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### COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

#### Coordinator's Message

Hi Everyone!

#### 2003 Convention

SWAP had a strong presence at this year's convention in Hamilton. We co-sponsored two speakers, Celia Kitzinger from York University in England, who gave a lively and provocative talk entitled "Overcoming Heterosexism," and Regina Schuller from York, who gave an fascinating analysis of the "battered woman" syndrome in her talk "The Application of Expert Evidence Pertaining to Battered Women in the Canadian Courts." In addition to SWAP's regular program of symposia, presentations and posters, SWAP also co-sponsored a symposium, "Feminism and Psychology: An Uneasy Alliance?" The symposium generated lots of discussion and we are thinking of returning to this theme next year. If you are interested in participating, please contact me.

Elinor Ames was the recipient of this year's Distinguished Member award (the letter nominating her and her response are in this newsletter), the Student Paper award went to Chantal Thorn, and the travel and conference bursaries to Paula Barata, Karen Ip, Karen Kranz, and Catherine Milner. The SWAP Feminist Mentoring Award, presented for the first time this year, was awarded to Niva Piran.

Congratulations to all of them and many thanks to everyone for their contributions and hard work.

### Changes in SWAP

Two major changes were voted in at this year's Business meeting. Starting with the February 2004 issue, the newsletter will be sent out electronically (see Robin Cox's notice about this). We have also changed the by-laws. The term for the Coordinator has been extended to two years from one year. This means I will be Coordinator for another year. All other terms remain the same length, that is, the Secretary-Treasurer remains a two-year term, and the Past Coordinator and Coordinator Elect are still one year each.

### SWAP Collaboration with Other Groups

Increasingly SWAP has been collaborating and liaising with other groups, both within CPA and internationally. At the past convention, SWAP co-sponsored presentations with three other CPA sections: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues, and Counselling Psychology, and History and Philosophy. SPW (Division 35 of APA) and we plan to continue this at next year's convention. SWAP and SPW (Division 35 of APA) have been collaborating for the past while, through our reciprocal membership fees and other initiatives (see below for more about this). This Spring the journal *Feminism and Psychology* approached us to offer SWAP members discounted subscriptions to their journal (see the

notice in this newsletter) and we will be putting a notice in their journal about SWAP. Most recently, I have been in contact with the Convenor of the Women & Psychology section of the Australian Psychological Society and we will be exchanging section newsletters. If you are involved with other groups who you think might be interested in liaising with SWAP, please let me know. All this cross-fertilization has brought new energy and ideas into SWAP and we would like to keep it going.

### SWAP-SPW Collaboration

Last year, SPW invited me, as Coordinator of SWAP, to participate in their Leadership and Collaboration initiative at the APA convention in Chicago. This project carried over this year at the APA Convention in Toronto through 2 symposia, "Translating feminist research into the public sphere," and "Cross-cultural perspectives on feminist therapy and research." My contribution was to talk about feminist therapy in the Canadian context, specifically the work Jean Pettifor, Judi Malone, Jan Heney, and I are doing around revising the "Guidelines for therapy and counselling with women." In addition to SPW and SWAP, other international and US associations are involved in this initiative and we intend to carry on with it. If you would like to become involved, please let me know.

### Teaching of Psychology of Women

As many of you know, courses on the psychology of women and gender are frequently not available or offered only periodically in university psychology programs in Canada. (A survey done in the late 1990's found that 40% of Canadian psychology programs did not list any courses in this area.) The Society for the Psychology of Women (SPW - Division 35 of APA) has launched a task force to look at the teaching of psychology of women and they have invited SWAP to collaborate with them on this initiative. Jan Yoder will be the US representative and we are looking for people who would like to

represent SWAP. If you would like to find out more about this or would like to get involved, you can contact me. SPW wants to get this launched shortly so please get in touch soon.

### Planning for Convention 2004

We have begun our planning for the 2004 CPA Convention in St John's, Newfoundland. If you have any suggestions for speakers, or symposia, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Executive. Also please consider submitting a paper, poster, or symposium to our section.

We are also starting organizing the SWAP Institute for next year. We are thinking of structuring it around the theme of women and their bodies. Karen Kranz, Olga Heath and I have volunteered to work on the Institute, but we will need others to help as well. If you are interested, let me know.

I am now teaching at Mount St Vincent University in Halifax. My new contact information is on the front page of this newsletter. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to get involved in SWAP in any way or you have some ideas and suggestions for what we could be doing.

Elizabeth

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Hello again, and welcome back from your summer and into your fall. By all accounts the CPA conference, and in particular, the SWAP-sponsored symposia went extremely well despite the threat of SARS.

One of the decisions emanating from the symposia and Board meeting was the decision to make this issue the last "paper" issue, and to proceed with the idea of producing this newsletter in electronic form. This is both a reflection



that for most of us, "e" versions of such newsletters are more the norm and easily accessible, and also a nod to saving money and trees. The newsletter will be delivered by email in Adobe PDF format (Adobe reader is available for free from the internet). So, say goodbye to print, and hello to "e" in January 2004.

This edition has the first in an ongoing column featuring articles on practice and research. Thanks to Diane Priebe for kicking us off with the first contribution! Hope some of you will consider the opportunity of submitting articles on practice issues, or new research projects. This in addition to our regular contributor Jennifer Bosivert who continues the Feminist Review section tradition.

Take note of the special offer by *Feminism & Psychology* for reduced subscription fees to SWAP members. And have a great fall into winter.

Robin Cox,  
Newsletter Editor

## FEATURED ARTICLE

By Diane Priebe

### Thoughts from the Practice Corner

This is the first article in a new feature in this newsletter about current practice-related issues in psychotherapy and how these issues affect women, both as practitioners and as clients. My hope is that this feature will increase the profile of the practice side of what we do so that there is more of a balance between research- and practice-related issues.

What I want to write about is the current focus in psychology practice on evidence-based psychotherapies. The therapeutic approaches that belong to this category are ones that are well-grounded in the research.

That is, they have been "proven" to be effective. There are not many of these approaches so when one talks about using evidence-based psychotherapy, there is a limited pool to draw from. The reason that I wanted to write about this topic is because I believe it highlights a very important issue in practice, one which certainly affects us as consumers and practitioners. Namely, who decides which psychological treatment is most effective for a particular client with a particular presenting complaint? Is it the client, the therapist, or a third-party, for example if someone other than the client is paying for the services? In feminist psychotherapy, for one, we believe that the client and the therapist collaborate together in the treatment process and we attempt to keep the issue of power as transparent as possible. However, if a third party dictates the direction of therapy, for example by supporting only evidence-based psychotherapies, then the choices of both client and therapist about what will be most helpful in the therapy is limited. Also, this scenario means that the power to decide actually rests outside of the therapeutic relationship. Similar scenarios arise if the current Zeitgeist or even professional regulatory bodies either strongly support or even mandate the use of only these therapies.

Part of the difficulty, I believe, is that psychotherapy is both an art and a science. It is based on psychological theory and research, and it has a side to it that is more nebulous, based more on intuition and "feel" than on facts and figures. Anyone who is a practitioner knows that this is true. When I am sitting across from a client in my office, I often find myself wondering how the theory and research of psychology explain some of the wonderful, almost magical things that happen in that time and space between my client and me. There are things that I do and ways that my clients respond that are unexpected. And I am not sure that they can be explained by the research. Because psychological

practice is about a human relationship and there are many factors that play a role in that relationship. Psychotherapy is also not usually a linear process. Does this mean that we should not pay attention to the research? Of course not. To be ethical practitioners, we need to know and apply what psychological theory and research have taught us, and continue to teach us. But like any living discipline, psychology is evolving all the time. Sometimes what we were certain of at one time is no longer true at a later time. We continue to learn more all the time.

So what I am advocating is finding a balance between using methods of intervention that are "tried and tested", so to speak, and keeping an openness to new ideas, new approaches. Just because something we do is not thoroughly supported by the "evidence" does not mean we should not do it. I know that this may open the door to some practitioners using unconventional treatments in the name of innovation. But maybe we need to trust that practitioners who are trained and licensed know what they are doing. And if they do not, we have regulatory bodies in place to take care of the ones who do not. I do not believe that limiting ourselves to methods of intervention that are "proven" is the best way to practice well and to help our clients. It certainly does not fit with the feminist philosophy of empowering our women clients to have choice in their treatment. I do believe that there is room for both science and art within psychology.

## FEMINIST REVIEW

by Jennifer Bosivert

Lahey, K. A. (2001). The Impact of Relationship Recognition on Lesbian Women in Canada: Still Separate and Only Somewhat "Equivalent." Ottawa, ON: Status of Women Canada. pp. 128.

*This research report provides the reader with an opportunity to learn more about how the legal and political status of adult relationships*

*(particularly for lesbian and gay couples) is a fundamental element of Canadian social and economic policy.*

*The purpose of this study is to assess the impact of relationship recognition on lesbian women (and gay men) as a group. More specifically, this study seeks to better determine how legal reform begins to treat lesbian women (and gay men) as the trend toward relationship recognition becomes further established in Canadian law. This report makes it clear that in future, Statistics Canada will need to make it a priority to collect data on lesbian and gay couples if the impact (and implications) of relationship recognition is to be understood fully and accurately. The collection of such data is important given that lesbian women are "[e]xcluded from recognized family structures for much of Canada's history, yet long involved in waged labour as well as in forming relationships, raising children, and seeking social and economic security without the support of state family policies, lesbian women are markedly disadvantaged by their gender as well as their sexuality" (p. 1). This document is comprised of five different sections that are each outlined and described below.*

In the first section, "Introduction," the historical, political, and legal underpinnings of the trend towards relationship recognition among lesbians (and gays) are traced and the contribution of the Women's Movement as well as the legislation relevant to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' equality provisions is acknowledged. In the course of reading through this section, the reader becomes aware of the historical landmarks and political/legal developments that potentially impact upon lesbian women in Canadian society. This section outlines two main implications

that are considered in this study: 1) the material impact of relationship recognition; and 2) the impact of the form of recognition. The plan of this study is also briefly described.

In the second section, "Lesbian Women in Canada: Demographics and Disadvantage," statistical data are presented from Canada and abroad to demonstrate how many factors may affect the current status of lesbian women. First, unlike gay men, lesbian women are greatly affected by sex discrimination. Second, lesbian women, already disadvantaged by their sexuality, are disadvantaged due to their lack of access to the "male" economy. Third, lesbian women may also be disadvantaged because of their race, ethnic origin, cultural identity and/or their psychological/ physical condition. This section highlights the importance of taking into account the above factors and income effects in the scope of assessing alternative forms of relationship recognition on lesbian women (and gay men).

In the third section, "Emerging Forms of Relationship Recognition: Separate But Somewhat "Equivalent,"" basic legal differences between single status, marriage, and cohabitation law in Canada are outlined. The extent to which judicial and statutory methods of recognizing lesbian (and gay) relationships can be considered "equal" are examined as are the methodological advantages of judicial recognition over statutory recognition. The implications of Bill C-23 ("common-law partners") are discussed from the perspectives of constitutional equality doctrine and how legislation differentially affects lesbian women as a class. It is further suggested that lesbian (and gay) couples, although recognized as "equal" in legal status, nevertheless continue to experience significant forms of discrimination in federal law than does other couples in Canada.

In the fourth section, "Distributional Impact of "Equivalence": Benefits and Burdens," the distribution of benefits

and penalties that flow from "penalty" provisions are explored in the form of results from two sets of aggregate data that were produced for this study. The overall costs of relationship recognition to lesbian (and gay) couples are reported along with the overall finding that for lesbian women, the benefits lost because of relationship recognition greatly outweigh the benefits gained. The benefits and the costs of relationship recognition on lesbian women in terms of the loss of federal tax/transfer benefits on federal/provincial levels and resultant fiscal penalties are discussed. The impact of relationship recognition on lesbian women is noted relevant to two issues: 1) consideration of individual/couple as the basic tax/benefit unit; and 2) extension of relationship-based provisions to individuals in non-conjugal relationships.

In the fifth and final section, "Policy Recommendations," the main conclusion that segregated forms of relationship recognition and relationship benefits and penalties that differentially disadvantage groups characterized by gender, sexuality, and/or disability violate constitutional equity guarantees lays the foundation for several specific policy recommendations. Policy recommendations presented fall into three main areas: 1) eliminate segregated forms of relationship laws; 2) open all forms of relationship recognition, including marriage, to all couples; and 3) shift away from relationships toward the individual as the basic focus of both benefit and penalty provisions. It is suggested that the successful implementation of these policy recommendations on provincial/national levels will eliminate much of the discrimination that is currently found in the tax/transfer system at lower income levels subsequently affect lesbian women as a social class.

In summary, this document provides the reader with the historical, political, and legal underpinnings and

the current status of relationship recognition on lesbian women (and gay men) in Canada. This study has the potential to educate policy makers on income and gender issues and to stimulate the interest of researchers in the area of sexuality and federal policy. This sophisticated report is well-organized and well-written. Further, this report is well-researched in terms of presenting national/international statistical data in both text and tables. The policy recommendations that are made in this report, should they be successfully implemented by policy makers in future, may serve to better the lives of lesbian (and gay) couples in Canada in many significant ways (e.g., taxation) and in a diversity of important areas (e.g., legislation).

## CALL FOR PAPERS & PROPOSALS

### Socializing Care

*"I find care the most basic moral value. Without the actual practice of care, there cannot be human life at all."--Virginia Held*

Socializing Care is envisioned as an interdisciplinary anthology of original work that responds to the current trends by addressing the past, present, and future integration of care into social organizations and policies.

Feminist scholars from a variety of fields including, but not limited to, anthropology, cultural studies, economics, ethnic studies, history, philosophy, political science, post-colonial studies, religious studies, social work, sociology, and women's studies are invited to submit work.

The theoretical framework for this anthology is care ethics as developed by Carol Gilligan, Nel Noddings, Sara Ruddick, Joan Tronto, and others. The articles sought may fall anywhere along the continuum between theory-centered and practice-oriented.

