

Union for members

Welcome to the 2nd issue of the new format magazine. hopefully you are enjoying the new sectional and more inclusive format. Please do send in your contributions and encourage your students/teachers to contribute, Mark Peters TCUGB chairman writes

We are working hard behind the scenes to keep improving things to better support our members, and the general public/organisations looking to the Tai Chi & Qigong Union for Great Britain (TCUGB) as the largest and most inclusive body for internal arts. We have updated the membership application process to improve standards and quality control: we have updated our standards and ethics policy, complaints and disciplinary procedures, and membership types. All these updates make us a stronger and more professional organisation.

The trademark issue has raised its head again, details of which are later in this magazine, plus shared on social media, and our website. As a CIC, one of our key aims is inclusivity not exclusivity; with this in mind we cannot knowingly accept any members' efforts to claim exclusive rights to any aspects of, or recognised style of the internal martial arts we represent.

Some members will be aware that Dan Docherty passed on 9th December 2021. He was a great force within the world of internal martial arts, with a personality to match. I first met him around 1990 and we grew to be good friends. He asked me to take over as TCUGB chairman in 2020. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

This 2nd issue of the new format magazine includes a feature on Dan's '50 years in martial arts' event. His influence over the development of the arts via his teaching, competitions and international links leaves a legacy for us all.

TCUGB eco online store

Now the magazine is available online both as a flipbook and pdf download www.taichimag.org we are planning to add more back issues over time, so members can access and read them online. For those wanting a printed copy (from issue 61 onward) these are available at:

www.askonline.shop/collections/tai-chi-qigong-union-for-great-britain

We have now negotiated a better cover price of £5 based on the new layout. Prices are plus P&P dependent on location as some subscribers and members are not UK based. As a CIC we are a not-for-profit organisation, but we are also a not-for-loss organisation. The magazine costs (design, production and distribution) have not been covered by membership fees for a long time and that should have been shared openly with our membership sooner. The board are all volunteers and we are working to improve, hence the regular e-newsletters and social media posts. We are working to improve communication but do need your help and support with this.

The health committee is keeping on top of sharing

updates re Covid, risk assessments etc. with members. They are also looking to build a database of real research, and look to support new research. They can be contacted at:

www.taichiunion.com/tcugbhealthsubcttee

Regional officers

We put a call out for regional officers as local people have

a better handle on what is happening in their region. I have been asked by those who showed an interest what the role would involve. Truth is it's a new role so will develop over time. I image that at first it will be to link up teachers (members and non-members) locally to network. This would encourage non-members to join and gain support. Regional officers could recruit local support if it was felt a local team/committee would be beneficial. They can feed information to the technical panel when needed, highlight opportunities for development and even research. Maybe even, in the future, help to host regional TCUGB events. You can email me at enquires@taichiunion.com if that sounds of interest.

What would you like from the union?

As a CIC we have certain aims and purpose for the wider community, as laid down in our articles of association (available on the website) but as a membership organisation your needs come first so what do you want from the TCUGB? To improve communication, we do need to make best use of all media including social media. Do you or your students have skills and a passion to help us all develop? Email me at enquires@taichiunion.com



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Members only group:

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Wu shù shì yè jì tóng (Martial Arts are one family)