

Hello [name],

This is our first newsletter for 2021, and we have some important stuff to share with you. We plan to send them approximately monthly, so if there is anything you'd like included in the future, [please let us know](#).

### **Full instructor listing review**

One of the big projects the Union has carried out recently is a full review and update of the instructor listings on the website. Part of the aims of this project was to bring us in line with GDPR regulations, and the other part was to ensure listings are appropriate to the purpose and aims of the Union i.e. only listing tai chi, qigong and internal martial arts, plus the instructors' website shown on their listing, must be the same or as a bare minimum point to a specific landing page. On reviewing the new submissions, many do not meet this standard so will be amended. Others have spelling or syntax errors so will be amended if spotted. The aim is to upload the new listings by the end of the month, but the tidy up project is much larger than was hoped so please bear with us. If you have any questions or want to amend your listing once live, please email [enquires@tcugb.com](mailto:enquires@tcugb.com)

### **AGM on zoom 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

This was the first even AGM held on zoom and over 70 members applying for the zoom login and nearly 60 actually attending. We had members attending both nationally and internationally. It was a great opportunity to put faces to names and meet the board of directors. Many members stated they'd never felt able to attend in the past due to the distance and cost of travel. The general feedback was excellent, with many supportive messages being sent afterwards. Our vision for the development of the union was presented (short, medium and long-term plans), and this will be available online soon, as well as in the Chairman's report in the March magazine. A number of members offered their skills and support in the development plans, which was great to hear and will be taken up; the more we all work together the more we succeed. We aim for the next AGM to be a mix of face-to-face and zoom so we can be even more inclusive. If you have any questions or comments regarding the AGM or our plans, please send to: [enquires@tcugb.com](mailto:enquires@tcugb.com)

### **Magazine deadline – 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February**

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition will be with you any day now, if you haven't already received it. We are already working on the March issue and the **submission deadline is 12<sup>th</sup> February**. Moving forwards we are looking at a split between online digital and printed editions and always need your contributions. To find out more and to contribute, email the editor at [mlangweiler@yahoo.com](mailto:mlangweiler@yahoo.com) and see <https://bit.ly/3j7chPN>

### **Progress on the CIMSPA Tai Chi and Qigong Qualification Standards**

This has been a long an arduous job, first started at an AGM in 2016 and picking up speed in 2019 when CIMSPA presented at the AGM and draft standards were started. There was a bit of confusion at first over the aims, purpose and scope of the standards. This was highlighted by the public consultation stage. We are now nearing the end and have a PDC meeting this month with final sign-off in May 2021. For a more detailed clarification, a PDF document can be downloaded at:

<https://www.taichiunion.com/progress-on-the-cimspa-tai-chi-and-qigong-technical-standards/>

### **Improve the image of the TCUGB**

We have a number of projects to improve the face of the TCUGB, many of which were discussed at the AGM. One of the points that has been often mentioned is images used on the website and the narrow market they represent. With this in mind, we are asking you, our members, to submit high resolution photos representing different age groups, arts etc. and you will get accredited for them. We just need confirmation that we have rights to use the images and anybody in the images gave permission to be photographed. Images can be sent to Aileen Cromar at: [aileen.cromar@ntlworld.com](mailto:aileen.cromar@ntlworld.com)

[www.tcugb.com](http://www.tcugb.com)

### **Trademarking – supporting and protecting our members**

It seems trademarking is becoming more popular and although we hadn't kept our eye on the ball in the past, the baptism by fire has focused us to be proactive moving forwards. We have added a trademark position statement at:

<https://www.taichiunion.com/trademark-statement/> and will be uploading a list of common terms plus working more closely with the IPO. Chris Thomas is taking the lead on this, as a director of the TCUGB. If you have any questions he can be contacted at: [taichi@nstcc.co.uk](mailto:taichi@nstcc.co.uk)

Thank you for taking the time to read this and hope you find it useful and interesting. Email updates will be sent out periodically. If you do not want to receive these updates, just unsubscribe on the link below.

Let's get back to being the key organization for Tai Chi, Qigong and Internal Martial Arts across the UK. I'm sure, with your help, we can do this. All the board are working together and making decisions together to ensure continued growth and success.

Best regards

On behalf of the board of TCUGB