Submissions may address the theoretical issues involved in socializing care (including concerns over power, politics, biases, etc.) or they may focus on applications or potential applications in the institutions and policies of social work, the justice system, public education, welfare, corporations, or other institutions. Critiques of socializing care are welcome as well. Articles that address diverse standpoints are encouraged.

One can observe two opposing trends in regard to care. Feminist theorists have recognized as an important yet overlooked voice in moral discourse since the mid-1980's, however a simultaneous decline of care has taken place in public policy and social institutions.

The language of care appears less and less in North American public discourse in favor of free market, punitive, and bureaucratic language that favors contractual relationships and individualism over communal and sympathetic relationships. Efforts such as "three-strikes laws", "changing welfare as we know it", "the war on drugs" and the Defense of Marriage Act can be interpreted as diminishing care in society. When the language of care is used, it is sometimes a perversion of its common understanding ("compassionate conservatism").

The Editors of Socializing Care are Dorothy C. Miller, Director, Case Western University Center for Women and author of *Women and Social Welfare* and Maurice Hamington, Instructor, Lane Community College and author of *Hail Mary? The Struggle for Ultimate Womanhood in Catholicism and Embodied Care*; Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Jane Addams and the Body's Role in Ethics (forthcoming).

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Submission deadline is February 14, 2004.

Articles should be submitted with a one paragraph biographical statement. All submissions should be sent as an e-mail attachment Word document (or readable by Word) to [hamingts@ucs.orst.edu](mailto:hamingts@ucs.orst.edu)

**Call for Papers & Proposals -  
Women's Worlds 2005: 9th  
International Interdisciplinary  
Congress on Women  
Theme: "Embracing the Earth:  
East-West/ North-South"**

**Ewha Womans University,  
Seoul, Korea, June 19-24, 2005**

The Women's Worlds Congress is an international interdisciplinary congress on women held every three years. The focus of the Congress is gender research and interdisciplinary scholarship. The 9th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women (WW05) is being organized by the Organizing Committee for WW05 in Seoul, Korea. The goal of the Committee, which set out with "addressing gender and development/globalization issues from an Asian perspective" as the foremost of its initiatives, is to contribute to realizing gender mainstreaming and peace building in Korea.

Korea, the first Asian country to host the 9th International Congress offers a unique environment for exploring the ways in which fast-paced industrialization, during the past decades, changed the lives of women and the manner in which women have mobilized development and globalization for their own national feminist causes. The distinct advancement of women's social and economic status and their quality of life, achieved in the midst of negotiations with entrenched patriarchal and paternalistic values and struggles with the continuing tragedy as a divided people in Korea,



inspired the WW05 congress theme, "Embracing the Earth: East & West, North & South." We would like to especially bring to the attention of international minds the diversity of the historical manifestation and evolution of patriarchal rule, given the historical and cultural diversity of the Asian region.

**WW05 is organized around the theme, "Embracing the Earth: East & West, North & South."**

WW05 will look at the contrasts between East-West perspectives -- special focus areas will be (1) topics arising from the history of Asia as a multicultural, multiethnic, and multilingual region which has long been represented as 'the East,' therefore, 'the Other' by the West which has imposed various kinds of colonial domination/ (2) we are looking for program contributions related to 'Asian women's identities,' as they deal with the complexities of their own changing status following the impact of globalization and various types of feminisms; (3) considering women's deteriorating living conditions in the processes of modernization and globalization in Asia as well as in other regions, we invite program contributions on such issues as sex trafficking, child prostitution, feminization of poverty, and women's human rights related with war and other forms of violence, political unrest and stability, etc.

**Call for papers and proposals (deadline December 30, 2003)**

We invite proposals on a broad range of material that constitutes the subject of Women's Studies. In keeping with the theme of the Congress, we welcome proposals that address coalition building, collaboration, and connectivity, particularly across barriers that have proved significant in feminism's past, such as those of race, ethnicity, nationality, class, age, sexual identity, and religion. We also welcome proposals that investigate the application of Women's Studies beyond the classroom, such as internships, service learning, and

community activism. We encourage cross-cultural and interdisciplinary proposals as well as proposals from all fields in the humanities, the natural and social sciences, the creative and performing arts, health, law, social work, education, community development, and other professional and paraprofessional fields. The intention is to have a combination of both scholarly texts, as well as popular synopses of works by activists, advocates, and development practitioners in the field of women and gender. Proposals may be submitted for individual papers, panels, workshops, roundtables, short lectures, posters and the artists,' film, and writers' series.

\* Extras: Congress organizers will provide space for different organizations and interest groups to plan meeting and events that are relevant to the Congress theme. Those intending to do so should inform the Congress Secretariat before December 30th, 2004.

Pre-arranged panels and roundtables will have a better chance of acceptance than individual paper proposals and proposals for one-person workshops.

Please submit your abstract of 300 words or less no later than December 30, 2003.

