

CTCMA MISSION STATEMENT

The College serves and protects the public interest by regulating and advancing safe, ethical and quality traditional Chinese medicine practice in British Columbia. The College is committed to protecting the public by ensuring that anyone holding themselves out as practicing or qualified to practice traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture is registered through the College. Moreover, the College strives to ensure that registrants establish, maintain and continually improve the quality of care they provide to their clients. Working with external agencies and partners provincially, nationally and internationally, the College will actively work to continuously improve the high standards of care that government, clients and general public expect through ongoing review, assessment and analysis of trends and issues in the field of traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture.

ROLE OF THE CTCMA BOARD MEMBER

A. Oath of Office

Before taking office a person elected as a member of the board must take and sign an oath of office prescribed by the Minister of Health.

B. Setting and Guiding Organizational Direction

1. Guide strategic planning process
2. Conduct annual planning
3. Guide activities of committees and panels
4. Develop and approve policy
5. Build and maintain effective internal and external relationships.

C. Ensuring Necessary Resources

1. Develop capable staff leadership (Registrar)
2. Ensure adequate resources to meet mandate

D. Monitoring Performance

1. Financial
2. Risk management
3. Statutory requirements and college programs.
4. Legal obligations/issues
5. Board and Board meeting effectiveness
6. Operations

OBLIGATIONS OF THE CTCMA BOARD MEMBER

Board members must govern the affairs of the College within the scope of authority designated under the *Health Professions Act*, the *Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists Regulation* and the *College Bylaws*.

The Board, working as a whole is responsible for setting and guiding the strategic directions for the College, monitoring the results and ensuring the organization is meeting its legislated mandate.

- Being a Board member involves a variety of duties & responsibilities including regular attendance at Board meetings & participating on College Committees.
- Board members participate in a comprehensive orientation and board development activities.
- Board members bring skills from formal or informal leadership experiences in traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture and related activities or other venues.
- Qualities for being an effective Board member include the ability to:
 - consider issues from a public protection perspective;
 - respect diverse viewpoints & actively debate policy issues;
 - grasp the big picture & see policy decisions in the larger context;
 - make decisions in the best interest of the College; and
 - support others & work together as a whole Board.
- The Board meets seven times each year for one-half day, generally on a Saturday. One meeting is often held for one full day (generally Saturday or Sunday) and includes board development, and a strategic planning session. Additional meetings may be held by teleconference.
- Board members are expected to attend the Annual General Meeting.
- Depending on a committee's work-plan, committee participation involves at least one and up to eight in-person meetings per year and teleconference meetings as needed.