

July 26, 2017

Letter to CTCMA Registrants from the CTCMA Board

Dear Registrants,

As Vice-Chair and a public representative on the Board of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia (CTCMA), I'd like to take this opportunity to share the Board's perspective on the recent allegations regarding the conduct of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of British Columbia (CTCMA) that has led to the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) scheduled for August 29, 2017 from 7pm to 9pm at the Italian Cultural Centre located at 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver, BC.

To be clear, the allegations of impropriety are wrong and without merit. Further, the EGM motions calling for the removal of two Board members, Bao Qi Ben Cao and Weijia Tan, are **not** supported by the Board because the motions are not based in fact, and are unsupported by evidence. These two Board members have served the College well and performed their duties with excellence and professionalism. The Board wishes to see these members continue to serve, and has enjoyed working with them to protect the public interest.

It is worth noting that as a result of the petition and allegations put forward by a small number of individuals, including a now-former CTCMA Board member, the Board has spent time, resources, and energy in addressing these issues both to Registrants, and to Government. This has been an unnecessary distraction to the performance of our duties in supporting the mandate of the College.

Currently, the Board is made up of six elected TCM professionals and six public representatives appointed by the Minister of Health, Province of BC. Like all 22 health regulatory Boards, our mandate is set out in the BC Government's *Health Professions Act* and requires us to protect and uphold the public interest. In other words, the decisions we make are solely to support the College in its regulation of the TCM profession so that the public may have confidence in the profession.

Any activity that is outside of the College's mandate, such as advancing TCM business interests or participating in any activity that is properly undertaken by a membership association to promote and advocate for the profession, would be considered in contravention of the *Act*. Not only would this undermine the Board and College's duties but, most importantly, it would undermine the trust the public has in the TCM profession.

Finally, it is important to remember that self-regulation is a privilege that can all too easily be lost. Self-regulation allows the TCM profession to be directly involved in determining the rules that govern the profession, but is publicly accountable which builds trust in the profession with the public. Should the EGM result in the removal of two Board members in good standing who are currently serving with the College, this could seriously erode the trust of both Government and the public, and potentially damage our ability to continue as a self-regulated profession. As the saying goes, trust takes years to build, seconds to break, and forever to repair.

On behalf of the Board, I encourage all registrants to attend this important EGM, either in person or by proxy, to support the College and the TCM profession in self-regulating in the public interest.

Kind regards,



Jocelyn Stanton
Vice-Chair CTCMA Board and Public Representative appointed by the Minister of Health

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卑詩省中醫針灸管理局理事會致註冊成員的一封信

尊敬的各位註冊成員，

對卑詩省中醫針灸管理局最近面臨的指控，作為管理局理事會副主席和公共代表，我願借此機會分享一下管理局理事會的看法。2017年8月29日晚上7-9點，將召開一個特別大會，地點在位於溫哥華 Slokan 街 3075 号的義大利文化中心。

首先要明確的是，這些指控是錯誤的、沒有法律依據的。其次，理事會不支持特別大會提出的動議，即解除兩位理事，曹寶琪和譚維嘉。這個動議沒有任何事實或證據基礎。這兩位理事為管理局工作，盡職盡責，行事專業。理事會希望看到他們繼續為理事會工作，也享受與他們共事，保護公眾利益。

值得注意的是，由於包括一位前管理局理事會理事在內的一小部分個別人提出的申訴和指控，理事會已投入了相當多的時間、資源和精力，處理註冊成員、治理問題，分散了理事會支持管理局的工作重心。

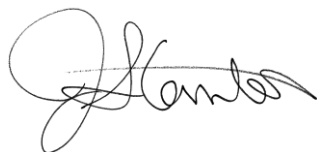
目前，理事會由六位普選的中醫專業人員，和六位卑詩省政府衛生廳長任命的公共代表組成。如同所有 22 個醫療監管理事會一樣，我們的職責由卑詩省政府的《醫療專業法》所定，我們的職責要求我們保護並堅持公眾利益。換言之，我們做的決定都是為了支持管理局對中醫行業的監管，讓公眾對這個行業充滿信心。

任何超出我們職責範圍的事情，比如推動中醫商業利益，參與各協會的任何活動推動和推廣中醫行業，都是有悖於《醫療專業法》的。而且，這些做法不僅僅會削弱理事會和管理局的職責，更重要的是，也會損害公眾對這個行業的信任。

最後，要記住很重要的一點，自我監管是一種非常容易失去的特權。中醫行業直接參與本行業監管的規則制定，對公眾負責，建立公眾對本行業的信任。如果特別大會真的如願將兩位在任的理事解職，那將會嚴重損害政府和公眾對我們的信任，還有可能削弱我們繼續作為一個自我監管行業的能力。正如俗話所說，信任的建立需要數年的時間，而信任的瓦解只需幾秒鐘，恢復信任則需永遠。

我代表理事會鼓勵所有註冊成員出席這次重要的特別大會或以委託投票方式參與，從公眾利益出發，支持管理局和中醫行業。

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