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This past year, members of the executive board of the Sport & Exercise Psychology section discussed how the section would operate within CPA. Based on these discussions, the chair will present the following changes at its annual business meeting at the upcoming conference in Quebec. The executive board discussed making the executive committee smaller by eliminating the chair elect and director positions. This suggestion (if accepted by the members of our section) would result in a four member executive committee (chair, past chair, secretary-treasurer, and student representative). Furthermore, it will be proposed that the student representative be appointed for a one year term, while the other three members of the board for a 2 year term. Finally, the executive board also discussed how many meeting it should have during the year and it drafted a resolution (which will be presented at the annual conference) stating that the amount of meetings in a given year should be set according to the needs of the section.

As was mentioned in last year's report, one of the goals of our section is to collaborate with other organizations and correct understanding of expertise of various professionals in our field. In with this objective, Dr. Adrienne Leslie-Toogood attended a conference in Toronto which examined the role of sport psychology in Canadian sport and I would sincerely like to thank her for taking the time to represent our section at this conference. A special issue of Canadian Psychology on the topic of sport and exercise psychology was also published in November 2012. I would like to thank Martin Drapeau (editor in chief of Canadian Psychology) for supporting this initiative. The issue contains novel propositions that should stimulate research in sport and exercise psychology. Finally, the special issue is helping increase the visibility of the section as it is being promoted to various sport psychology organizations.

For the 2013 convention in Quebec, a section keynote speaker (Dr. Lise Gauvin) will address the topic of health interventions aimed at increasing physical activity and reducing the preoccupation with thinness. A poster session has also been organized and I am happy to report that this year's poster session is quite bilingual. Finally, a panel of two judges will evaluate all of the posters and, at the end of the session, a cash prize will be awarded to the student with the best poster.

In closing, in the upcoming year, the section will be working on translating the section's website into French and creating fact sheets in line with the interests of our section.

Respectfully submitted,

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