



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 9th, 2021 – Zoom Videoconference

The eighty-second Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association was held virtual by Zoom videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on Wednesday, June 9th, 2021, at 1:00pm (EDT). Dr. Kimberly Corace, President, acted as Chair of the meeting and Ms. Cara Bernard as Recording Secretary.

1.0 Land Acknowledgement

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Danto/Veitch) that the Agenda be adopted.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Horner/Buell) that the Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting held virtually, on May 29th, 2020, be adopted.

4.0 CPA Awards

Section Newsletter Award Winner:

Student Section for the Fall 2020 Issue of the Newsletter of the CPA Section for Students

Best Journal Article Award Winners:

Best Article Award (Canadian Psychology) *“Measurement practices in large-scale replications: Insights from Many Labs 2 [2020, 61(4), 289–298].”*

Mairead Shaw, Leonie Cloos, Raymond Luong, Sasha Elbaz, Jessica Flake

Best Article Award (Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science) *“An exploration of laypeople’s perceptions of confession evidence and interrogation tactics [2020, 52(4), 299–313].”*

Victoria Hall, Joseph Eastwood, Kimberley Clow

Best Article Award (Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology) *“The list-length effect occurs in cued recall with the retroactive design but not the proactive design [2020, 74(1), 12–24].”*

Tyler Ensor, Dominic Guitard, Tamra Bireta, William Hockley, Aimée Surprenant

2021 Elected Fellows:

Lesley Graff, Ph.D.

Sandy Jung, Ph.D.

CPA President's New Researcher Awards:

Nicole Racine, Ph.D.

Joshua Rash, Ph.D.

Mark Wade, Ph.D.

CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Profession:

Samuel Mikail, Ph.D.

CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology in Canada:

Vina Goghari, Ph.D.

CPA Donald O. Hebb Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Science:

Richard Koestner, Ph.D.

CPA John C. Service Member of the Year Award:

Psychology Works for COVID-19 Volunteer Members

CPA Humanitarian Award:

Cindy Blackstock, Ph.D.

CPA Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Lifetime Contributions to Canadian Psychology:

Keith Dobson, Ph.D.

5.0 Report of the President**5.1 Overview of Activities 2020-2021**

And what a year it has been! Thank you for entrusting me to serve as your CPA President during this year of unprecedented times. I am both humbled and honoured. As I reflect on this year, I have never been more proud to be a psychologist and never more proud to be a member of CPA. During times like these, we can choose to either sit down or stand up. And what did CPA, its members, its students, its board of directors, its staff, committees, sections, and partners do—you all stood up. And not one of you stopped there- you continue to rise up. The incredible activities and accomplishments, far too many to name here, span our 3 pillars of science, practice and education all in service to the discipline and field of psychology, to science, to our community, and to those we serve. And why? Because that is what Canadian Psychology does. Because that is who you are. There are so, so many challenges- and what is your response? To find ways to overcome adversity, build resilience, innovate, lead, care, educate and discover. This is why I am passionate about Canadian Psychology.

The pandemic has shone a light on the value proposition of CPA and psychological practice, science and education. So many, including the general public, policy and decision makers, public health, inter-professional colleagues and learners, turn to CPA and the discipline of psychology for your knowledge, expertise, and leadership to help solve some of society's most challenging issues. CPA's COVID resource

page is an excellent example of how many of you as scientists, practitioners and educators have shared your expertise. Hundreds of Psychologists have donated their time to participate in CPA's initiative to provide virtual psychological services to healthcare workers who are stressed, overwhelmed or distressed by being on the front lines of this health crisis. The new CPA telepsychology working group was launched to support the use of technology in enhancing service delivery and training. As you have seen in the convention, there are countless examples of the positive impact of psychological research during the COVID pandemic. CPA has also liaised with the granting councils about research continuity during the pandemic and expanding support for psychosocial health research. CPA and its members have worked together to expand the CPD course offerings, particularly in the area of addiction, cultural competence, and Indigenous health.