The abstract should give a working title and indicate clearly its relevance to the Conference theme. Authors whose abstracts are selected will be notified by mid March, 2004 and invited to submit full papers no later than December 30, 2004. Those who submit papers must register to attend this congress.

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**Special Issue on Poverty and Working-Class Experiences in Academia**

**Race, Gender and Class Journal**

*First call for special issue:*

The theme will be Working and Poverty Class Experiences in Academia. We invite papers from undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and scholars. We are not looking only for papers relating the authors' experiences, but would like to see those experiences analyzed from the perspective of an academic discipline. Faculty are encouraged to submit papers dealing with teaching working-class and poverty-class students and also teaching all students about social class issues. And overall, what do Working and Poverty class students and faculty contribute to the academic community?

A basic standard for publication in Race, Gender and Class is that a paper should have practical implications, direct or indirect, for education. The goal is to be accessible to the hundreds of thousands of undergraduate students who enroll in introductory or general education classes every year across academic disciplines.

[Avoid footnotes or technical/academic jargon. Focus is interdisciplinary. Three members or non-members of the journal Race, Gender and Class will review the manuscripts.

All perspectives, frames of reference, and disciplines are encouraged.

Authors are responsible for adhering to accepted standards for the responsible conduct of human subjects research and research manuscripts must have written documentation of human subject approval. Further, it should be noted papers must be formatted in APA style with no footnotes or endnotes.]

For additional information on the Race, Gender and Class journal and

manuscript requirements, visit:

<http://www.sunu.edu/sunorgc/ContJourn.htm#RGC>

Please send three copies of your manuscript via snail mail to Barbara J. Peters at the address below. Manuscripts must be postmarked by December 31, 2003. Publication is anticipated in the academic year 2004-2005.

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#### TRANSFORMATIONS: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy

Transformations explores and promotes inclusive pedagogy and curriculum transformation. Representing a variety of cross-disciplinary interests, both theoretical and practical, the journal is designed to create a dynamic exchange among diverse scholars. A variety of approaches, everything from theoretical essays to short descriptions of pedagogical innovations, will assist teachers and scholars at all levels who are committed to integrating recent scholarship on gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, and other identity positions. Original submissions are sought as follows:

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## **2003 Distinguished Member Award**

### **SWAP ANNUAL MEETING**

**Hamilton, 2003  
Tribute to Dr. Elinor Ames  
by Sandra Pyke**

It is truly a privilege and a pleasure to present the Distinguished Member Award to Dr. Elinor Ames. I would like to thank Diane Priebe for initiating the nomination and for involving Meredith Kimball and me in the process and I would also like to thank Elizabeth for inviting me to make the presentation.

First of all it should be noted that Elinor is multi-talented. She has a wonderful wit, an amazing sense of humour and the only person I know who can play Swanee River on her nose. An accomplishment not to be sneezed at if you will forgive a pun.

Dr. Ames has a long and distinguished history within both SWAP and CPA and is certainly a very deserving candidate for this award. She has been a tireless advocate for women and for women's issues in her roles as researcher, educator, Chair of the CPA Status of Women Committee, member of the CPA Board of Directors and as the President of the Association. Her effectiveness was due in part to her credibility within the psychological community (among both feminists and chauvinists) as a fair, open-minded and reasonable individual. Elinor has a well-developed ethical sense and clear standards and consistently takes the high road. She was and is a skilled diplomat able to pursue her agenda, to walk through the mine-field, without alienating either camp. The Isrealis and the PLO would certainly benefit from her intervention in their conflict.

Dr. Ames is a developmental psychologist who was trained in the United States and after a brief stint as

a faculty member at the University of [McMaster], joined the faculty in the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University where she remained until her retirement. She was also a Fulbright scholar and spent some time in India. She has studied, *inter alia*, the developmental progress of Romanian children adopted by Canadian families. These important studies, involving a longitudinal assessment of the progress of these developmentally delayed children, received substantial funding from the Government of Canada. She has supervised numerous graduate students and has been an important mentor for them and for younger faculty (including me). Her contributions to the Department at Simon Fraser have been substantive and she has earned the respect as well as the affection of her colleagues.

In 1977, Dr. Ames was elected to the CPA Board of Directors. She was asked to Chair the Coordinating Committee that was subsequently retitled the Status of Women Committee. This Committee was charged with the task of implementing the 100 or so recommendations of the Task Force on the Status of Women in Canadian Psychology. Dr. Ames was very committed to her work on this Committee and pursued the implementation of the recommendations with her characteristic zeal. As I recall, she had written each recommendation on a separate index card on which she subsequently recorded implementation actions. When Board members had memory problems about what they were supposed to do *vis a vis* the implementation plan, Elinor would pull out her cards and riffle through them. It was hopeless to try and snow her.

