

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE**

**BCATA AGM. OCTOBER 23, 2005**

**Section 1.5 of the Bylaws of the British Columbia Acupressure Therapists' Association is amended:**

**(1) In Subsection 1.5(a), by deletion of "December 31"; and insertion of "the October AGM" and;**

**(2) By addition of the following subsections:**

**1.5(c) Notwithstanding 1.5(a), the one thousand hour requirement for admission of new voting members to the BCATA is held at the 2004 level of 525 hours until the Board otherwise provides.**

**1.5(d) The Board may resume the Phase In by written policy, a copy of which must be provided to each Member. This policy must be ratified by amendment of the Bylaws at the first AGM subsequent to its issuance.**

**EXPLANATORY NOTES:**

**(1) The first amendment is a housekeeping measure that corrects an inconsistency in Section 1.5 and clarifies that the October AGM is the effective date for all new hourly requirements.**

**(2) The second amendment holds the Phase In of increased hours for new membership at the 2004 level of 525 hours. It also enables the Board to resume the Phase In without having to call a special general meeting to amend the bylaws, while requiring ratification of this action by the membership at the next AGM.**

**The amendment is intended to address present uncertainty about the Occupational Title Protection initiative. As the one thousand hour requirement was designed to work with the establishment of OTP, and the status of OTP remains uncertain until government policy is clarified, the amendment suspends the Phase In until such time as OTP appears probable. At that time the Board will be able to reinstate the Phase In quickly, subject to the direction of the membership.**