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## **Ethics Committee**

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1. The on-line ethics course appears to be working well. As of 25 October 2006, there had been eleven registrations. The availability of the course, and a course description, have been circulated to psychology departments across Canada, as well as to registration bodies and voluntary associations. A "Further Information" sheet was prepared recently for the CPA and Captus websites in response to questions posed by persons interested in taking the course.
2. The Committee completed its work on the Guidelines for services to women. A draft of the Guidelines, incorporating the suggestions of members of the Committee on Ethics was forwarded on 28 October 2006 to Elizabeth Church, Erica Horwitz, and John Service.
3. The Committee received nine responses to the request for consultation on "Ethical Guidelines for Psychologists Providing Psychological Services via Electronic Media" (deadline was 15 October 2006). The responses varied from suggestions for minor change, to suggestion that the CPA *Code* obviates the need for guidelines of any kind, to concern that the draft Guidelines will interfere with Canadians receiving appropriate and needed psychological services. The Committee requests deferral of further Board consideration of these Guidelines until the next meeting of the Board of Directors, in order for the Committee to have sufficient time to give due consideration to the consultation feedback and formulate recommendations/next steps.
4. Other major current activities of the Committee include:
  - a. Consideration of a request for a formal opinion (re psychologists' involvement in end-of-life decisions/issues of clients).
  - b. The development of an ethics page/section for the CPA website.
  - c. One enquiry from a member of the public regarding a complaint.

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