



International Relations Committee

June 2006

Present	Regrets	Absent
Janel Gauthier (Chair)	John Adair	Noels Kimberly
John Berry (Secretary)	Dugbartey Anthony	James Lewis Murray
Gira Bhatt	John Arnett (CPA Board Liaison)	David Nussbaum
Gary Latham	Akcali Ozge	Peter Suedfeld
Saba Safdar	Pierre Ritchie	de Andrade Yaya
Randal Tonks	Michel Sabourin	
	Singh Sonia	
	Marta Young	

Consideration and approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved, as proposed.

Reading and approval of the 2005 Minutes (Montreal, June 10, 2005)

- The minutes were approved, as distributed. Report of the Chair
- The report was received, as printed in the AGM report, and as distributed previously by email.

Work agenda for 2006-2007 (see Minutes of 2005 meeting)

- The proposal for IRC to develop bilateral relations with other international psychology groups is not allowed.
- The proposal to create a separate IRC Newsletter was not pursued. Instead, we agreed to create a biannual column called "International Affairs" for submission to Psynopsis. This column will be a joint effort of the IRC, the CNC for Psychology, and the International and Cross-Cultural Section. The IRC will coordinate the production of this column.
- The proposal to make an IRC submission to the annual convention programme was agreed. This will be done in cooperation with the CNC for Psychology and the International and Cross-Cultural Section.

- The proposal to pursue international exchange visits was not agreed. Instead, we agreed to include information in the Psynopsis column on international visitors to Canada (such as sabbaticants, researchers, lecturers). A request for such information will be sent to Chairs of Psychology Departments.
- The proposal to create a programme to collect and ship books and journals to developing countries was not approved, since it is extremely costly. However, members will be asked to consider such gifts by listing this initiative in the Psynopsis column.

Procedures for introducing and passing motions by e-mail

- The draft proposal, as circulated, was approved.
- In addition, it was agreed to use the same procedure to approve the draft minutes within one month of our annual meeting, and to share the approved minutes with members of the CNC for Psychology, and the International and Cross-Cultural Section.

Determination of a quorum for future face-to-face annual meetings

- We agreed that a quorum is the Chair and two other members.

Membership

- The chair will send (if he feels like it!) one last email to current members to ascertain whether they wish to continue as members.

Other Business

- Janel Gauthier has been asked by the CPA Board to continue as Chair for a further year.
- The case of an Iranian psychologist whose paper was accepted by CPA, but who was refused a visa by the Canadian Embassy in Iran, will be investigated by Saba Safdar and Gary Latham. They will report back to the committee on their findings. The committee will then bring the case to the attention of the CPA Board.

Next Meeting (Westin Hotel, Ottawa, June 7-9, 2007)

- The next meeting will be held during the CPA convention in Ottawa in June 2007.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.