Historic and ongoing disparities, racism, inequities, discrimination, and social injustices continue to devastate our systems and societies. We are committed to doing more to redress these injustices and to being a partner and an ally in healing, mental health and wellness with diverse, systematically marginalized, racialized, 2 Spirited LGBTQIA+, and Indigenous communities across the country. From CPA's new Human Rights and Social Justice in Psychology Committee to CPA's Knowledge Sharing Group which oversees the implementation of recommendations of CPA's response to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Report—we are working together to make progress. In addition to these committees, CPA and the discipline is committed to do better. There is a way to go- and its all of us, members and students and partner organizations, working together to move us forward.

My call to action for all of us is to continue to strive for excellence in all we do—in psychological science, practice, and education- and spread and share this amazing knowledge and expertise with your colleagues in Psychology and well-beyond our discipline. Public policy and decision makers, the general public, your communities and your neighbours need to know your good work and the impact it has on society.

In closing, I want to extend my deep gratitude to our colleagues who exemplify excellence and the best of our profession. My sincere gratitude to Ian Nicholson, our outgoing past president, and Ada Sinacore, your incoming president, members of our board and our external partner representatives, Karen Cohen, Lisa Votta-Bleeker, and our head office staff. Thank you for all you for your commitment to excellence and for all you do to advance the discipline of Psychology. A special and personal thank you to Karen, Lisa, Ian, and Ada for your support, wisdom, and guidance over this past year—I have learned more from each of you than you will ever know. And finally, a huge thanks to our members, affiliates, and students. Each of you is CPA—and your contributions showcase the value and impact our profession brings to our society. I wish all of you, your families and friends health and wellness.

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

6.0 Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

6.1 Overview of Activities 2019-2020

As we write this year's message to the membership, it is tough to realize that we continue to live with the COVID-19 pandemic conditions that prevailed when we wrote to you this time last year. 2020, and now 2021, have proven to be the most demanding of years for people, families, workplaces, and

communities throughout the world. As we now (hopefully) are nearing vaccinations for all people living in Canada with immunity to follow, so many of us are stressed, tired, and beyond longing for the interpersonal contacts, connectedness, and activities that were so meaningful to us pre-pandemic.

While treatments and vaccinations are critical to successfully quelling the COVID-19 virus, enhancing and supporting how we all cope and behave during the pandemic, as well as in its wake, is equally critical to our recovery. As CPA's COVID resource page can attest <https://cpa.ca/corona-virus/>, so many educators, researchers and practitioners among you have shared your wisdom with the public, the membership, your students and clients about how we can all best cope in these unprecedented times. For that, psychology can be proud. For that we thank you.

In addition to the pandemic, 2021 has laid bare some uncomfortable truths about discrimination and racism within our systems and societies. Psychology, and organized psychology, needs to engage in some overdue self-reflection and change, to help ensure that we do a better job of walking the talk of respect and inclusiveness.

These events and more have encouraged the CPA's Board to launch its renewed corporate Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan; complete with Guiding and Operating Principles <https://cpa.ca/aboutcpa/>. For decades, the first of CPA's corporate mandates was the health and welfare of all Canadians. After all, that is hallmark application of the study of how people think, feel and behave. This mandate is retained in our new 2020 Mission: *Advancing research, knowledge, and the application of psychology in the service of society through advocacy, support and collaboration.*

Our Strategic Goals, and their operational objectives, address some of the most important policy issues of our time; inclusive of promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in all we do (Goal 5) and implementing the recommendations of CPA's response to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada's report (Goal 6). Our other goals include supporting and promoting psychological science (Goal 1), supporting the growth and impact of psychology (Goal 2), advocacy for psychological services and research (Goal 3), and addressing the education, training and career development needs of students, educators, scientists and practitioners of psychology (Goal 4).

Our Guiding Principles commit us to

- evidence-based policy and decision-making,
- collaboration,
- the exercise of respect and integrity and
- the incorporation of equity, diversity and inclusion in all we do.

Our Operating Principles commit us to

- best practice in the governance of the association,
- organizational effectiveness,
- providing psychology with a professional home,
- having an opinion, lending a voice and making change for the good and
- seeing and hearing the diversity of perspectives on the issues we address.

The pages that follow share some highlights of what CPA and its members, students and affiliates have been able to accomplish over the course of this challenging year, organized by our new strategic goals.

**Note: For full details on 2020-2021 activities, please see the 2020-2021 Annual Report.*

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

6.2 Finance

4.2.1 Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

The Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Bolger presented and received questions on the 2020 audited financial statements as examined by Welch LLP.

