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Sections Committee

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The main activity of Sections in the past months has been in submitting, reviewing and reacting to the **scheduling of Convention presentations**. The later date for submissions was positively received, and apparently, turn around time was more reasonable this year (i.e., I did not hear complaints from Kathy and Catherine regarding delinquent Sections). Hopefully this indicates that the process has been improved for all with the changes implemented this year. The predictable conflicts with Section programs occurred again, placing added stress on Kathy and her committee, however questions regarding electronic scheduling did not seem to be ideal for solving the problem. It is suggested that Sections would benefit from a reminder (or two) of the need for requesting SBMs, receptions, and other special events well in advance of the final program.

Several Sections appear to be having difficulty complying with Vijaya's new system for dealing with **Section dues and banking** of funds. Hopefully she has been able to iron out the wrinkles for the non-compliant groups.

Petitions have been received for Section by-law update approvals from the **Clinical Section** and **Sports and Recreation Section** (requests on agenda). The **Student Section** and the **Aboriginal Sections** are working on by-laws, and will submit them either by e-mail or at the June Board meeting for approval.

The **Psychopharmacology Section** would like to encourage the Board to activate the **Task Force on Prescription Privileges for Psychologists**. The Section Executive has, as requested, provided names of individuals interested in serving on the task force, but has received no notice of action. Their fear, in Chair David Nussbaum's words, is that "In the end, if U.S. psychologists obtain the ability to train for RxP (as seems likely with time) and Canadian psychologists don't, we will become the lesser-skilled poor brothers and sisters within our own profession."

CPA has been very responsive to the needs expressed by the Section Chairs. It is hoped that this positive working relationship can be further nourished at the **annual dinner meeting of the Board with Section Chairs** in June 2008.

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