COLLEGE & ASSOCIATION OF
Acupuncturists
OF ALBERTA

CAAA Special Council Meeting

Teleconference

Monday, November 12, 2018

In Attendance: Boxin Wanglin, Heather Thompson, Yang Su, William Zhao, Wenjun Dai, Helen Anderson, Paul Hu and Janelle Kulak

Regrets: Carmen Lawlor and Jessica Wyllie

Chair: Boxin Wanglin

Minutes: Janelle Kulak

Meeting called to order: 8:35 PM

Boxin confirmed the two items to be discussed: registration fee increase and deadline for feedback on the proposed regulation policies under the HPA. Boxin also announced the rules for the discussion: each person has two opportunities to present his/her opinion, and each person has to wait for his/her next turn after he or she used their first opportunity.

1. Fee Increase

Paul provided background information: Council approved fee increase on May 27th, 2018, and the minutes were approved in June. Dr. Su offered to explain to members about the fee increase through information sessions. Paul was waiting to combine the information session with the consultation session on the proposed regulation policies. Paul apologized for the delay in arranging this at the consultation meetings.

At the consultation meetings, although many members expressed their understanding of the registration fee increase, many members also expressed their concerns about the short notice and the size of increase. Dr. Su agreed to bring members' concerns for council's consideration.

Legal advice was sought about the registration fee increase and was sent to council members prior to the meeting. Paul presented two options: first, keep the registration fee and allow the option for members to pay $660 by December 31, 2018 to complete their registration renewal, and pay the remainder by July 1, 2019; second, reduce the registration fee. Legal advice presented a third option, which is to phase in the increase over a 3-year period.

After discussion, Yang Su made the motion to repeal the previous decision, and reduce the registration fee for 2019 to $760; future changes to registration fee will be determined by

financial situation and demands of the College with professional financial planner assistance. Heather Thompson seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.

Considering some members do not receive email notification, council directed that a letter be mailed to all members.

2. Feedback deadline for consultation

Paul provided background information on the feedback deadline for HPA consultations: Janelle summarized the feedback received from the consultation and sent it to all council members prior to the meeting. A few (7) members expressed that 30 days are not enough. Next step will be for HPA Transition Task Force to review the feedback before it presents to the CAAA Council.

After discussion, Heather moved to extend the feedback deadline to Monday, November 19, 2018, seconded by Helen. All in favour. Carried.

An email notification about the extension will be served to members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM