



Section on Clinical Psychology
La Section de la psychologie clinique

Summary of Minutes of Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2006

Calgary, Alberta

Present:

Laurene Wilson, Adam Radomsky, David Dozois, Kerry Mothersill, Catherine Lee, Christine Purdon, Deb Dobson, Keith Dobson, Andrea Ashbaugh, John Pearce, Thomas Hadjistavropoulos, Allan Wilson, David Hodgins, Andrew Ryder, Irena Milosevic, Melissa McGonnell, Chris Wuerscher, Pierre Ritchie.

Highlights

- The Executive Committee included David Dozois (past-chair,) Christine Purdon (chair-elect), Kerry Mothersill (secretary-treasurer), Adam Radomsky (member-at-large), Andrea Ashbaugh (student representative) and Catherine Lee (chair). The Executive had two in-person meetings and two teleconferences, as well as regular email correspondence throughout the year. The Section maintains a healthy membership with 481 regular members and 215 student members (total of 696) which represents sustained growth over recent years.
- At the 2006 convention in addition to 3 poster sessions and 5 symposia, the Section sponsored: (1) a CPA-invited presentation by Charlotte Johnston on families with children with ADHD; (2) a pre-convention workshop by Stanley J. Rachman and Adam Radomsky on treatment of obsessions; (3) a master-clinician workshop by Michel Dugas on exposure-based treatments; (4) a co-sponsored keynote presentation by Gordon Asmundson on health anxiety; (5) a workshop by Joel Goldberg and Don Addington on evidence based practice in the assessment and treatment of schizophrenia; (6) a workshop lead by Kerry Mothersill on the internship process; and (7) a public lecture by Michel Dugas on effective psychological treatments for anxiety.
- In recognition of her important contribution to Canadian clinical psychology, the Section awarded Fellow status to Charlotte Johnston. David Zuroff and Steve Taylor have been selected as section Fellows and will receive their awards at the convention in Ottawa 2007.
- The *Canadian Clinical Psychologist* was published under the editorship of outgoing editors Deborah and Keith Dobson and incoming editors Margo Watt

and Jessey Bernstein. The Section website was maintained by David Hart. The clinical listserv continues to be used judiciously for section business and for announcements of employment opportunities.

- The 2005-2006 year-end financial statement indicated \$15,930.09 in the chequing account and \$4161.04 in GICS, with total assets of \$20,091.13. The proposed budget for the 2006-2007 was reviewed. Membership dues were expected to be \$9,500.00. Total income was projected to be \$15,076.00 with total expenses of \$13,750.00.
- The student representative, Andrea Ashbaugh focused on ways to increase student involvement in the clinical section and CPA in general. This was achieved via the introduction of the student column in the newsletter and by discussions regarding the augmentation of student support by the section.
- An augmentation of the Clinical Section Ken Bowers Award from \$500 to \$750 was approved as well as new travel awards of one first place award of \$500 and two second place prizes of \$200.
- There were 90,000 hits on the Fact Sheet web page of the CPA site over the past year. The development and promotion of psychology fact sheets was coordinated this year by Adam Radomsky. Fact Sheets were reformatted in pamphlet format. It was noted that additional efforts were needed to advertise the Fact Sheets. Several require revisions and updating. Martin Provencher prepared a new Fact Sheet on Bipolar Disorder. The Section is grateful to Francois Rouseau for reformatting and making corrections to the Fact Sheets.
- Deborah Dobson was elected as Chair-Elect; John Pearce was elected Secretary Treasurer and Andrew Ryder as Member at Large. Andrea Ashbaugh was re-elected as Student Member via an electronic ballot.
- The Clinical Section Ken Bowers Student Research Award was presented to Irena Milosevic from Concordia University for her paper entitled *The Role of Safety Behaviour in the Treatment of Specific Phobia*.
- Procedures for nominating Fellows were discussed. A motion for 1 person to serve as the key nominator who would obtain two additional letters of recommendation was carried. It was also approved that the Clinical Section would present the award when the recipients were present at the ABM.
- We discussed ideas for presentations at next year's conference.