

**CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE**

2015 ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Thursday, June 4th, 2015  
8:00 – 8:45 AM  
Saskatchewan Room, Westin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

MINUTES

Jennifer Veitch was in the chair; Michelle Gagnon served as recording secretary.

Present	Regrets	Absent
Jennifer Veitch (Chair) [JV] Aimée Surprenant [AS] Joseph Snyder [JS] Don Saklofske [DS] Marta Young [MY] John Berry [JB] Peter Hausdorf [PH] Janel Gauthier [JG] Michelle Gagnon [MG]	Doug Mewhort David Nussbaum Pierre Ritchie Valerie Thompson	

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by JV.

**2. Consideration and Approval of the Agenda**

JG requested that a discussion regarding elections be added to the agenda as item 5.5. The proposed amended agenda was approved (JG/JS).

**3. Approval of the 2014 Minutes (Vancouver, June 7, 2014)**

The Minutes of the June 7, 2014 meeting were approved (JG/JS).

**4. Report of the Chair**

JV spoke briefly to her report.

JB requested that cross-cultural organizations be considered when promoting IUPsyS activities and positions.

**5. Work Agenda for 2015-2016**

**5.1 Recruitment and Membership**

JG requested clarification regarding whether a call for nominations had occurred. This call was sent out by JV earlier this year.

Three positions are up for continuing reappointment. Those currently in the positions (Dr. David Nussbaum – Health Sciences, Dr. Joseph Snyder – Social Sciences, Dr. Douglas Mewhort – Neuro-Bio-Behavioural Sciences) have agreed to serve a second term, if appointed.

A motion to appoint these candidates for a second term was passed (JG/PH).

Dr. Kelly Dean Schwartz has been nominated to fill the Health Sciences appointment. The committee reviewed Dr. Schwartz's research focus and discussed its fit for the Health Sciences category. A lack of clarity with category definitions was raised as an issue.

A motion was put forth to review the definitions of all 3 categories over the upcoming year. The resulting categories will be used to evaluate the fit of future candidates with each category prior to election as a member. It was suggested that the funding agencies be used as a springboard for the development of these definitions. Further discussion around this issue will take place by email.

As a result of this discussion, it was determined that Dr. Schwartz will not be appointed to the committee due to the lack of fit between his area of research and the Health Sciences category. His work was considered to fit better within the Social Sciences category, should he be willing to be nominated for a future opening.

A discussion was had surrounding the ongoing issue with filling positions. Several members recommended a more direct approach to recruitment, such as further engagement with the section chairs and speaking directly with colleagues. JG highlighted that, when encouraging specific individuals to put forth their candidacy, we must ensure that these encouragements are not regarded as nominations.

## **5.2 NRC Annual Performance Review**

JV indicated that the NRC Annual Performance Review that was submitted in 2014 had been successful and that the NRC had paid the fees for the renewal of our membership to the Union.

## **5.3 Communications between CNC/IUPsyS and Canadian psychologists**

### **5.3.1 CNC Page for CPA website**

JV will follow-up with CPA regarding the committee's website and website redesign.

### **5.3.2 Psynopsis**

JV noted that no submissions to Psynopsis were made by the committee over the past year and that a submission should be made about the upcoming ICP. The September deadline was proposed as the most appropriate date for article submissions. JB and MY will coordinate the writing of an article for the upcoming issue.

#### **5.4 International Congress of Psychology in 2016, Yokohama JP**

The call for abstracts is still open. JV will follow-up with Tyler Stacey-Holmes regarding promotion of the ICP through social media.

JB noted that there are few invited speakers to ICP from regions outside the USA and Western Europe. He indicated that 17 of the 30 invited speakers were from these two regions.

JG noted that a model is being proposed whereby delegates are being identified by region, rather than expertise. JB queried whether this should be highlighted in the Psynopsis article. It was agreed that this would be an important point to highlight.

#### **5.5 Elections**

As a result of the committee's discussions over the past year, the committee did not nominate a Canadian for the position of IUPsyS Treasurer. JV asked the committee whether it was a good idea to have a Canadian on the Executive Committee. JB and JG agreed that the cycle had been broken when a Canadian treasurer was not nominated.. It was agreed that the committee should consider nominating Canadians for the position of member-at-large on the Executive Committee of the Union.

JG queried whether there is a requirement for nominees to have been a delegate or have previously demonstrated a commitment to the Union. JV will look into this.

A discussion was had regarding whether any Canadians would be willing to serve if nominated for the member-at-large position. JB highlighted that the decision to move forward with the search for a nominee should not be predicated on who we know at this moment, but rather should be done more formally through email communication and other appropriate channels.

A motion was passed that the committee will nominate an individual for the executive committee for the position of member-at-large, if a suitable candidate can be found (JG/JS).

#### **6. Other Business**

The committee unanimously expressed their appreciation to JV for her continued excellent work as chair of the committee.

#### **7. Next meeting**

The next CNC business meeting will be held during the CPA convention in Victoria, June 9-11, 2016.

#### **8. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (PH). The motion was approved.