

SECTION 26

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Section 26 has just completed its first year of official operation, marked by the second annual business meeting at the recent convention in Calgary. The elections that took place at this meeting have led to changes in our Executive. Keith Dobson has moved from Chair to Past-Chair, and I have taken over the Chair for the coming year. On behalf of the Section, I would like to thank Keith for his hard work during the past year. He has led our section to an excellent beginning! Keith's advocacy on behalf of Section 26 predates his term as Chair, as he was instrumental in the behind-the-scenes activities that led to the inception of the Section last year.

Congratulations are in order to Rhona Steinberg, who is now Chair-Elect, having served as Member-at-Large last year, and to David Hart, our current Member-at-Large. Good luck with the newsletter David. Kerry Mothersill remains our secretary-treasurer. I would like to thank Susan Hyde, on behalf of the section, whose work last year as Member-at-Large (special) was appreciated.

As you know, we have been working on Section by-laws, which were approved by the section at the business meeting. They have now been submitted to the CPA Board for final approval. The by-laws are available in both French and English, so if you do not have them in your preferred language please contact a member of the Executive.

We also made our first awards presentations at the recent business meeting. The following psychologists were awarded Section 26 Fellowships for their outstanding contribution to clinical psychology: Harvey Brooker (Ontario), Ken Craig (British Columbia), Charles Hayes (Nova Scotia), Jean Pettifore (Alberta), and Pierre Ritchie (Quebec). The Student Award, based on the outstanding student presentation at the conference, went to Beverly Frizzell, from the University of Calgary. Congratulations to all.

I am looking forward to working with the Executive, and section members, over the next year, which I anticipate will be both busy and exciting. We have a number of tasks ahead of us this year.

We will be initiating a student recruitment drive in the fall. If you have students or interns who may be interested in joining the Section, please encourage them to do so.

We will also be active in the planning of the 1992 convention. Now is the time to submit suggestions to the Executive concerning invited speakers, preconvention workshops, and any special activities that would be of interest to clinical psychologists and CPA members. Deadlines for submissions of proposals from the Sections are fast approaching (despite the weather).

To help with advocacy, and to raise the profile of clinical psychologists, we will be preparing an information brochure that could be presented to interested nonpsychologists (e.g., patients, physicians, politicians, etc). In preparing this brochure we will consider the definition and scope of practise of clinical psychology.

We have also been approached to co-sponsor the annual Banff Conference on Behavioural Science. The executive will be considering these issues in our upcoming meetings, and your comments and suggestions on these issues are welcome.

In closing, I am looking forward to the next year and I encourage you to express your views to the Executive, and become involved in section activities.

T. Michael Vallis
Chair

Section 26 Executive Committee 1991-92

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1991 Clinical Section Annual General Meeting - a note.

Our 1991 AGM was the very model of efficiency. Those splendid few who did attend were treated to Keith Dobson's masterly chairmanship as he eased us, unhurriedly, through the 20 items on the agenda within the 60 minutes for which we were assigned the room.

Something else you missed was the excitement of having officers nominated from the floor, the number of written responses to the call for

nominations having been zero. You can't depend upon always being so lucky (in who gets the offices), so, for next year, do plan to make nominations and attend the Clinical Section meeting.

See the "Message from the Chair" for more about the AGM and Section activity.

Clinical Presentations at CPA

Of the 700 submissions for presentation at CPA, 250 were "clinical". Activities of Section 26 members now make the CPA Annual Meeting valuable for talking to fellow clinicians about their and your practice and research. Do write to the Newsletter Editor with suggestions for changes or new ways to enhance professional interaction at CPA's annual feast. Do inform any member of the Executive of any good suggestions of invited speakers, symposia, workshops, conversation sessions, or therapeutic activities for next year's program. Do it NOW because matters such as invited speakers have deadlines like August 31, THIS YEAR.

Section 26 Wants Student Members

You have joined the Clinical Section to enhance your professional life, so how about encouraging your clinical graduate students to join as well. The Executive is launching a recruitment campaign in September so you can expect to hear more of this. But why wait? A membership application form is attached to the Newsletter. Note that applicants should be

members of CPA. A bonus of two warm fuzzies for each new member recruited.

TRAUMA RESPONSE NETWORK

Many of us work with clients who suffer from the effects of trauma. We may be Critical Incident Stress Debriefers, therapists for rape victims, or treating adults who were sexually abused as children. Others may be conducting research on the effects of trauma or its treatment. These various activities are burgeoning across the country as the needs are becoming more widely recognised. But most of us know little of what the rest are doing and learning. Now is the time to establish a network of trauma workers so that we can exchange information about what we are doing, what knowledge we want or can provide, and who to turn to for advice or active assistance in an emergency. David G. Hart in Calgary and David S. Hart in St. John's are attempting to establish such a network. If you would like your name added to our mailing list, contact David S. Hart, PhD, Psychology Department, Memorial University, St. John's NF A1B 3X9 (FAX 709-737-4000, EMAIL DHART@KEAN.MUN.CA)

OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS

Do you have some innovative work in progress that one or more of your fellow Clinical Section members might find interesting? You do? Well, write a brief account of it and it can be published in the next SECTION 26 NEWSLETTER. Or do you have a question or challenge to put to your

colleagues across the country? A commentary that you would like to get off your chest could fit well in our pages. Editorial policy has not been narrowly defined, in fact, it has not been broadly defined either, so try something on me. Wouldn't it be great to have a newsletter that stimulated thought, generated controversy, fomented ideas, aroused passions? Send me a contribution. National exchange follows.

Brilliant Thesis Topics

One of my esteemed colleagues gets brilliant ideas some of which are researchable topics that she is not in a position to presently pursue. She is sure that she is not unique in this respect and proposes that the two or three others of you who experience similar cognitive flashes write them down on a nearby scrap of paper or word processor and send it to the SECTION 26 NEWSLETTER for circulation so that someone in need, a hungry graduate student, for example, may find inspiration.

If you idea generators are numerous, we may even have a regular column.

NETWORKING

You may wish to exchange ideas and experiences with colleagues working in the same area. The SECTION 26 NEWSLETTER will run a tastefully prepared personal advertisement of your interest topic, your name, address, fax, and email so that the like-minded may correspond. We are a means, not an end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Simon Fraser University Counselling Service is a comprehensive counselling facility. The Service is now offering two doctoral internships for the year 1992-1993. The clientele consists of university students who have personal, vocational and academic concerns. Interns will have many opportunities to get involved in individual psychotherapy as well as group work. It is a twelve-month internship and the stipend is \$16,000.000 plus benefits. If you wish to apply, please send a curriculum vitae and two letters of reference to:

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NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

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