

College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario Ordre des praticiens en médecine traditionnelle chinoise et des acupuncteurs de l'Ontario

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES TIME COMMITMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

College Council will carry out its responsibilities to:

- Uphold the College's responsibilities in protecting the public;
- Maintain a working knowledge of the legislation under which the College operates;
- Read and become familiar with the College's By-Laws and governance policies;
- Stay current on issues and events important to the profession and its stakeholders;
- Prepare for each Council meeting by reviewing meeting materials in order to understand the topics to be discussed, and the implications of policy and directional decisions;
- Attend each Council meeting and debate issues and policies pertaining to the College's mandate. Once a decision has been taken, align fully with the decision and uphold its implementation;
- Adhere to, respect and model behaviour described in the Council Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policy and Confidentiality Policy;
- Apply prudent and responsible thinking to the management of the affairs of the College in order that fiscally sound policies are applied in safeguarding the College's assets;
- Actively participate in the strategic as well as the short and long-term planning for the College;
- When appointed to the College committees, participate in the work of the committee toward the fulfillment of the purpose of the College;
- Ensure that appropriate succession planning of both Council leadership and the Registrar occurs so that the ongoing successful management of the College is maintained;
- Engage in the Council and meeting evaluation processes to maintain successful performance of Council meetings and members.

Time Commitment as a Member of Council

Each member of Council will be placed on one or more committees and will participate in Discipline Panels in addition to attending Council meetings.

COUNCIL	COMMITTEES	DISCIPLINE
 4 all-day meetings 1 all-day training day Occasional teleconference calls Preparation per meeting 3-5 hours 	 Generally, 3-6 all-day meetings Preparation per meeting 1-4 hours Some panels meet by teleconference for 2-4 hours 	 Discipline panels are made up of 3-5 Council members 4 hearings were held in 2020-2021 Many hearings are 1 day with an additional day deliberation. Some hearings may be 2-5 days with additional time for deliberation. There is little preparation but there may be decision writing following the hearing.



COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND TIME COMMITMENTS

In accordance with the College's By-Laws, all Council and Committee members are required to attend Council and Committee meetings. All meetings are scheduled in advance with consultation with members on availability. Committee meetings are held by teleconference wherever possible.

In addition to attendance at meetings, members are required to prepare for each meeting by reviewing a meeting package and any other related materials that are provided in advance of the meeting. Adequate preparation is critical to allow members to participate and contribute fully to discussions and to develop informed opinions in rendering decisions.

COMMITTEE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS AND PREPARATION REQUIRED		DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES
Council	Number of meetings per year:	4	Council is the main governing and decision-making body of
	Preparation time per meeting:	3-5 hours	the College. It manages and administers the affairs of the
	Estimated meetings per year:	4 full-day	College; whose mandate is to serve and protect the public.
	meetings; plus 1 training day		
Executive	Number of meetings per year:	6	Executive has all the power of Council with respect to any
	Preparation time per meeting:	3-5 hours	matter that requires immediate attention between Council
	Estimated meetings per year:	2-3 full-day	meetings, other than the power to make, amend or revoke a
	meetings		regulation or By-Law.
Registration	Number of meetings and panels* per year:	8	Provides guidance to Council on matters concerning
	Preparation time per meeting:	1-4 hours	registration, examinations and registration regulations;
	Estimated meetings per year:	4-6 full-days;	reviews applications referred by the Registrar.
	3 half-day panel meetings are held by teleco	onference	
Quality	Number of meetings per year:	6	Develops and maintains the Quality Assurance Program
Assurance	Preparation time per meeting:	1-4 hours	which supports continued competence and encourages
	Estimated meetings per year:	3-4 full-day	continuing professional development of members.
	meetings; 2 half-day meetings held by teleconference		
Patient	Number of meetings per year:	2	Advises Council regarding the Patient Relations Program
Relations	Preparation time per meeting:	1-4 hours	which enhances relations between members and patients. It
	Estimated meetings per year:	3 half-day	also deals with preventing and handling matters related to
	teleconference meetings		sexual abuse of patients by members.

Inquiries,	Number of meetings and panels* per year:	18	Oversees all Registrar reports and complaints into a
Complaints	Preparation time per meeting:	1-4 hours	member's conduct, competence, and health inquiries. Also,
and Reports	Estimated meetings per year:	2 full-day	oversees all complaint-based investigations and makes
(ICRC)	meetings; panel meetings are 2-3 hours and	held by	referrals as appropriate to Discipline and Fitness to Practice.
	teleconference		
Discipline	Number of meetings and panels* per year:	1-2	Independent Committee of the College. Hold open hearings
	Number of hearings per year:	4	regarding allegations of professional misconduct or
	Preparation time per meeting:	1-4 hours	incompetence referred to it by the ICRC. Hears evidence
	A hearing can last from one day to several w	eeks.	regarding each case. Decides whether the member has
	All hearings are held virtually until further no	otice.	committed acts of professional misconduct or incompetence
			and determines appropriate penalty.
	All Council members are on the Discipline Committee.		
Fitness to	Number of meetings per year:	1	Independent Committee of the College. Holds closed
Practice	Preparation time per meeting:	1-4 hours	hearings of allegations concerning a member's capacity to
	A hearing can last from one day to a week or	r more.	practice that are referred by the ICRC.
	All hearings are held virtually until further no	otice.	
	All Council members are on the Fitness to Pro	actice	
	Committee.		
Doctor Title	Preparation time <u>per meeting</u> : 1	L-4 hours	Prepares recommendations to the Council as to whether the
Working	Estimated meetings per year: 2	2 half-day	College should seek a Dr title and if so, criteria and scope.
Group	r	neetings	The working group shall conduct research, synthesize
			information, make recommendations and undertake project
	Meetings shall, whenever possible, be he	eld at regular	activities at the request of the Council.
	intervals and at such frequency as nece	essary for the	
	Working Group to conduct its business.		

* ICRC, Registration and Discipline Committees use panels comprised of 3 -5 members. Committee members do not participate in all panels.

** Of those 4 hearings for 2020-2021, none were contested. An agreement of fact or penalty hearing lasts only a day.

All meeting materials are made available online usually one (1) week prior to the meeting for review.