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Dear Colleagues and Members of HMCC:

As the summer ends and everyone gets back to a full work schedule, we begin a new fiscal year full of optimism for the future and pride in our achievements during the past year.

The HMCC has launched the Post-Graduate Educational Training Series to bring internationally renowned lecturers to benefit the membership with four lectures that have been very successfully received and full of valuable new insights and clinical protocols that could be incorporated into the homeopathic practice.

In the coming year, we hope to continue to bring new ideas and opportunities to members of HMCC. We hope to develop a Diploma in Post-Graduate Studies in Homeopathy for which attendance at the seminars will provide credits, and are working on developing additional programs such as Clinical Practice Management, with courses that will provide members with the skills to build and maintain a successful practice in Homeopathy.

After years of consultation with government officials, Homeopathy has become a regulated profession, and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care proceeds with making appointments to establish the Transitional Council. This Council will begin work towards the structuring of the College of Homeopathy, according to the Homeopathy Act, 2007 passed in June of last year by the Hon. Minister George Smitherman and his staff. HMCC is looking forward to working within the new framework in support of the profession of Homeopathy, the homeopaths in our membership and all over the country, and for the benefit of the citizens of Ontario and Canada.

We are also working to encourage the extended care insurance companies who do not currently cover homeopathy, although many do currently offer this service, to include this most effective modality in their employee plans so that your patients may have coverage and benefits that include visits to a homeopath. We ask that you provide your patients with information to give to their insurance companies on the effectiveness and efficiency of treating health problems with a drug-free alternative such as Homeopathy, which should be the first approach to achieving optimal health.

Please accept my sincere thanks for all of your good ideas, good wishes and support of our programs and initiatives over the past year, and hope to see you and speak with you in continuing to promote and maintain the profession of Homeopathy in the face of our current and future challenges.

Yours sincerely,

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