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President's Report

Dear ATCMA members,

Over the past year, the Board has prioritized working on ways to putting more money in your pocket. Our first big accomplishment for the profession was the inclusion of acupuncture coverage for ICBC patients. As many of you know, ICBC now must pay for 12 treatments for any traffic injuries that occur after April 1, 2019. Also, earlier this year we lobbied Manulife to increase their fair market value price of acupuncture from \$80 to \$90. Some of you may have noticed that when you direct bill to Manulife, now they will pay \$90 per treatment instead of \$80. That was the work of the ATCMA.

Another accomplish of this board, was that extended medical plans across all major universities and colleges had a special clause that excluded community acupuncture, but thanks to the lobbying of the ATCMA, as of September 1, 2019 all community acupuncture clinics will be able to provide acupuncture for students of these universities and colleges.

This year we hosted the first ever online webinar for the ATCMA members on the ICBC Claims Process in March which had over 200 people attend in person and 60 people attend online. Our 2019 AGM is also being hosted as an online webinar for our members in other cities that otherwise would have to travel a long distance to attend. We will continue to work on our promise to increase accessibility to all our members including our members outside of the lower mainland.

In June of this year, one of our board members Andre Shih, participated in a press conference with Members of Parliament Jenny Kwan and Don Davies to send a strong message to Health Canada that we strongly oppose their intentions to regulate natural health products such as herbs in the same way they regulate drugs. Health Canada wanted to require clinical trials in order to allow practitioners and manufacturers to make health claims based on our traditions but after our press conference, Health Canada issued a statement that they don't intend to make such changes. This situation however is still evolving, and we will continue to be involved.

Since last year, we have strengthened the relationship between the CTCMA and the ATCMA. Both College and Association will be holding their 2019 AGM's on the same day, in the same room. The

ATCMA has established itself as the premier Association for TCM in BC. We are the Association that Blue Cross contacts when they have questions about TCM and Acupuncture, we are the Association that other extended health insurers, ICBC, WorkSafe BC, and others contact when they have questions about TCM & Acupuncture. The ATCMA has emerged as the most influential TCM Association in BC.

The ATCMA is currently working on several projects. Around 1 year ago, we began working on getting better acupuncture coverage for WorkSafeBC. Since then we have already had several meetings and provided several submissions to their policy and research committee and board of directors. Much has been accomplished on this project over the past year and **right now** WorkSafeBC is developing a **new** acupuncture coverage policy that will be released in the final quarter of 2019. The exact details of this new policy are being developed right now, and we hope to share more as details emerge in the final quarter of 2019. But we expect coverage to be without discretion, with more treatments covered and more money paid per treatment.

We have also been tirelessly lobbying the **Federal Government's** public services health care plan to include acupuncture coverage and we also expect to have their current policy updated by early 2020. The current policy only provides coverage to a medical doctor to perform acupuncture and we have provided them with many reasons why they need to change this to allow acupuncture from acupuncturists. We are optimistic that these changes will occur.

Finally, four of the six current CTCMA board members are also members of the ATCMA. Coming in October there will be another election and we hope with your support we can elect more ATCMA members to the CTCMA board to fulfill the mandate to protect the public but also to work with the ATCMA and not against the ATCMA whenever legally possible. And that is why we are having our Annual General Meetings on the same day.

As President, I want to thank you all for continuing to support the ATCMA with your membership dues. We could not accomplish the things we have accomplished so far without your financial contributions to the Association. I hope we have given you more reasons to continue to support the ATCMA, and to tell your colleagues to join the ATCMA. We can accomplish so much more for the profession with more members, more resources and more strength. Thank you all for attending the AGM today and I also hope many of you will choose to stay for the CTCMA's AGM this afternoon at 1pm.

