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Following the CPA Annual Convention in June, CPAP met for its second meeting of the year. One of the major issues facing CPAP in the last couple of years is the cost-sharing formula that provides the funding for travel, accommodations, and meetings twice a year.

Out of this focus on funding rose the more substantial issue of the whole purpose of CPAP as an organization and whether it was an organization that the collective wanted to maintain into the future.

The upshot of the June meeting in Calgary is that a motion was passed to break CPAP into two new organizations: one for the Regulators and another for the Associations. Following the meeting, each CPAP delegate was to seek feedback from his/her local board about the decision taken to “divorce” the Regulators and the Associations. As well, there was discussion about maintaining a liaison between the Regulators and Associations and delegates are expected to bring back feedback about the possible shape (functions, frequency of meetings, etc.) of the liaison relationship to the next CPAP meeting in January in Ottawa.

In June, following the first day of meeting together, the two groups split for a second day of discussions as Regulators or Associations. In the Associations break out session, three Association delegates agreed to meet in August to work on the “divorce” proceedings. This subcommittee met in Winnipeg and will propose that the Associations organization keep the name CPAP in recognition of the fact that CPAP originally grew out of CPA as an Association group to focus on issues related to the practice of psychology. We will recommend that the “P” be changed from “Provincial” to “Professional” in the CPAP acronym to reflect the desire for inclusion of both CPA and the territories into the newly reformed CPAP (i.e., the use of “provincial” in our name could be seen to disenfranchise both our national partner and the territories so that needed to be changed). Other work, on the by-laws for example, was also done in Winnipeg so that the Association group will be ready for the January discussions with the Regulators.

Continuation of a CPAP seat on the CPA Board is very much hoped for as is a strengthening of the relationship between the advocacy work of CPA and the Associations (as reflected through CPAP). Preliminary discussion has begun between CPA and the subcommittee of CPAP conducting the preliminary work on this new version of CPAP. CPAP very much appreciates the assistance provided by Drs. John Service, Karen Cohen and Ian Nicholson to date on these CPAP developments.

Respectfully submitted,

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