As an empiricist rather than an ideologue, Professor Ames was the stimulus behind a number of research efforts that documented inequities in the treatment of women psychologists and graduate students. She brought forward several crucial legislative

changes and changes in organizational structure within CPA. These changes facilitated the increased representation of women on editorial boards, as officers of the Association, on Committees of the Board, and among Fellows of CPA. As a result of Dr. Ames initiative and leadership, and the Committee's work, a number of other significant changes were subsequently implemented including guidelines for therapy with women clients, guidelines for the conduct of nonsexist research and a gender neutral language policy.

In 1985, Dr. Ames was elected President of CPA, a role in which she continued to provide a strong voice for women in psychology.

It is easy to take for granted the rights and the mostly equitable role women now enjoy and to assume that these rights have always been part of the Canadian culture. Nothing could be further from the truth. If it were not for women like Elinor Ames, who was a pioneer in advocating for women's issues on so many different levels, we would not be nearly as far along the road to equality as we are today. We all owe her an enormous debt of thanks.

Many of you may not know this but it was Elinor who actually proposed that SWAP institute the Distinguished Member award about 10 years ago. I was the first recipient of the award so it is perhaps fitting that I am allowed to present this award to my mentor, my esteemed colleague and my very dear friend, Elinor Ames. Congratulations Elinor.

***Comments from award recipient:  
Elinor Ames***

I would like to thank SWAP most sincerely for this award. I feel particularly honoured to be added to the list of Distinguished Members, who have made real contributions by taking part in the underground symposium, working on the Task Force, founding SWAP, and being

recognized scholars in the area of women and psychology. This is heady company indeed.

My pleasure at being in such company is heightened by the knowledge that my own start in CPA women's activities was an especially bad one. When Sandra Pyke and I were elected as the two new CPA Directors in 1977, Sandra was not able to attend the first Board meeting because of the birth of a daughter. At the end of that meeting, each member of the Board was assigned a CPA committee to chair. Although Sandra, having been a member of the Task Force and the first President of SWAP (IGWAP), would have been the obvious choice to chair the Coordinating Committee on the Status of Women, it was assigned to me. She was assigned the Convention Committee, surely the most onerous task in CPA. I now believe that the Coordinating Committee was given to me precisely because the Board was afraid of "those feminists" who had written the Task Force Report, and because I had absolutely no credentials in that regard and was perceived by most Board members as a member of the "Old Boys" Ladies' Auxiliary.

I was so ignorant that after the meeting I had to write to the CPA Executive Director asking what the exact name of my committee was, whether it had any terms of reference, any members, or any budget. When I returned from a two-week vacation I found a 6-inch high stack of letters protesting my appointment as chair. What a start! I hadn't even begun, and already I was hated coast-to-coast. And no wonder. I had not attended the Underground symposium; I had not worked on the Task Force; I was unknown to all the powers-that-be in the Toronto-based establishment. Most important, there already was a Coordinating Committee and it already had a chair. The Board had parachuted me right into her lap, a most awkward position. I still remember one of the angry letters that concluded with something

like "Putting the head of the committee in Vancouver and its body in Toronto is clearly an attempt to kill its activities."

Shell-shocked, I flew to Toronto and met with Sandra and Barbara Wand, Editor of the Task Force Report. I had never met either of these formidable women, and I was scared to death. After I confessed to being a closet feminist and offered to help in any way I could, the three of us decided that perhaps something could be accomplished by my staying as Chair, with Sandra as a member of the committee. This proved a good combination. In the next 3 years we were able to take action on more than 40% of the 100+ recommendations of the Task Force Report.

Today I feel honoured, and just plain lucky, to be recognized by SWAP as a Distinguished Member. I think of myself as a developmental psychologist who just happened to be in the right place at the right time to be able to make a contribution to the area of women and psychology. My own path makes me wonder how many other women are out there, generally sympathetic to SWAP's concerns but busy with the pressing needs of other CPA sections and feeling that they are not expert enough in feminist theory or research to make a contribution. It makes me believe that when SWAP is looking for people to help with an institute, the newsletter, or a special project, the search does not have to be restricted to those already well known within the area of women and psychology. A colleague in another area might be pleased to be included, become a new and supportive SWAP member, and maybe even some day be intensely grateful, as I am today, to have her contributions recognized by CPA's Section on Women and Psychology. Thank you, SWAP, for this great honour.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Special deal for SWAP members

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**The next newsletter will be issued in January, 2004. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is November 30, 2003. Please send any items to the Newsletter Editor.**



**MINUTES OF THE 2003  
ANNUAL BUSINESS  
MEETING  
CANADIAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION  
SECTION ON WOMEN AND  
PSYCHOLOGY  
June 12, 2003  
2:30 pm to 3:55 pm**

**Co-ordinator:** Elizabeth Church

**Past Co-ordinator:** Diane Priebe

**Co-ordinator Elect:** Connie Kristiansen

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Church at 2:35. There were 22 members in attendance.

