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Publications Committee

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1. Membership

The following members have agreed to continue on the committee:

- John Hunsley, Editor, CP
- Greg Irving, Editor, CJBS
- Simon Grondin, Editor, CJEP
- Christine Chambers, Member at Large
- Wendy Josephson, Member at Large
- Jo-Anne Lefevre, Member at Large
- Hank Stam, Member at Large

2. Issues

- a. The committee has continued to discuss the formation of the Canadian Psychological Association Press/Les Presses de la Société Canadienne de Psychologie. A draft author submission form has been created (attached).

Such a form is the usual first contact between a publishing house and potential authors. Examples of such forms are widely available, and were sampled from a broad range of publishers from the small and technical (e.g. university press) to the more commercial, high volume publishers. Members of the publication committee were asked for feedback to an initial draft, and suggestions from the committee are included in the present draft.

Discussion of Press and this form also led to the following questions to be discussed as the Board sees fit:

- Would Canadian Psychological Association Press/Les Presses de la Société Canadienne de Psychologie consider self-help materials (understood to be rooted in evidence based treatments) or college/university textbooks?
 - To what extent should both the authors and target audience be defined as “Canadian” and how would this impact on the nature and quality of submissions received?
 - Would the emphasis on “Canadian” lead authors to avoid the Press because their work is not identifiably or uniquely Canadian? Relatedly, is the target audience of such books only Canadian?
- b. In October CSBBCS membership voted to increase dues and make an electronic subscription to CJEP part of every member's right. Planning is occurring to provide the membership list of CSBBCS to CPA and APA so that this change will be implemented rapidly.

Also related to the agreement between CSBBCS and CPA, attached is the newly revised masthead for CJEP which the committee enthusiastically endorsed by both the committee and CSBBCS.

- c. The transition to APA publishing CPA journals continues. The final contract was signed at meeting at CPA offices on July 20th. A conference call between the APA journals office, the three editors, and chair of the publications committee took place August 20th to discuss implementation of the agreement, timelines, and workflow (see attached).

There has also been discussion of various necessary forms including Assignment of Copyright, Permissions Alert, and Full Disclosure of Interests. Suggestions for these forms were advanced by the journal editors and chair of the publications committee.

One outstanding issue concerns a form that would affirm the authors' compliance with ethical standards. Presently, authors for APA journals sign a form that is based on the APA ethical code. The publications committee recommends that a parallel form using the CPA code be constructed and the publications committee has requested the input of the CPA ethics committee, through Carole Sinclair, to collaborate on the construction of this form.

Peter Bieling
Chair, Publications Committee