Thank you.
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ATCMA President



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各位成员您们好，

我是 Jason Tutt，我是一名注册针灸师，自 2018 年 10 月担任 ATCMA 主席。在过去的一年中，理事会优先考虑如何将更多的钱放在大家的口袋里，我们对行业的一个重大成就是为 ICBC 患者提供针灸保险，正如大家所知，ICBC 现在为 2019 年 4 月 1 日之后发生的交通事故受伤支付 12 次治疗费用而无需要家庭医生转介。

今年早些时候，我们还游说 Manulife 将针灸价格从 80 元提高到 90 元。有人可能已经注意到，当您向 Manulife 申报账单时，现在他们将支付 90 元而不是 80 元。那就是 ATCMA 的工作。另一项成果是，主要大学和学院的额外医疗保险都有一项特殊条款就是把针灸排除在外，但由于 ATCMA 的游说，截至 2019 年 9 月 1 日，所有社区针灸诊所将能够为这些大学和学院的学生提供针灸服务。

今年 3 月，我们在 ICBC 的报道中为会员举办了首次在线网络研讨会，有 200 多人亲身参加，60 人参加了网上直播。今天我们的周年大会也将作为在线网络研讨会举办，方便其他城市的会员。许多会员今天是第一次在家里在线参加我们的会议。我们将继续致力于增加所有会员的可访问性，包括我们在大温地区以外的会员。

今年 6 月，我们的理事会成员 Andre Shih 参加了与国会议员 Jenny Kwan 和 Don Davies 的新闻发布会，向加拿大卫生部发出强烈信息，关注他们有意以管理药品的方式监管中成药和保健品，要求我们所提出的疗效进行符合西药传统标准的临床试验，后来在我们的新闻发布会之后，卫生部随即发表声明表示他们并没有打算进行此更改，然而我们一定密切关注事情发展。

自去年以来，我们加强了 ATCMA 与管理局之间的关系。今天是管理局举行年度大会的同一天。今天下午是同一个地方。我们是 Blue Cross，Manulife，ICBC，WorkSafe BC，政府医疗卫生机构和社会各界在对中医和针灸专业方面密切联系的组织。ATCMA 已成为 BC 省首屈一指和最具影响力的中医公会。

我告诉大家我们现在正在做什么。去年的周年大会上，我曾向大家承诺，我会致力于为 WorkSafeBC 提供更好的针灸保险。我在 1 年前已经开始着手这个项目。从那时起，我们已经召开了几次会议，并向其政策和研究委员会以及理事会提交了多份意见书。在过去一年中，该项目取得了很大成就，现在 WorkSafeBC 正在制定一项新的针灸保险政策，将于今年最后一个季度发布。这项新政策的具体细节正在制定中，我们希望在今年最后一个季度看到，希望保险覆盖范围更广，包含更多的治疗方案，支付每次更多的费用。

同时我们也一直在不懈地游说联邦政府的公共医疗保健计划应包含针灸，现行规定只允许 MD 做的针灸才被承认，为此我们向联邦政府提出很多理据，要求他们改变这一点，希望在 2020 年初看到他们的新政策，我们有信心这个改变会发生。

最后，现任 6 位管理局理事中有 4 位都是 ATCMA 的会员，10 月份即将是管理局的选举，我们希望大家的支持下，鼓励更多会员加入 CTCMA 理事会，履行保护公众利益的职责，同时也可以与 ATCMA 合作，而不是互相排斥对立，这也是我们选择在同一天举行周年大会的原因。

作为会长，我要感谢大家一直以来经济支持 ATCMA，这当然包括按时交会费。如果没有你们对公会的财务贡献，我们不可能完成上述的任务。我想我已经给了您们更多的理由继续支持公会，并且鼓励您认识的同行加入 ATCMA，因为有更多的会员，更多的资源和更多的力量，我们就能为这个行业做得更多。

感谢大家今天来参加我们的周年大会，也希望大家留下来参加下午 1 点开始的管理局的大会。

谢谢大家

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ATCMA 会长