



### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 21ST MEETING OF THE TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL**

The Transitional Council held its 21st Council meeting on January 14 and 15, 2013. Fourteen members of the public and the TCM community came to observe the proceedings. Key decisions were made.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following officers were elected according to the procedures set out in the transitional by-laws enacted June 26, 2008:

President: Joanne Pritchard-Sobhani

Vice-President: Ian Eng

Executive Committee Members: James Fu, Terry Hui, Claudia Newman

#### **2013-2014 WORK PLAN**

The approved work plan focuses on implementing activities after proclamation of the *Traditional Chinese Medicine Act, 2006* and formal establishment of College on April 1, 2013.

Council will continue to

- Complete development of tools, processes and policies necessary to administer the Registration Regulation, Professional Misconduct Regulation and Quality Assurance Regulation;
- Implementation of the Quality Assurance Program and Standards of Practice;
- Disseminate accurate and consistent information to the public and members;
- Develop policies and systems for governance and operation of the College office;
- Recruit experienced staff to ensure effective support to Council and committees and to implement the activities of the College

#### **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM**

The Transitional Council approved the Standard of Practice and Quality Assurance (QA) program for implementation at the time the College is proclaimed.

The Standards of Practice reflects the knowledge; skills and judgement a registered Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners (R.TCMP) and Acupuncturists (R. Ac) need in order to perform the services and procedures that fall within the scope of practice of the profession.

The QA program will provide registered members of the College with tools to demonstrate their ongoing competence. The program is meant to be educative and not punitive for members.

## **REGISTRATION POLICIES**

The Registration Committee recommended and the Transitional Council approved the policies on:

- professional liability insurance;
- criminal background check;
- content of written language plan;
- photo destruction;
- annual renewal of registration; and
- registration certificate for display and identity.

The Transitional Council further approved the application forms for initial registration. The application forms were developed based on the Registration regulation, the Professional Misconduct regulation and the College By-law.

The application forms and processes for registration will soon be posted on transitional Council's website [www.ctcmpao.on.ca](http://www.ctcmpao.on.ca) for applicants to download.

## **PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION (PLAR) PROCESS**

A Grandparented member has to provide proof of additional clinical experience and complete the PLAR process to be issued the General Certificate.

The Transitional Council approved the PLAR tools and processes at the January meeting and approved contracting CSC to implement the processes. CSC will recruit and train evaluators.

## **JURISPRUDENCE COURSE**

Practitioners have been actively preparing for registration. 657 practitioners have successfully written the test to complete Jurisprudence Course and 683 have enrolled to take the test scheduled for January 19, 2013. Another test is being planned for February, 2013.

## **SAFETY PROGRAM**

The transitional Council authorized a consulting group, Curriculum Services Canada (CSC), to offer the Safety Program test. Some 500 practitioners had registered to take the first test to be held on January 26, 2013. A second test is being planned for February, 2013.