



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The American Society of Acupuncturists

and

TCM American Alumni Association (TCMAAA)

American TCM Association (ATCMA)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA) and the TCM American Alumni Association (TCMAAA) / American TCM Association (ATCMA) for mutual collaboration for promotion and development of Chinese medicine and acupuncture as follows.

1. ASA is a national professional association, the members of which are state based organizations of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and their practitioners.
2. TCMAAA/ATCMA is a national professional association representing American acupuncture practitioners who have been trained in professional medical schools in China. TCMAAA/ATCMA intend to become a key professional organization in the field of American integrative medicine and healthcare services.
3. ASA and TCMAAA/ATCMA will each independently offer programs, activities, events, communications and publications to their respective members.
4. ASA and TCMAAA/ATCMA agree to collaborate on education as well as exchange of health political, medical system, and scholarly information in the field of American healthcare for the promotion and development of Chinese medicine and acupuncture.
5. ASA and TCMAAA/ATCMA agree to collaborate on fostering friendly relationships and partnerships between universities, hospitals and/or related organizations in respective regions.
6. ASA and TCMAAA/ATCMA agree to collaborate on the development of Chinese medicine and acupuncture as a mainstream field of medicine. The organizations will strive to do this by working and communicating with each other, and extending invitations to representatives from each association, on their own expenses, to appropriate, important symposiums and conferences/congresses of each organization.
7. ASA and TCMAAA/ATCMA agree to collaborate on the promotion and development of Chinese medicine and acupuncture by committing to support for academic, research, and educational conferences between the Parties.
8. This MOU shall be deemed executed when signatories of both parties sign the MOU and remain effective unless one party expresses its intention to terminate this MOU with 30 day written notice to the other party as well as the other party's written approval.
9. This MOU may be changed when agreed to in writing between the parties, and any changes or modification shall take effect upon approval of the parties.

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Signatories

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