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Sections Committee

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The Committee of Sections has been assisted in communicating with the formation of the listserve, sections@cpa.ca, with the assistance of Catherine McNeeley and Nigel Flear. This new listserve has managed to capture all Section chairs, and there has been a good exchange of topics and issues through it. Having a reliable vehicle for communication among Sections has been an ongoing request of the Chairs, and we all appreciate the efforts of Catherine and Nigel to make this happen.

In addition, Nigel has responded to another request of the Section Chairs in circulating a questionnaire of their needs regarding membership issues within the respective Sections. A second call for replies netted information from most of the Sections (25), which was then circulated to all Section Chairs for their information. Nigel is now working to ensure that Sections are able to access the information they identified as important through their survey responses.

As we are aware, CPA Head Office (John and Karen in particular) have been very busy engaging in public relations and promotional work on behalf of CPA. With John's permission several of the memos he has sent to us have been circulated to Section Chairs. These memos have been appreciated by Section Chairs, many of whom circulated this information to their membership, and at least one of which noted that it would be the material for a class to be taught on psychology and public policy.

Proposals will be received by the Board at the 2007 meeting from two Sections. The Clinical Section noted a problem with the model by-laws for Sections and has requested an update. The Clinical Section has also proposed developing a standard format for *Psychology Works Factsheets*, and has begun that work for CPA. As well, the Section of Psychologists in Education, with the assistance of Karen Cohen and John Service, has reworked the *Guidelines for Professional Practice for School Psychology in Canada* and are resubmitting the document to the Board for approval.

A request for Section status will also be received from the Sports and Exercise Interest Group. Tricia Orzek and Gerry Farthing have worked tirelessly to re-establish this group as a Section, and they have done a good job of completing the requirements for their Section as well as to create a number of educational opportunities and activities for their members.

CPA has been very responsive to the needs expressed by the Section Chairs in June 2006. It is hoped that the meeting with Section Chairs in June 2007 will be more forward thinking and productive for all as a result of these efforts.

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