



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Members of the Publications Committee for 2012-2013: Jean-Paul Boudreau, Christine Chambers, Martin Drapeau, Wendy Josephson, Raymond Léveillé (observer), Todd Morrison, Doug Mewhort, John Meyer (chair), and Penny Pexman (post-appointment as CJEP Incoming Editor).

### Activities for 2012-13

#### CPA Journals

- As of June 2012, the three CPA journals – Canadian Psychology, Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science, and Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology – were headed by Dr. Martin Drapeau (McGill University), Dr. Todd Morrison (University of Saskatchewan), and Dr. Douglas Mewhort (Queen's University), respectively. At the 2012 annual convention in Halifax, the committee received the 2011 Publisher Report from APA. Some high- lights are as follows:
- Although print access is declining, electronic access to our journals (via PsycARTICLES) has increased so that overall institutional access has shown a steady increase (from 3134 in 2009 to 3431 in 2011).
- All three journals were profitable and CPA received \$174,800 USD as a royalty payment for 2011.
- With the first full-year of Online First, publication lags for CJEP and CJBS were down. The lag for CP increased by a month, but the journal also increased in length by 44 pages bringing it closer to the page ceiling.
- To increase journal visibility, APA sent a call for papers to authors in 31 Francophone countries. Downloads from several of these countries have increased.
- The impact factors for the journals continue to fluctuate. The 2010 impact factors for CP (1.952) and CJBS (.736) were up over the previous year, while the impact factor for CJEP was down slightly (1.177). The most recent impact factors are down from 2010: CP (1.54), CJBS (.458), CJEP (1.016).
- A search for a new editor for CJEP was conducted in the summer of 2012. The committee recommended to the CPA Board that the position be awarded to Dr. Penny Pexman (University of Calgary). Dr. Pexman is now serving as the Incoming Editor (2014) and will receive all new manuscripts for 2013. The committee wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to outgoing editor Dr. Douglas Mewhort for his three years of leadership and dedication to the journal.

#### CPA Press

- Since its inception in 2007, the CPA Press has existed in name only. Although it has a presence on the CPA website, and there is a process in place to accept and review manuscripts, there is currently no mechanism in place to produce or market publications. In September 2012, registration of the name Canadian Psychological Association Press was due to expire. After deliberation, the committee decided to re-register the name for five years to provide sufficient time to re-evaluate its future. It was agreed that there was potential value in retaining the press, but it would not be viable without establishing a partner- ship with an established press. In light of our existing relationship with APA, it was decided that, as a first course of action, we should consult with them about opportunities for partnership.

**Other Issues**

- Through an agreement with APA, CPA members can register through CPA to access APA's Psychnet Gold package databases. However, access is currently available only to individual subscribers. Interest has been expressed by some CPA members in corporate or private practice settings to obtain a group rate. The committee will meet with Annie Hill of APA during the convention in Quebec City to discuss this issue in more detail.

**Future Activities**

- In addition to continuing deliberations concerning CPA Press and the availability of group rates for APA's Psychnet Gold package, the following activities are planned:
- Discuss the implications of recent changes to the mandate of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for future funding of CP and CJBS. Eligibility for SSHRC funding could be in jeopardy if the health-related content of these journals is too extensive.
- Discuss the structure and mandates of the CPA journals to ensure that they are meeting the needs of authors and readers.
- Continue to work with APA to find ways to increase the readership and impact of our journals.
- Update the current Guidelines for CPA Journals to bring it in line with recent changes in the publication process and to address future changes arising from the discussions described above.

John P. Meyer, Chair