1. **The Agenda:** Presented by Elizabeth Church. Item 12 (Presentation of the 2003 Feminist Mentoring Award was moved to take place after #4.

Moved by Charlene Senn and seconded by Carmen Poulin that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting** were distributed and read by the attendees. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Sandra Pyke and seconded by Charlene Senn. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Coordinator's report** (the full text is reported in the Newsletter): Reported by Elizabeth Church. Elizabeth reported that this has been a very busy year. She thanked Karen Kranz for the fine work she did on the Feminist

Mentoring Award that would be presented at this meeting. Congratulations also to our Distinguished Member award winner. We are very pleased with our special speakers and symposia. There have been a number of special networking initiatives. Sandra Pyke will be speaking on her liaison with Division 35 of APA. A special thank you to Renee for the fine work she has done on the Newsletter and Web Page and welcome to Robin Cox, our new Newsletter Editor. We are looking for someone to work on the Web page. Elizabeth thanked all the members of the Executive for the work they did this year. Elinor Ames moved and Carmen Poulin seconded the acceptance of the Coordinator's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's report.** The 2002 financial report was presented by Noreen Stuckless. The Budget can be found in the May, 2003 Newsletter

This year SWAP's financial situation was relatively stable. For the past financial year we had a modest loss of \$382.20 instead of the projected loss of \$1400. This is mainly due to the profit of \$1227.77 from the 2002 Institute for which we thank the Institute Co-ordinators Karen Kranz, Meridith Kimball and E.D. Brownlie. We shared this profit with Section 35 of APA, each of us benefiting by \$616.52. Both their president and treasurer sent e-mails thanking us for this "unexpected but welcome contribution". As well, our deficit was lower than anticipated because of

the less than budgeted costs of the Newsletter, for which we congratulate our outgoing Newsletter editor Renee Cormier. We had an increase in Associate Member dues, particularly Student Associate Memberships, thanks, to the advocacy of Karen Kranz

For 2003 we have budgeted \$1500 for the Student Paper Award (\$500) and Student Travel Bursaries (5 x \$200). This the year 2002 level of funding and also allows for the full number of Student Travel Bursaries (5). We have maintained the budgeted amount for the Newsletter at \$1000. The projected conference expenses have been decreased to \$500 since we do not anticipate the additional expenses we incurred last year. We are budgeting for a slightly higher Associate Member dues (\$120) and a lower bank interest amount (\$80). There is no budgeted amount for the Student Travel Fund since there were no donations this year. We project a modest surplus of \$50 this year.

Our up-to-date financial situation is very good. At the end of April, 2003 we had cash on hand of \$9092.88. Our monies payable to date are approximately \$1800, which leaves a preliminary balance of \$7292.88 before any additional expenditures this year.

The current membership is comparable to the last number of years. As of April 30, 2003, there are 156 paid up CPA members and 15 paid up Associate Members.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was moved by Carmen Poulin and seconded by Karen Kranz

#### 12. Presentation of the 2003 Feminist Mentoring Award.

Karen Kranz announced that the recipient of the first SWAP Feminist Mentoring Award (2003) was Niva Piron. Niva's nomination demonstrated the high regard that her students hold for her. She exemplifies the traits of both feminism and mentorship. Elizabeth presented the award and said that it was an honour and privilege to do so.

Niva thanked SWAP and Karen Kranz in particular for this award. She said, in part, that mentoring is a valued part of a supervisor's life. While not part of the workload, it is an important part of the development and change for students and a visible part of her life. Niva thanked her students for enriching her work and enriching her life. She said that she also wanted to recognize her two sons. When you mentor, you learn as much as you give.

Elizabeth thanked Karen for her work on this award and said that the award will continue to be awarded.

#### 5. Newsletter and Web

**Page Report:** Elizabeth read Robin Cox's Newsletter Editor's report. A query was made about the emailing of the Newsletter. CPA can provide a list of the members' email addresses. The September issue of the Newsletter will be mailed as usual. Charlene Senn moved and Karen Kranz seconded a motion that there would be an

electronic version of the Newsletter for the February issue. This motion was passed unanimously. A request was made for a volunteer to be the Web Mistress.

#### 6. Graduate Student

**Report:** Karen Kranz. The number of graduate students appear to have increased. It's difficult this year to know by how many since we have changed our membership from an academic to a calendar year with overlapping. Karen will advertise for more members and Mona will write an advertisement for the French speaking students.

#### 7. Status of Women

**Committee Report:** Connie Kristiansen

There will be a revue and possible revisions to the Guidelines, particularly in regard to non-sexist language. Other committee members include Elizabeth Church, Jean Petitfor, Olga Favreau and Mona Abbondanza

#### 8. CPA Board Liaison report:

Sandra Pyke

- Membership  
Women now constitute 59% of the CPA membership. CPA recently tried a new membership strategy. All individuals who had failed to renew their membership were phoned. This was a low cost strategy and generated significant revenue in terms of renewal of memberships.

