



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 28th, 2018 – Montreal, QC

The seventy-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association was held in Montreal, Quebec at the Palais des congrès, on Thursday, June 28th, 2018, at 12:00pm. Dr. Patrick Baillie, President, acted as Chair of the meeting and Ms. Cara Bernard as Recording Secretary.

1.0 Adoption of the Agenda

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Dobson/Craig) that the Agenda be adopted.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Cole/Hanson) that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Toronto, ON, on June 9th, 2017, be adopted.

3.0 Report of the President

3.1 Overview of Activities 2017-2018

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) over the past year. I have been a member of CPA for, I think, in excess of 20 years, with levels of involvement that, perhaps like you, have varied from passive to highly engaged. I respect that our 7000 members and affiliates join CPA for a wide variety of reasons. Increased engagement has given me the opportunity to see the many important activities of CPA, including the work of our 32 sections, three directorates, and multiple committees, along with the Board of Directors itself.

No review of the activities of CPA would be complete without acknowledgement of the tremendous dedication and commitment displayed by Dr. Karen Cohen, our CEO, Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, our Deputy CEO, Dr. Stewart Madon, our Registrar, and all of the staff at the Ottawa office. Please join me in thanking them for their steadfast work addressing not only our three pillars of science, education, and practice, but also the inquiries and needs of our members. I would like to thank my 13 colleagues on the board for their patience and support, particularly Dr. David Dozios, our Past President, and Dr. Sam Mikail, who will, momentarily, become our new President. In David and Sam, I am pleased to have had such knowledgeable and passionate friends to bookend my year in this role. I also wish to thank Cara Bernard, for her patience and wisdom in keeping the Board – and me in particular – on track.

Over the past year, a considerable chunk of Board time has been spent looking at restructuring the Board to better reflect our membership and to address some potential fiduciary issues. As you have heard, the Board has proposed the creation of a Council of Sections, the Chair of which would become a Board member, providing a better liaison between the Board and the all-important Sections. Adding up to three Directors -at- Large furthers our attempt at enhancing engagement. The path towards

restructuring has been bumpy, but we hope that ongoing discussions may lead to a better outcome and a more representative Board.

More broadly, over the past year, CPA has continued its engagement with CPAP and several provincial associations during the discussions about the Mental Health Accord and enhanced funding from the federal government to the provinces for the provision of mental health services. Task Force reports have been issued regarding CPA's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and regarding Medical Assistance in Dying and End-of-Life Care. Position papers have been distributed regarding assessments of Fitness to Stand Trial and of Criminal Responsibility, regarding Canada's Psychologists Contributing To Primary Health Care, and regarding the marijuana legislation that received Royal Assent last week.

These are just a few of the activities in which CPA has been involved in the past 12 months. Certainly, the biggest activity has been related to the preparation for this Congress. We hope that you have been enjoying a high quality of presentations, along with the opportunity to spend time with friends and colleagues in the welcoming environment of Montréal.

CPA continues to be an organization that has a significant role in providing helpful advice to governments, in advocating for the mental health of Canadians, and in addressing the needs of our members. I thank you, as members, for your continued involvement in CPA and I thank you for joining us today.

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Lee/Conway) that the report of the President be received.

4.0 Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

4.1 Overview of Activities 2017-2018

As an association, our core objectives include providing high quality services to our members. While that objective is addressed in part by publishing excellent journals and hosting a high-quality convention, other important services to members include our role in advocacy and in ensuring a strong voice for our members within the organization itself. Over the past year, our staff and our Board have been busy with both advocacy issues and with governance-related concerns.

In 2017/18, we had a historic number of task forces led by experts in the psychology community and members of our Board. The reports from these task forces are important opportunities for psychology to bring its expertise to topics that are top of mind for Canadians and for public policy. These have included the legalization of cannabis, psychologists' roles in primary care, and assessing criminal responsibility and fitness to stand trial. Some of these topics became the themes for our issues of *Psynopsis*, which we share with government, our stakeholders, and decision-makers in public policy. The magazine provides a key opportunity to contribute psychology's knowledge and expertise to the public. Over the last year, we also added and updated fact sheets on cannabis use, chronic pain among seniors, perinatal anxiety, concussions, depression, and seasonal affective disorder. These are among our most accessed properties by the public thanks to the expertise of our membership.

Alone and in partnership with the provincial/territorial associations of psychology and the interdisciplinary and inter-professional alliances in which we hold membership, we have called on government to support science and enhance access to psychological services. In 2017, we contributed to

the federal government's Fundamental Science Review, whose recommendations we continue to support. In 2018, we released our Grassroots Advocacy Kit for Psychological Science and launched our student research grant program. We have also worked hard, along with several partner organizations, to help shape how greater access will be achieved. Our messages are being heard – the attention being paid to mental health in the private and public sectors is unprecedented – and we will continue to share the important role psychologists play in the delivery of mental health services now that there is tremendous attention at the federal, as well as provincial and territorial levels on enhancing access to mental health services. We will also continue our in-kind and financial support to our provincial partners to advance similar discussions locally where health care delivery decisions are made.

This past year, our Board completed a series of governance consultations that have been underway since 2015 to assist them and the organization as a whole achieve excellence in governance. These consultations led to proposed bylaw amendments. Our Board has and will continue to engage our members about these proposed changes over the next several months, both in person and virtually.

Our Board sets the vision and advances the mission of our organization. The responsibility of our CEO and staff is to carry out activities that will lead to their fruition. There is no better place to look for the vision and mission of an organization than in its strategic plan. Ours was developed by our Board in 2013 and will carry us through to the end of 2018.

In 2017/18, our Board worked with management to revisit our strategic planning. As a precursor to this activity, we engaged a consultant to carry out a brand audit, which will include key informant interviews and a survey of both member and non-member psychology researchers, practitioners, and students to better understand how they view us as an organization and how well we meet their needs. This critical feedback, currently being collected, will help to inform how our Board shapes its next strategic plan with the goal of ensuring that the association confirms a mission and carries out a vision that are guided by the members we serve.

The oversight and management of a not-for-profit organization like the CPA is a team sport. The depth and breadth of our success as an organization depends on the engagement of our members, the leadership of our Board, the expertise of our staff, and the effectiveness of our collaboration.

*Note: For full details on 2017-2018 activities, please see the 2017-2018 Annual Report.

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Veitch/Nicolson) that the report of the Chief Executive Officer be received.

4.2 Finance

4.2.1 Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 31, 2017

The Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Bolger presented and received questions on the 2017 audited financial statements as examined by Welch LLP.

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Graf/Veitch) that the 2017 Audited Financial Statements be received.

4.2 Appointment of Auditors

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Dobson/Goldberg) that Welch LLP be appointed auditors of the Canadian Psychological Association for the current year.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Governance

5.1.1 Nominating Sub-Committee

The Chair of the Nominating Sub-Committee presented his report and indicated that there were only two nominations for the position of president-elect.

It was **MOVED** and **CARRIED** (Lee/Latham) that the report from the Chair of the Nominating Committee be received.

5.1.2 Elections Sub-Committee

The vote closed June 10th at 1:00pm EST. Dr. Karen Cohen, CEO and Chair of the Elections Sub-Committee announced the 2018 Election results for position of:

President-Elect – Winner: Dr. Ian Nicholson

5.2 Membership

The President noted that the membership report is available in the Annual Report circulated at the meeting and is also available on the CPA website.

5.2.1 Recognition of deceased members since June 2017

The President called for a moment of silence in recognition of those members who had passed away in the past year:

Dr. Frank Auld
Dr. Harvey Brooker
Dr. Virginia I Douglas
Dr. Frederick Meek
Dr. Vincent Caccamo
Dr. John Yuille
Dr. Charles J A Hayes
Mr. Kenneth R McCallion

5.3 Other Committees

The President thanked and introduced the Chairs of the Committees and Task Forces for 2017-2018:

Board Committees:

Governance: Dr. Patrick Baillie
Administration, Finance & Audit: Dr. Patrick Baillie
Fellows and Awards: Dr. David J. A. Dozois
Education and Training: Dr. Fern Stockdale-Winder
Scientific Affairs: Dr. Douglas Mewhort
Professional Affairs: Dr. Kim Corace
International Relations: Dr. Janel Gauthier
Past-Presidents: Dr. David J. A. Dozois

Management Committees:

Convention: Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker
Publications: Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker
Membership: Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker
Sections: Ms. Cara Bernard

Arms Length Committees:

Ethics: Dr. Carole Sinclair
Canadian National Committee of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS): Dr. Keith Dobson
Accreditation Panel: Dr. Ada Sinacore

Task Forces:

Treatment Progress Measures: Dr. Giorgio Tasca
End of Life: Dr. Samuel Mikail
Legalization of Marijuana: David Teplin
Title for Non-Registered Psychologists: Dr. E. Kevin Kelloway
Responding to the Truth & Reconciliation Report: Dr. David Danto
Fitness to Stand Trial: Criminal Justice Section

Representatives on the Board of Directors:

Director representing the Canadian Council of Departments of Psychology (CCDP): Dr. Valerie Thompson
Director representing the Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs (CCPPP): Dr. Kerri Ritchie
Director representing Council of Professional Associations of Psychologists (CPAP): Dr. Andrea Piotrowski
Director representing the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS): Dr. Jo-Anne Lefevre
Director representing CPA Section for students: Ms. Chelsea Moran

6.4 Journals

The President thanked and introduced the current editors:

Canadian Psychology: Dr. Martin Drapeau
Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology: Dr. Penny Pexman
Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science: Dr. E. Kevin Kelloway

6.5 Sections

The President thanked the 2017-2018 Section Chairs:

Aboriginal Psychology:	Dr. Suzanne Stewart
Addiction Psychology:	Dr. Joanna Henderson
Adult Development and Aging:	Dr. Marnin Heisel
Brain & Cognitive Sciences:	Dr. Aimée Suprenant
Clinical Neuropsychology:	Dr. Vina Goghari
Clinical Psychology:	Dr. Aislin Mushquash
Community Psychology:	Dr. Julie Beaulac
Counselling Psychology:	Dr. Anusha Kassin
Criminal Justice Psychology:	Dr. Jim Cheston
Developmental Psychology:	Dr. Nicole Sugden
Educational and School Psychology:	Dr. Judy Wiener
Environmental Psychology:	Dr. Loraine Lavallee
Extremism and Terrorism:	Dr. David Nussbaum
Family Psychology:	Dr. Kelly Schwartz
Health Psychology:	Dr. Kim Lavoie
History and Philosophy of Psychology:	Dr. Jeff Yen
Industrial and Organizational Psychology:	Dr. Lisa Keeping
International and Cross-Cultural Psychology:	Dr. Maya Yampolsky
Psychologists and Retirement:	Dr. Joseph Snyder
Psychologists in Hospitals and Health Centres:	Dr. Vivky Wolfe
Psychology in the Military:	Dr. Damian O'Keefe
Psychopharmacology:	Dr. David Nussbaum
Quantitative Methods:	Dr. Susan Brock
Quantitative Electrophysiology	Dr. Don Sharpe
Rural and Northern Psychology:	Dr. AnnaMarie Carlson
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues:	Dr. Karen Blair
Social and Personality Psychology:	Dr. Frederick Grouzet
Sport and Exercise Psychology:	Mr. Pier-Éric Chamberland
Students in Psychology:	Ms. Jean-Phillippe Gagné
Teaching of Psychology:	Dr. Douglas Murdoch
Traumatic Stress:	Dr. Anne Wagner
Women and Psychology:	Dr. Colleen MacQuarrie

6.0 **Annual Meetings 2019 and 2020**

The President reported that the next Annual General Meetings will be held in June 2019 in Halifax, NS and in June 2020 in Calgary, AB.

7.0 **Other Business**

7.1 Certificates of Appreciation

The President presented certificates to outgoing members:

- Dr. David J. A. Dozois, Board of Directors 2015-2018 and President 2016-2017
- Dr. Andrea Piotrowski, Board of Directors 2011-2018

The outgoing President, Dr. Patrick Baillie, introduced the incoming President and passed the gavel onto the new President, Dr. Samuel Mikail.

The new President presented an engraved pen to Dr. Patrick Baillie as a token of thanks.

Dr. Mikail expressed appreciation to Dr. Baillie for his work during his term as President of CPA.

Dr. Mikail said a few words and then requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

8.0 **Adjournment**

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Craig) that the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association be adjourned.