

June 27, 2017

Dear Registrants:

On behalf of the College, thank you for your response to the June 26<sup>th</sup> Board Statement. It appears that the inflammatory and unfounded allegations and information that have been widely circulated by a small group of individuals has been limited to only Chinese-speaking registrants. This is written to provide further information in response to those of you who do not read/speak Chinese, and hence are unaware of the Board member who is mounting a 'removal revolution'.

As stated previously, today the TCM profession is at a cross-road as recently elected Board member Mr. Reagan Kuo Hsiang Chu and his "removal revolution" associates continue to threaten the future existence of the College.

The vast majority of TCM practitioners are dedicated health professionals delivering excellent care to their patients. If the College is destroyed, it would take decades for the profession to regain the trust, integrity and respect that it has earned over the past twenty years.

On May 23, 2017, Mr. Chu and his associates notified the College that they were requesting an extraordinary general meeting (EGM), and listed four concerns and five resolutions ([Click here to view the request](#)). The document has been widely circulated in the Chinese speaking community in order to seek signatures. In response to the misinformation and unfounded allegations contained in that document, the College posted the [June 6<sup>th</sup> notice Clarification on Incorrect Information in Circulation](#).

The Board currently has six elected members and two government appointed public members. The *Health Professions Act* requires that a Board have three government appointed members; therefore, the Board is currently unable to fully function, including taking action against Mr. Chu. With the current situation with the government, such an appointment may take some time.

In the meantime, the College has exhausted all means of attempting to work with Mr. Chu. In a May 29<sup>th</sup> letter, the College urged Mr. Chu to reflect on his conduct and the requirements that apply to Board members who are privileged to hold the positions that they do.

CTCMA Bylaws require that an extraordinary general meeting be held at the request of at least 10% of all registrants. It is anticipated that Mr. Chu and associates will obtain the required signatures to trigger that requirement. If they do, an extraordinary general meeting must be held within 60 days of receiving such a request.

The future of self-regulation of the TCM profession in BC may well depend on the majority of registrants attending this extraordinary general meeting. Self-regulation is a privilege given by the Legislature to the TCM profession with the commitment that the College will protect the public interest by ensuring that practitioners deliver safe and effective treatment.

In the delivery of the provincial health care system, the questions currently being asked by many of the stakeholders, including government, are:

- (a) whether the TCM profession is capable of self-regulation;
- (b) whether the profession can commit to serving and protecting the public; and
- (c) whether the TCM professional community supports a regulatory college overseeing self-regulation.

These are questions that members of the profession need to answer.



The College will keep all registrants updated and fully informed. If the individuals campaigning for an extraordinary general meeting are successful in obtaining signatures from at least 10% of the registrants, then the College will notify you immediately with the date/time of such a meeting.

Meanwhile if you have any questions, please contact us.

各位註冊中醫師:

首先代表中醫針灸管理局感謝各位對於 6 月 26 日理事會聲明的回應。很顯然，近來由一小批成員廣為散播的煽動性不實指控僅限於在說中文的註冊中醫師圈子流傳，那些不諳中文的中醫師並不知道某位理事正在策劃一場“罷免革命”，這封信的目的是就此提供進一步的信息給不懂中文的中醫師。

正如日前理事會聲明所言，目前本省的中醫行業正處於一個十字路口。最近當選理事的朱國項醫師以及支持他的“罷免革命”的註冊中醫師將對管理局未來的存在造成威脅。

絕大多數的中醫從業人員都是盡職的醫療專業人士，致力提供患者優質的醫療服務。如果卑詩省中醫針灸管理局遭到解散，中醫界過去二十年爭取得來的公信力、專業聲譽與尊重也將付之一炬，需要數十年的努力才能重建。

今年 5 月 23 日，朱國項醫師與其結盟同儕通知管理局，要求召開特別大會，並提出四大關注事項與五項決議(見附件)。由於朱醫師的書面通知中含有錯誤資訊與不實指控，管理局於 [6 月 6 日公布聲明澄清不正確的資訊流通](#)。

管理局理事會目前有六名理事是從中醫行業選出的註冊中醫師，以及兩名政府任命的公眾人士。根據醫療專業法規定，理事會必須有三名政府任命的公眾人士擔任理事，因此目前的理事會無法完全運作，換言之，也無法針對朱醫師採取行動。基於省選後省政府態勢不明的狀況，第三名政府任命的理事還需要一段時間才可能補齊。

在此同時，管理局已竭盡所能試圖與朱醫師溝通。管理局於 5 月 29 日去函朱醫師，敦請他省思個人行為，並提醒他身為管理局理事是一種榮幸特權，但也有一定的責任義務。

根據卑詩省中醫針灸管理局細則規定，申請召開特別年會必須取得至少 10% 註冊中醫師的同意。預計朱醫師與其結盟成員能夠取得所需簽名人數，以滿足這項規定。如果他們能獲得所需支持，那麼特別大會必須在提出申請後 60 天內召開。

卑詩省中醫行業自我監管機制的未來很可能繫於多數註冊中醫師能出席這個特別大會。自我監管是一個由省府立法給予中醫行業的特權，中醫業相對給予政府的承諾便是由管理局規管從業人員提供安全有效的治療服務，以保障公眾安全。

在本省醫療服務體制中，包括政府在內的許多相關利益方最常問的問題就是：

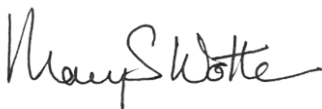
- (a) 中醫藥行業是否有能力進行自我監管；
- (b) 中醫藥行業是否能夠承諾致力保障公眾安全；
- (c) 中醫界是否支持由管理局這樣的組織來負責中醫藥的自我監管。

以上是所有註冊中醫師都必須回答的問題。

管理局將持續提供最新消息，讓註冊中醫師掌握完整資訊。如果倡議召開特別大會的成員能夠成功取得至少 10% 中醫師的支持，那麼管理局將立刻通知所有中醫師特別大會召開的日期與時間。

在此同時，如果您有任何問題，請與管理局聯繫。

Yours truly,



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