomes were extended to the newly-elected members: Mr. Yang from District 3, and Ms. Fung from District 4.

On September 25, the College met with a delegation from the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine of China, which resulted in a mutual understanding of each country's regulatory framework. The College also attended a meeting of the World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies (WFAS).

The President received an invitation from the World Health Organization (WHO) to participate as a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and acupuncture expert at a global meeting in China. The purpose of the meeting was to review the WHO standards for TCM, which were originally established in 1989. Mr. Terry Wai Tin Hui attended on the College's behalf.

The College is researching the preliminary requirements for the doctor title, and a working group was approved by Council on July 6. Implementation steps were discussed at the November 2 meeting.

The College will meet with the newly-formed Council of TCM and Acupuncture Schools of Ontario to discuss application requirements. A discipline hearing was held on October 20, thus demonstrating that members of the public can trust the College to work fairly in the public interest.

PASS RATES FOR PAN-CANADIAN EXAM TO BE POSTED ON WEBSITE

The College will be posting the pass rates of the Pan-Canadian examination on its website. Stratified by school, this will help the public make informed

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choices and provide consumer protection. Schools were advised of this action at the November 3 meeting.

The College's model for entry is based on an evaluation of competencies, not accreditation, as the College does not accredit or approve schools. Private schools can seek accreditation through the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU). Schools will first be provided with a list of how their students performed by competencies and asked for their input on how to post the results.

DOCTOR TITLE WORKING GROUP MEETING

The Working Group is authorized as an ad hoc group by the Council but is not a formal committee of Council. Its purpose is to research and report to the Council. Terms of reference will be developed at the next meeting.

Participation and input is welcome from Council members at any time.

BY-ELECTION 2015 RESULTS

Ms. Fung was elected to District 4 by acclamation, and Mr. Yang was elected to District 3. Both Council members were commended for their TCM background and the knowledge they bring to the College.

REGISTRAR'S REMARKS

Meeting with the Office of the Fairness Commissioner

The Registrar met with the former Commissioner, Ms. Angus, and the current Commissioner, Ms. Shenstone. Discussion included the perception of the College and the College's successful litigation against the Federation.

Meeting with the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario (CMTO)

The CMTO has 550 members who are also members of CTCMPAO. In the interests of public safety, the CMTO is initiating the development of standards of practice concerning acupuncture for its members, and wants the CTCMPAO's input.

It was noted that it is important to understand the difference between Chinese and Western medicine. While some professions share the ability to perform the controlled act of acupuncture, they do not have the ability to conduct TCM diagnosis.

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Information Session for Members (July 22, 2015) and Webinars for Members (August 19 and 24, and September 4, 2015)

Various regulatory issues were discussed at the July 22 session, followed by webinars in August and September, with about 300 participants at each webinar. Members are engaged and learning how to work within the standards of practice.

Visit at CTCMPAO by the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine of China (September 25, 2015)

The meeting by the State Administration was organized by WFAS. Thanks were extended to Mr. Cheung who is on the WFAS Executive, as well as Ms. Zeng and Ms. Pownall for their role in organizing the conference. Presentations from legal counsel included Mr. Spector, who provided a profile of the regulatory landscape, Mr. Sharpe, who discussed the College's path to regulation, and Mr. Lilies, who outlined the College's authority regarding unauthorized practitioners.

Registrar Attends Transparency Working Group Teleconference with MOHLTC (October 16, 2015)

MOHLTC has proposed a working group on transparency, and various Registrars have been approached. The intent of the working group is to move towards legislative change and, while this College has not yet been approached, it will accept if asked.

Centre for Integrative Health at Scarborough Hospital

The College is currently working with the Scarborough Hospital to explain the different approaches to patients in Western and Chinese medicine. It is important to the College that traditional Chinese medicine be applied in the proper context.

Update on the Bilingual Project for CTCMPAO

A new logo for the College was approved at the July meeting and now reflects the College's official bilingual name. Core pages of the website will be identified for translation, and a staff survey will be conducted regarding language levels.

