

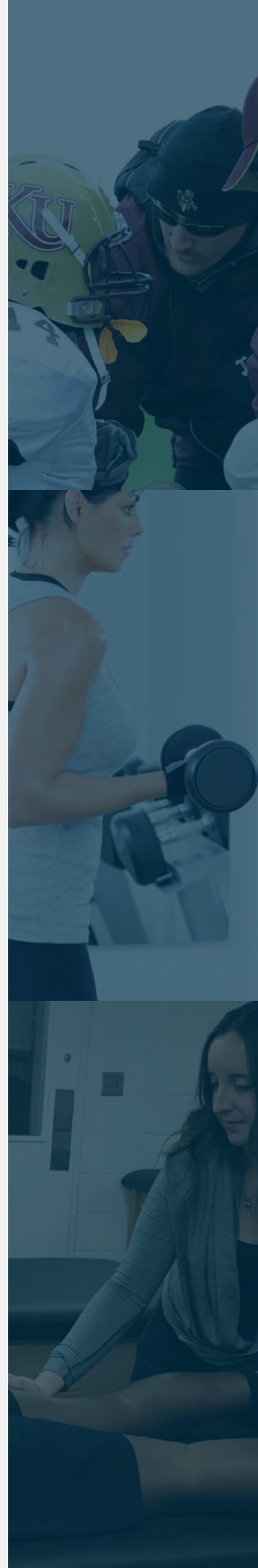
Toward a Professional Order for Athletic Therapy: Almost There

To provide some context, let's remember that in 2002, Law 90 modifying the Professional Code of Quebec was adopted. However, it failed to include athletic therapists in the category of health professionals, which forced the CTSQ to undertake measures to obtain professional recognition. Without this, the practice of athletic therapy would be illegal in Quebec. However, athletic therapists were able to continue their activities within their scope of practice until the issue was resolved. It took a full ten years (April 2012) to obtain formal recognition via a formal right to practice sponsored by the *Collège des médecins du Québec*. Since that time, the scope of practice, target clientele and acts reserved for athletic therapists have been outlined.

We have now arrived at a crucial and final step in our quest to create a professional order. As mentioned in our latest newsletter, we met with the *Office des professions du Québec (OPQ)* to hear their thoughts on our fiscal projections, which we prepared to respond to their concerns regarding the financial viability of a new professional order for athletic therapy in Quebec. The OPQ's reaction was very positive and their comments and suggestions were quite helpful. In conclusion, they agreed that a professional order for athletic therapy in the province was financially viable. For its part, the Collège des médecins also reasserted their support for the order at our year-end meeting.

Strategic Task Force

Since its very beginnings the CTSQ board of directors has mandated both internal and external resources to bring this initiative to life. The committee, which reports to the board of directors, has had many labels over the years but has always ensured that the project of working toward a professional order for athletic therapy in Quebec continued to advance. This is thanks to the participation of key people throughout this process. It is also this committee who is addressing you in this newsletter and who will be in charge of progressing



the project towards the finish line and to the creation of the order.

Mandatory Statement of Intention

In order to validate our hypothesis, we now need to determine the number of therapists that will become members of the order. Remember that **only** licensed athletic therapists within this new professional order will carry the title of Athletic Therapist and be entitled to practice in Quebec

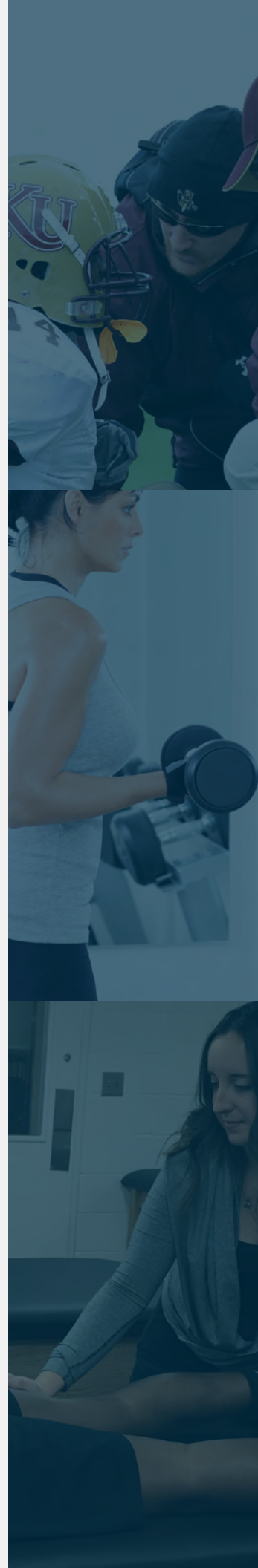
With this letter, we are launching a series of initiatives aimed at helping all members declare whether they intend to become members of the professional order. The current declaration involves completing an electronic document by May 31, 2017. We would like to remind you that completing the form is mandatory, since it is REQUIRED to move forward with our procedure. We are counting on your cooperation to ensure that this process remains smooth and efficient.

Of course, we are sure you have many questions such as : *How much will it cost? What will happen to our status as members of the CATA and CTSQ? What will become of our certification exam? What functional standards for French fluency will be enforced? How does an order work?* We already have answers to some of these questions. However, the answers to others will come with time, negotiations and research. Starting next week, you will be receiving weekly fact sheets that we hope will provide some answers to your questions. Below, you will find a list of related topics.

All relevant documents, FAQs, presentations and useful links will be added to a **page** on the member section of our website once the first sheet has been sent.

At our AGM on April 22, we will make a presentation outlining the key steps involved in setting up a professional order. We will use this opportunity to answer some of your most frequently asked questions.

We will also propose three dates for three special information sessions in May and would ask that you sign up for one of them. These meetings are designed to provide an overview of your questions and concerns regarding the



professional order and to answer them in person. Please try to attend. Your presence will help you make more informed decisions.

You may send your questions as of right now to transition@ctsq.qc.ca.

Here is a sample of the topics that will be addressed in the letters:

- Administration of an order
- Fees: costs and breakdown
- Regulatory and legislative framework for professional orders
- Professional inspection and record keeping
- Functional fluency in French
- Why a professional order?
- What will the eligibility standards be to join the order?
- How are professional orders structured?



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