

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF
THE COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO**

Dr. George Tardik, ND, Chair	)	
Dr. Danielle O'Connor, ND	)	WEDNESDAY, THE 21st
Dr. Rosemary Hnatiuk, ND	)	
Harpal Buttar	)	DAY OF JUNE, 2017
Deborah Haswell	)	

BETWEEN:

COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO

- and -

KAREN BARNES

ORDER

THIS HEARING was held in Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Notice of Hearing, the Agreed Statement of Facts and the Joint Submission on Penalty and Costs and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the College of Naturopaths of Ontario ("College") and counsel for the Member:

A. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FINDS that the Member committed acts of professional misconduct pursuant to paragraph 1 (contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession); paragraph 36 (contravening, by act or omission, a provision of the Act, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*,

1991 or the regulations under either of those Acts); paragraph 41 (failing to comply with an order of a panel of the College); and paragraph 46 (engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as dishonourable or unprofessional) of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 17/14 made under the *Naturopathy Act, 2007*.

B. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MAKES AN ORDER:

1. Requiring the Member to appear before the panel to be reprimanded immediately following the hearing.
2. Directing the Registrar to suspend the Member's certificate of registration for a period of three (3) months, on a schedule to be set by the Registrar, two (2) months of which shall be remitted if the Member complies with the provisions of paragraph 3 by no later than August 31, 2017.
3. Directing the Registrar to impose the following specified terms, conditions and limitations on the Member's certificate of registration:
 - a. Requiring that the Member write an essay between a 500-1000 words, and provide it to the Registrar, no later than September 30, 2017, that shall be published by the College at a time and in a format determined by the Registrar, on the following issues:
 - i. the lessons she learned at the SCERP ordered by the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee; and
 - ii. the importance of naturopaths co-operating with College investigators and to provide the essay to the Registrar; and
 - b. Requiring the Member to provide the Registrar with a letter of apology to the public and the profession, no later than September 30, 2017, that shall be published by the College at a time and in a format as determined by the

Registrar, on the following issues:

- i. her failure to comply with an order of the Inquires, Complaints and Reports Committee of the College and her failure to cooperate with an investigation being conducted by the College; and
 - ii. the potential negative the impact of her decisions.
4. For greater certainty, the Member's obligation to comply with the proposed terms, conditions and limitations on her certificate of registration contained in paragraph 3 is not relieved by serving the entire suspension referred to in paragraph 2 above.
5. Requiring the Member to pay the College's costs fixed in the amount of \$4,000 within four (4) years of the date of this order. A payment schedule of at least \$1000 per year is included in this order.

Date:

JUNE/21/2017



Dr. George Tardik, MD, Chair
Discipline Panel

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