

CPA 2011 Elections



Jennifer Frain, Ph.D.
President-elect position
Elected by acclamation

It is a great privilege to have been nominated for, and now acclaimed as, President-Elect of the Canadian Psychological Association. I look forward to continuing to work for Canadian psychologists through the CPA.

In terms of my background, I trained at the University of Winnipeg, then the University of Saskatchewan for my Masters and completed my clinical psychology training with a Ph.D. from Concordia University. Currently I am the Executive Director of the largest and most diverse social service agency in Winnipeg. New Directions for Children, Youth, Adults and Families is 125 years old and offers the community 20 programs ranging from family counselling to resources for youth, job training to specialized living support, community treatment homes to foster care, and a variety of resources utilized by individuals with intellectual disabilities, the Deaf community and the Aboriginal community. I am twice past President of the Manitoba Psychological Society, and have served as the Chair of the Council of Professional Associations of Psychologists (CPAP) since 2005. Over the last decade it has been my passion to advocate for psychology provincially and nationally working to raise public and government awareness of the critical role of the science and practice of psychology for the health and well-being of Canadians.

I see the President's role as two-fold: support and vision. I plan to support the dedicated volunteer members of the Board who make significant contributions to our profession (e.g., Prescription Privileges task force, Supply and Demand Task forces, successful advocacy with granting organizations, beneficial publishing arrangement with the APA, etc.). I also look forward to providing oversight and support and to working more closely with the talented and very productive Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Drs. Cohen and Votta-Bleeker and the other amazing CPA staff.

With respect to vision: I see the need for further development and consolidation of the structure of the CPA to offer greater strength to the three pillars of Science, Education and Practice. In terms of the pillar of Practice, a stronger alignment of the provincial and territorial associations with the CPA was recently achieved through the establishment of the Practice Directorate as approved by the Board of Directors in June 2009. At that time, the CPA Board also wisely recognized the importance of establishing a Science Directorate. These new structures have created new energies and opportunities to advance

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advocacy priorities (e.g., federal research grants for psychologists for the Science Directorate; coordinated provincial and federal government relations campaign for the Practice Directorate). My goal is to ensure these two new directorates establish themselves and focus on fulfilling their missions. In the domain of practice I look forward to encouraging the variety of interest groups and organizations involved with practice issues and concerns to join together in the Practice Directorate so that we are able to create synergies. For the Science Directorate I will work to foster collaboration amongst the various constituencies to advocate for greater financial and academic support for research in all areas of psychology. The third goal will be to support the implementation of a recent decision of the CPA Board to establish an Education Directorate through which CPA can coordinate efforts to promote the training of psychologists of all types in order to ensure the ongoing supply of well prepared academics, researchers and clinicians.



JoAnn Elizabeth Leavey, Ph.D.
Scientist Seat
Elected by acclamation

JoAnn Elizabeth Leavey has served in the Mental Health field for over 20 years as a clinician, clinical research scientist, planner, educator, consultant and senior administrator. She completed her graduate studies at the Universities of Toronto and British Columbia. She is both a Registered Psychologist and Registered Nurse.

During her career, Dr. Leavey has maintained a person-centred focus that includes helping persons with mental health and disabilities re-enter society as part of the recovery process. Her published recovery model ELAR, Emergence, Loss, Adaptation and Recovery is a guide through which persons can move through a non-linear process of healing. This consists of assisting clients to re-establish their sense of self-identity through adaptation and rediscovery of self ability. Dr. Leavey has spoken locally, nationally and internationally in over 9 countries disseminating her clinical research results and developing networks regarding best practices for clients experiencing mental health problems.

Dr. Leavey's participation in the CPA has included being a member of the Northern and Rural Section since its inception. Since 2008, she has been the Section's representative on the CPA Task Force on Prescriptive Authority for Psychologists in Canada. She is looking forward to continuing her work with the CPA in the role of Scientist on the Board of Directors.



Dorothy Cotton , Ph.D., C. Psych.
Candidate for the Practitioner Seat

My primary interest as a potential CPA Board member is to work toward aligning professional training and practice with the changing needs of the public and the workplace. As past president of the College of Psychologists of Ontario, a fellow of CPA and a clinician with 35 years experience in frontline to senior management positions, I have a broad and informed perspective about the practice of psychology. I am currently a clinical neuropsychologist in the correctional system, but my past experience includes geriatrics, institutional mental health, private practice, and teaching & supervising students in both university and college settings. I have a particular interest in the interface between the mental health and criminal justice systems, including a focus on issues related to policing. In addition to the usual professional organizations, I am a member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the Mental Health Commission's Mental Health and the Law Committee. As a newspaper and magazine columnist, the focus of my writing has been "everyday psychology" --that is, practical applications of psychology to everyday life. Over the years, I have witnessed the decrease in traditional hospital-based psychological services and the concomitant increase in the demand for services in other areas--corrections, school psychology, the military, neuropsychology, developmental disabilities & independent practice. It seems to be time for the profession to refocus and adapt to these emerging practice needs.

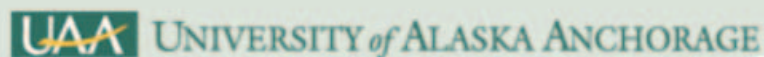


Lorne Sexton, Ph.D.
Candidate for the Practitioner Seat

Thank-you for considering my candidacy for the position of Practitioner on the CPA Board of Directors. I have been a member of CPA for over 25 years, and previously served as Chair of the Clinical Section in 1999. For the past two years I have held the Practitioner seat at CPA and chaired the Professional Affairs Committee and the Task Force on Prescriptive Authority.

My clinical practice is primarily based in the Clinical Health Psychology Program of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. I am the professional leader at St Boniface General Hospital and coordinate regional geriatric psychology services. For the past 10 years I have coordinated quality improvement and Accreditation Canada survey preparation for the regional program. This has been a unique opportunity to focus on referral coordination, wait list management, service effectiveness, service efficiency, patient satisfaction, and basing services on population health needs across 16 different hospital and primary care sites. This experience has brought home to me the need for psychology to continuously assert itself and demonstrate its effectiveness in order to be on the "radar screen" of health care policy and funding decisions, both governmental and in the private sector.

My single biggest accomplishment for CPA was the initial development, with John Service, of the "Your Health: Psychology Works Fact Sheets." The term "psychology works" reflects my passion for asserting the relevance and power of psychological methods. As CPA Board delegate to CPAP and the new Council of the Practice Directorate, I have been afforded an exciting opportunity to further this passion and work with provincial associations in furthering public awareness of and access to psychology.



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