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BY-LAW TRANSPARENCY AMENDMENTS

At its July 6 meeting, Council approved the amendment to sections 167, 168, and 170 in response to the MOHLTC's transparency requirements. These amendments were circulated to the members for consultation and three written comments with no objections were received by September 30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Clinic Regulation Project

Delivery of health care to patients by some professions is held in clinics. As the College regulates the practice of its individual members, it has no jurisdiction over non-members who run clinics.

The MOHLTC has been brought into the project and stakeholder consultations have been held this year. The Executive Committee supports working with this project and the College's participation in the next fiscal year will be determined by Council.

By-Law Revisions

Member Fee Freeze By-Law Revision

The Executive Committee proposed a member fee freeze until 2017 to demonstrate to members that the College understands the extra costs members will incur in completing PLAR and transferring to the General class. The Executive Committee has supported this change in principle for one year.

Council voted for the following amendment to the By-Laws for Circulation for Comment to Registrants for 60 days.

200. Effective April 1st, 2017, and each April 1st thereafter, each fee described in these by-laws shall be increased by the percentage increase in the annual Consumer Price Index for goods and services in Ontario as published by Statistics Canada or any successor organization plus two percent (2%) and rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Section 36: Eligibility for Election; Section 108. Removal of Council or Committee Member

The amendment to Section 36 states that six years must have elapsed before a member who has had a previous conduct issue is eligible for election. Such changes to the By-Laws are not required to be circulated to the members.

Standard of Practice: Prohibition of a Sexual Relationship with a Patient

The Council has reviewed the draft standard of practice, which outlines the benchmark of interaction between patients and practitioners and contains information on mandatory reporting.

As this is a standard of practice, it is to be circulated to the members. Council approved the circulation of the standard for 60 days.

PLAR and General Class Transfer Application Deadline Policy

The policy had been approved in July 2015 and was revised to simplify its language.

World Health Organization (WHO) Working group

The focus of the WHO meeting is to ensure the regulation of acupuncture and development of standards of practice in acupuncture.

Appointment of Council Members to Committees

District 3: Mr. Yang has been appointed to the Discipline Committee.
District 4: Ms. Fung has been appointed to the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee and the Discipline Committee.

Appointment to Committee of Non-Council Members

The Executive Committee met and appointed the following members: Poney Chiang, Noel Wright, Chris Gordon and Kwong Chiu, who now sit on the ICRC.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Registration Committee Chair, Ms. Woolcott, provided highlights:

- Provisional members must take the Pan-Canadian exam, unless they obtain permission to defer.
- The College is currently revising the currency policy for registration.
- New communication measures to encourage more Grandparented members to sign up for PLAR are underway and the deadline cannot be extended, as it has been mandated by regulation.
- Members who resign must send a resignation letter to the College.

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Quality Assurance Committee Chair, Ms. Woolcott, provided highlights, noting that the pilot program for the peer and practice assessment program is proceeding as a tool for the Registration Committee to follow up on those members who have a term, condition or limitation on their license. A variation of the quality assurance model will be used.

INQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS AND REPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee Chair, Ms. Claudia Newman, provided highlights, noting that three meetings have been held, and the Committee has received two more appointments. There have been four referrals to discipline.

PATIENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Patient Relations Committee Chair, Mr. Schalm, provided highlights:

- Another joint training session with the ICRC will be scheduled to provide insight into the victim's perspective and approaches to deal with sexual abuse.
- Therapy funding for victims of sexual abuse was discussed.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Discipline Committee Chair, Mr. Maeots, provided highlights:

- The Discipline Committee plays a role in the College's ability to regulate its members and Council members are encouraged to serve on the Committee.
- Committee members are needed at hearings; as multiple conflicts may

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occur. There is currently a mediation process in place at the pre-hearing conference to ensure that the member receives a hearing.

FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

DATE FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on December 14, 2015.