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BOARD MEETING MINUTES (WEBCONFERENCE) March 3, 2022

In attendance: Peter Stevenson-Moore (Chair), Jennifer Jianying Gao (Vice-Chair), Guo Ding, Chang Ming Li, Edwin Liu, Holly Page, Kimberley Schneberk, Jocelyn Stanton, Joshua Tan, Jason Tutt, Ganglin Yin, Weidong Yu

Staff in attendance: Jonathan Ho (Registrar), Simon Auyoung (Director of Professional Practice), Crystal Chung (Director of Compliance), May Ng (Executive Assistant and Recorder), Lee Riekman (Compliance Administrator), Melissa Escaravage (Operation Assistant)

Guests: Carol Williams, Chair, Discipline Committee
Weijia Tan, Chair, Education and Examination Committee
Vivienne Stewart, Chair, Inquiry Committee
Jennifer Strong, Chair, Patient Relations Committee
Catherine Cameron, Chair, Quality Assurance Committee

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME MESSAGE

The meeting (Webconference) was called to order by the Chair at 10:08 a.m. The Chair welcomed everyone at the meeting.

Territorial acknowledgement was delivered by Dr. Kimberley Schneberk, Board Member. The Committee Chairs who attended the meeting were recognized by the Chair.

- Carol Williams, Chair, Discipline Committee
- Weijia Tan, Chair, Education and Examination Committee
- Vivienne Stewart, Chair, Inquiry Committee
- Jennifer Strong, Chair, Patient Relations Committee
- Catherine Cameron, Chair, Quality Assurance Committee

Additionally, the Chair recognized four registrants in attendance as observers.

Dr. Kimberley Schneberk delivered tribute to the late Dr. Henry Lu. A copy of the tribute is appended to the end of these meeting minutes.

2.0 AGENDA

The Agenda was circulated prior to the meeting. The Agenda was adopted as written.

3.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None were noted.

4.0 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None were noted.

5.0 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING –DECEMBER 2, 2021

The draft minutes of the December 2, 2021 Board meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. Board members were asked whether amendments were required to the meeting minutes. None were noted.

Motion:

- ***That the meeting minutes of December 2, 2021 be adopted.***

The motion was passed.

6.0 REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The Registrar's Report summarizing the primary activities and key information of the College for the period ending February 16, 2022 was circulated prior to the meeting. The topics included in the Report were:

- COVID-19 Regulatory Response
- COVID-19 Operational Response
- Operations
- Board Members Terms of Office
- Human Resources Updates
- Ministry of Health Updates
- CARB-TCMPA Update
- BC Health Regulators Update
- Concluding Remarks

The Registrar provided highlights on his Report to the Board and responded to questions from Board members on the above topics.

Motion:

- ***That the Registrar's Report for the period ending February 16, 2022 be accepted.***

The motion was passed.

One Board member requested a special meeting in order for the Registrar to provide an update on activities related to CARB-TCMPA.

The Chair thanked the Registrar on behalf of the Board for his report.

7.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES ON EMERGING ISSUES

7.1 Compliance Report

The Director of Compliance provided a verbal update regarding emerging trends and issues within the compliance department and responded to questions from Board members.

7.2 Professional Practice Report

The Director of Professional Practice provided a verbal update regarding emerging trends and issues within the professional practice department and responded to questions from Board members.

8.0 2019-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN – 2021 Q4 UPDATE

A briefing note titled “Strategic Plan Progress Report - 2021 Q4” was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Registrar provided an overview to the Board on the Strategic Plan Progress Report as follows:

- Recap on all major elements of the Strategic Plan.
- Progress report on outcome up to the fourth quarter of 2021

There were no additional questions from the Board following the Registrar’s verbal update.

- A Discussion was held regarding the importance of implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Motion:

- ***That receipt of the Strategic Plan 2021 Q4 Update Report be acknowledged.***

The motion was passed.

The Chair thanked the Registrar on behalf of the Board for presenting the Strategic Plan report.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports for the following committees were circulated prior to the meeting.

- Discipline Committee
- Education & Examination Committee
- Finance Committee
- Governance Committee
- Inquiry Committee
- Patient Relations Committee
- Quality Assurance Committee
- Registration Committee

Discipline Committee (DC)

Carol Williams provided an overview of the report provided to the Board. No questions were received.

Finance Committee (FC)

Edwin Liu provided an overview of the report provided to the Board. There was a question raised by a Board member regarding the examinations, which were responded to.

Patient Relations Committee (PRC)

Jennifer Strong provided an overview of the report provided to the Board. No questions were received.

Governance Committee (GC)

Jocelyn Stanton provided an overview of the report provided to the Board. No questions were received.

Inquiry Committee (IC)

Vivienne Stewart provided an overview of the report provided to the Board. No questions were received.

