



PROPOSALS
special general meeting
December 16, 2021

At the end of October, the CATA's Board of Directors voted to repeal one of its by-laws that mandates members of the national organization to be a member of a provincial association in order to maintain their good standing with them. The Board also decreed that this major and last-minute change to its by-laws would take effect immediately and that its membership will be asked to ratify the change at their next AGM on January 23, 2022.

An email to this effect was sent to you by CATA on October 29. In an explanatory document that was sent with the email, CATA went as far as to predict the dissolution of provincial associations as a result of a lack of funding. It even expressed a desire to take over the provincial associations' processing of "regional" files, including an initiative to be included in the provinces' professional systems. You can find the email and documents sent in this message, for your convenience.

This was a unilateral initiative by the CATA that was not discussed with any of the provincial associations. CTSQ rejects the false pretenses put forth by CATA. Presidents of provincial associations are working together to reverse the CATA's position to one that respects the law, jurisdictions, provincial associations, and most importantly athletic therapists across the country. We want to stress that the CTSQ is an independent corporation that is registered in Quebec and governed under the laws in that province. It is in no way under the CATA's control and the latter cannot dismiss the CTSQ as if it were one of its subsidiaries. To this day, CATA's motive for this decision remains unclear.

In order to plan CTSQ's future actions for the benefits of its members regarding CATA's recent decision, we will ask you to vote and declare your position on the following proposals at the special general meeting, on December 16, 2021:

- 1.** Athletic therapists in Quebec are reaffirming their trust in the CTSQ to manage dossiers pertaining to their profession in Quebec (insurances, marketing, representations, etc.).
- 2.** Athletic therapists in Quebec are stating that the *Corporation des thérapeutes du sport du Québec* is the sole representative and spokesperson for our profession in Quebec.
- 3.** CTSQ's board of administrators is duly mandated by its membership, athletic therapists in Quebec, to bring forward necessary changes to the corporation's



official documentation to reflect its role as the sole representative and spokesperson for our profession in Quebec.

- 4.** In the event of an integration to a professional order, new or existing, by athletic therapists in Quebec, complying with the *Code des professions* (R.L.R.Q. ch. C-26) and considering the work and intervention of the CTSQ, we, athletic therapists in Quebec, explicitly mandate the CTSQ to bring forward any necessary steps allowing us to practise our profession in Quebec-
- 5.** As part of the integration to the professional system, we, athletic therapists in Quebec, are in favour with the principle that only CTSQ's members may be recognized and receive proper licensing to allow the practice of our profession as long as the criteria of graduation from a valid program is met.
- 6.** Athletic therapists in Quebec are asking CATA's board of administrators to withhold the repeal of its by-laws that mandates members of the national organization to be a member of a provincial association in order to maintain their good standing with them.
- 7.** Athletic therapists in Quebec are asking CATA's board of administrators to discuss with representatives from the CTSQ prior to changing their by-laws if the change might affect the relationship between the two association.
- 8.** Athletic therapists in Quebec are asking CTSQ's board of administrators to send a letter to CATA summarizing the necessary adopted proposal regarding the claims and intentions put forward by its membership at the SGM, held December 16, 2021.

Until our SGM on December 16, you shall receive complimentary information from us, for instance, regarding CTSQ's role toward its members. The timing of CATA'S AGM and the lack of time awarded to us to analyze the situation forces us to act rapidly, but we will make sure that you are adequately informed about the whole process and its implications.

Rest assured that we have the best interest of athletic therapists in Quebec at heart and will take the best decisions possible.