



COLLEGE & ASSOCIATION OF
Acupuncturists
OF ALBERTA

CAAA Council In-Person Meeting
Executive Hotel & Resorts of Alberta, Calgary

Saturday, March 24, 2018

In attendance: Lowell Ask, Don Fan, Colton Oswald, Cathy Palmer, Yang Su, Heather Thompson, Boxin Wanglin, William Zhao and Paul Hu

Absence: Carmen Lawlor

Chair: Lowell Ask

Minutes: Sheila Wang

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.

1. Approval of agenda

One item added after Registrar's report: Approval of 2018 draft financial statement

Heather motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Boxin. All in favour. Carried.

2. Approval of February 24 & 25, 2018 meeting minutes

Deferred to next meeting

3. Registrar's Report

1). Meeting with Health Minister

8 people attended the meeting, Lowell, Boxin, Heather, Cathy, Paul, and other three CAAA members. The meeting was short but positive. They know our concerns. We should resolve problems one by one.

2). Second review of Acupuncture Regulation

Second draft was given to lawyer, and lawyer provided some feedbacks. Next Wednesday Lowell and Paul will have a meeting with lawyer to seek advice and then decide the next step.

Suggestion: if need, an ad-hoc committee should be set up to deal with issues related to Acupuncture Regulation.

Concern received: what is the proper procedure to revise the Regulation? Should it be done by an association of members?

President Initial: _____

VP Initial: _____

Discussion:

CAAA has two functions: functions in two ways, regulatory function and association function;

the mandate of a regulatory body and the mandate of association are different;

Communication with members: some members don't understand the different functions between regulatory body and association, therefore good communications with members is needed;

Continuity of new council: learning curve for new councilors;

The purpose to revise Regulation: not just to expand practice scope, but to protect public.

4. Approval of 2018 draft financial statement

Boxin motioned to approve the 2018 draft financial statement, and Colton seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion: regarding the membership fee, there are two options: increase fee to do more advertisements, or new members pay one-time fee for promotion campaign. Suggested to consult members in the upcoming AGM.

5. Presentation on Research and Publication Award

Why: why CAAA need to set up the Research and Publication Award?

Research will be a great part of moving the profession forward, and we need collect data to support our vision, and use reliable research and data to show government the benefit of acupuncture for public health.

How: Award to CAAA members to encourage them to do research and publication; fund small groups with expertise to do research; invite and grant funds to other health professions to do research, such as medical doctors, collecting proof to support acupuncture.

Next step: need a proposal for Council to review, and Paul will communicate with other professions.

6. Strategic planning

Lowell led the Council went through the strategic planning forum, and participants shared their ideas in regard of CAAA vision and obstacles to realize it.

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM MEETING RESUMED

Briefly discussed what the proper way is to deal with one situation that one member wanted to join the meeting to present something he thought was urgent.

President Initial: *A* VP Initial: *ASO*

Council had different opinions regarding how to dealing with this situation. Council decided to let Lowell tell this member he should email to Paul and Lowell to explain the situation firstly, and then they will decide if a teleconference is needed to discuss this.

Back to agenda

Items being addressed:

- HPA transition
- Education: degree program
- Exam: comprehensive exam
- Doctor Title
- Integration into the primary health system
- Competition from other health professions
- Research
- Program accreditation
- Public awareness
- Office management
- Continuing competency
- Service quality
- Role of CAAA
- Government support

Council discussed how to get rid of these obstacles to realize the CAAA vision.

Lowell shared lawyer's letter regarding the draft Regulation.

7. Proposal of Minimum standard: including five major areas, very broad. Should we just focus on curriculum, and make it more detailed?

Don motioned to hire an expert to revise the Minimum Standard document to make more detailed of the curriculum. Cathy seconded, and Colton excused himself from the vote. Others were in favor. Carried.

8. Next meeting

April 21& 22, in CAAA office

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:00 PM

President Initial: _____

VP Initial: _____