Quality Assurance Committee (QAC)

Catherine Cameron provided an overview of the report provided to the Board. No questions were received.

Registration Committee (RC)

The Chair asked whether Board members had questions regarding the report provided to the Board. No questions were received.

Education & Examination Committee (EEC)

Weijia Tan provided an overview of the report provided to the Board. No questions were received.

Motion:

- ***That the committee reports for the Discipline Committee, Education and Examination Committee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee, Inquiry Committee, Patient Relations Committee, Quality Assurance Committee and Registration Committee be accepted.***

The motion was passed.

The Chair thanked the Committee Chairs for their reports.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

The public session of the meeting concluded at 12:00pm.

The Chair thanked the staff and members of the Board for their attendance.

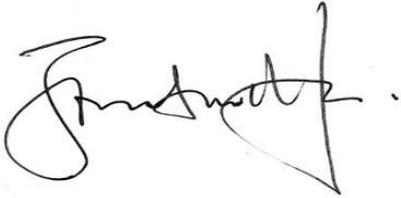
The next meeting is scheduled on June 3, 2022.



June 3, 2022

Peter Stevenson-Moore
Chair

Date



June 3, 2022

Jonathan Ho
Registrar

Date

Attachment

Tribute to Dr. Henry Lu

Dr. Henry Lu passed away January 18, 2022, at the age of 85 years, in North Vancouver.

Born and raised in Taiwan, Dr. Lu was very well educated. After finishing his undergraduate studies in Taipei, he attended University of Hawaii, where he received his master's degree. He then earned his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta, Edmonton and taught at the University of Alberta and University of Calgary between 1968 and 1971.

Dr. Lu began practicing Traditional Chinese Medicine in 1972 and in 1986, he founded the International College of Traditional Chinese Medicine of Vancouver (where I studied). As founder and President of the college, he played an active role in both teaching TCM and developing the curriculum. As a teacher, he was quite the character. Funny, engaging, and intent on getting the lesson plan completed by any means necessary, his smile, laugh and other idiosyncrasies were well loved by all. As President, he was more serious. On the rare occasions when his door was open, he was frequently head down in a book or writing notes. From what I know now, he was likely writing revisions on one of his 30 published books, or working on the framework for regulation in BC.

Speaking of books, Dr. Lu was best known for his translation of The Yellow Emperor's Classic of Internal Medicine Huang Di **Nei Jing** (originally published in 1978) from Chinese to English (For those non-practitioners, this is known as the Han dynasty '**acupuncture bible**'). It largely sets out the Daoist principles of contemporary Chinese medical sciences and to my knowledge, is the only full English translation. Organised into three volumes, the Su wen, Ling Shu, and Nan Jing, consisting of 81 'chapters each, the book is huge, and heavy! Of course, it was one of our required texts for study, and to my knowledge is still recommended, (including Chinese Natural Cures: Traditional Methods for Remedies and Preventions) by various boards of acupuncture examiners worldwide, the NCCAOM being one.

It won't surprise anyone to know that also, Dr. Lu received numerous awards related to his work in Traditional Chinese Medicine, acupuncture and dietary therapy and contributed many scholarly works to Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Scholarly contributions aside, perhaps Dr. Lu's most impactful contribution to TCM in BC was the work that he and his colleagues undertook with the government of British Columbia to legitimize Traditional Chinese Medicine and acupuncture as a recognized healthcare profession. Through the Health Professions Act of BC in 1996, the College of Acupuncturists was established and was later expanded in 1999 to establish the

College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC. The table at which we all sit today, albeit virtually.

Dr. Lu was indeed a well-respected scholar, teacher, and author. But also, he was a pioneer and visionary for the practice of TCM in Canada (and North America for that matter).

I would like to close on a personal note. As his former student and graduate of the school he founded (ICTCM), as well as a registrant member of this College, I am filled with deep respect and gratitude today for his foresight and dedication to formalize the practice of TCM in BC through regulation. As a result of his hard work, I, as well as others who have come before and those that have come after, have had the opportunity to

pursue and enjoy fulfilling and diverse careers in health care. In my 20 years of practice thus far, I have been welcomed as a valued member of various multidisciplinary healthcare teams in both public and private health sectors, assisted in the coordination of research, and been presented with continuous opportunities for professional and personal growth.

The actuality that I too have been gifted the honour of continuing the work that he (Dr. Lu) and his colleagues initiated in 1996, with the CTCMA Board today, is not lost on me. The events currently unfolding in ON around the proposed dissolution of the CTCMPAO by government, is a stark reminder of the privilege and fragility of self-regulation. It highlights the imperative that public protection forever be at the core of our decision-making processes, and that to achieve this, we must continually strive to work collectively, despite our differences, to fulfill this mandate.

It is a glorious responsibility the pioneers like Dr. Lu have entrusted to us. I hope we can continue to make him proud.

Thank you.



- Dr. Henry Lu