- Committee on Fellows  
In response to concerns that no women were elected as Fellows last year, the Committee on Fellows has been restructured and the

procedures modified. Since these modifications require a by-law change, these changes will be voted on at the AGM in 2004.

- Finances

Following the increase in fees, the Association's finances are in reasonably good shape.

- Problems with the Convention

A number of changes (new Convention Chair; new software; new staff person; decision re overheads) seemed to result in some problems with convention arrangements this year.

- Questions and Items for the Board

It was suggested that it would be helpful to get the book of abstracts ahead of time. It only appeared on the web on the Friday preceding the convention. There were a number of mistakes in the abstract book (e.g., presenter names reversed).

#### 9. Division 35 Monitor Report:

Sandra Pyke

- Dual Role  
I am Division 35's liaison to SWAP and also serve as SWAP's liaison to Division 35.

- Report

I prepared a report outlining some of SWAP's activities for the Division 35 Executive Committee meeting in January, 2003. This was published in The Feminist Psychologist, 30(2), Spring, p.8.

- Information Sharing  
I have been serving as a conduit, channelling e-mail

items from Division 35 to the SWAP listserv. Let me know if you are receiving too much e-mail traffic.

- Division 35 Executive Committee

The Division Executive Committee will be meeting on August 6 from 5:00 to 10:00 and August 7 from 8:00am to 10:00am at the Royal York in Toronto. In preparation for this meeting which I will be attending, I will prepare another report. Please let me know if there is anything in particular you would like to see included.

- Reminder of the reciprocal fees arrangement
- If any SWAP member would like to take on this liaison function please let me know.
- Elizabeth commented on the projects currently underway in which she was involved.

The Student Award Report was presented by Charlene Senn. The 2003 Student Paper Award (\$500) recipient is Chantal Thorn. Four Travel Bursaries were awarded this year. The four recipients of \$200 Travel Bursaries were Karen Kranz, Karen Ip, Catherine Milner and Paula Barata. A number of the recipients were present to be presented with their awards and bursaries and all were extended congratulations.

#### 14. Other business

- (1) Criteria for the student paper awards  
Charlene Senn suggested that we revisit the criteria for

#### 10. Proposed Executive Slate for 2003-2004

The following Proposed Executive Slate for 2003-2004 was presented.

Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Church  
Past Co-ordinator: Diane Priebe  
Co-ordinator Elect: Connie Kristiansen  
Treasurer/Secretary: Noreen Stuckless  
Newsletter Editor and Web Mistress: Robin Cox  
Graduate Student Rep: Karen Kranz  
Chair SWC: Connie Kristiansen  
Student Paper and Travel Co-ordinator: Charlene Senn  
Abstract Review Co-ordinator: Maria Gurevich  
CPA Board and Div. 35 Liaison: Sandra Pyke

Carmen Poulin moved and Regina Schuller seconded a motion to adopt the proposed Executive Slate. The motion selection of our winners. She will send out the old criteria for members to look at and invite suggestions for changes, deletions, additions.

#### (2) By-laws amendment

The original motion was moved by Karen Katchen and seconded by Joanne Gallivan to begin the discussion

"Friendly amendment". There shall be four elected officers, these being the Coordinator, the Coordinator Elect, the Past-Coordinator and the Secretary-Treasurer. The terms for the Coordinator and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be two years. The terms for the Coordinator-Elect and

was passed unanimously.

#### 11. Presentation of the 2003 Distinguished Member Award: Dr. Elinor Ames

Sandra Pyke announced that the 2003 Distinguished Member Award was being awarded to Dr. Elinor Ames. Dr. Ames contributed so much to SWAP (a founding member) and women in psychology generally. She worked on the Task Force and is a recognized scholar in the area of women and psychology.

The Coordinator, Elizabeth Church presented the award with her congratulations.

(See newsletter text for Dr. Elinor Ames' response).

#### 13. Presentation and report for the 2003 Student Paper Award and Student Paper Award and Student Travel Bursaries:

the Past-Coordinator shall be one year. All terms shall end at the close of the Annual General Meeting."

Karen Kranz moved and Sandra Pyke seconded that the friendly amendment be passed. The friendly amendment was read out. The movers of the original by-law amendment agreed to the friendly amendment. After discussion, the friendly amendment was passed unanimously.

- (3) 2004 SWAP Institute?  
Next year CPA will be held at Memorial University in St. John, Newfoundland. Elizabeth will be moving but hopes that women faculty will



take up the challenge to put  
on an Institute.

15. **Adjournment:** Sandra  
Pyke moved adjournment at  
4:05.