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Rogers/Rash) that the 2020 Audited Financial Statements be received.

4.2 Appointment of Auditors

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Dobson/Reece-Wile) that Welch LLP be appointed auditors of the Canadian Psychological Association for 2021.

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 a call for nominations for the position of Director-At-Large was sent to the membership in late April. He noted that multiple nominations were received for the positions of Education Director and Members at large, and only one candidate for the positions of Science Director and Practice Director.

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Danto/Goodwin) that the report from the Chair of the Nominating Sub-Committee be received.

5.1.2 Elections Sub-Committee

The vote closed on June 9th at 1:00pm EDT. Dr. Karen Cohen, CEO and Chair of the Elections Sub-Committee announced the 2021 Election results for positions of:

Director-At-Large – Dr. Janine Hubbard

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 2020

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

Dr. Charles N. Banner, CPA Member
Dr. David R. Evans, CPA Honorary Life Fellow
Dr. Kate Hays, CPA Retired Fellow
Dr. Terez Retfalvi, CPA Member
Mr. Martyn Thomas, CPA Member

5.3 Other Committees

The President informed members that a summary of reports from committees can be found in the annual report. He then took a minute to acknowledge the Board of Directors and Partner organizations.

Board of Directors:

President: Dr. Kimberly Corace
President-Elect: Dr. Ada Sinacore
Past-President: Dr. Ian Nicholson
Honorary-President: Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon
Practice Director: Dr. Shelley Goodwin
Science Director: Dr. Jean Saint-Aubin
Education Director: Dr. Kerri Ritchie
Director-at-Large: Dr. Elizabeth Church
Director-at-Large: Dr. David Danto
Director-at-Large: Dr. Ada Sinacore
Student Section Representative: Ms. Chelsea Moran
Chair of Council of Sections: Dr. Laurie Ford

Partner Organizations:

Representative from the Canadian Council of Departments of Psychology (CCDP):
Dr. Sandra Byers
Representative from the Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs (CCPPP):
Dr. Kerri Ritchie
Representative from Council of Professional Associations of Psychologists (CPAP):
Dr. Judi Malone
Representative from the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS): Dr. Randall Jamieson

The President then thanked and introduced the Chairs of the Committees and Task Forces for 2020-2021:

Board Committees:

Governance: Dr. Kimberly Corace
Administration, Finance & Audit: Dr. Kimberly Corace
Fellows and Awards: Dr. Ian Nicholson
Education and Training: Dr. Kerri Ritchie
Scientific Affairs: Dr. Jean Saint-Aubin
Professional Affairs: Dr. Shelley Goodwin
International Relations: Dr. Jennifer Vietch
Past-Presidents: Dr. Ian Nicholson
Council of Sections: Dr. Laurie Ford
Human Rights and Social Justice in Psychology: Dr. Kerri Ritchie & Dr. Ada Sinacore

Management Committees:

Convention: Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker
Membership: Ms. Leanna Verrucci
Publications: Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker

Arms Length Committees:

Ethics: Dr. Janel Gauthier
Knowledge Sharing Group/Standing Committee on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples: Dr. David Danto
Accreditation Panel: Dr. Deborah Dobson

Task Forces:

E-psychology: Dr. Elizabeth Church & Dr. Laurie Ford

6.4 Journals

The President thanked and introduced the current editors:

Canadian Psychology: Dr. Vina Goghari
Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science: Dr. Allison J. Ouimet
Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology: Dr. Randall Jamieson

6.5 Sections

The President thanked the 2020-2021 Section Chairs:

Addiction Psychology:	Dr. Matthew Keough
Adult Development and Aging:	Dr. Colleen Millikin
Brain & Cognitive Sciences:	Dr. Jonathan Wilbiks
Clinical Neuropsychology:	Dr. Kristina Gicas
Clinical Psychology:	Dr. Kristi Wright
Community Psychology:	Dr. Julie Beaulac
Counselling Psychology:	Dr. Marvin McDonald
Criminal Justice Psychology:	Dr. Sandy Jung
Developmental Psychology:	Dr. Nicole Sugden

Educational and School Psychology:	Dr. Maria Rogers
Environmental Psychology:	Dr. Lindsay McCunn
Extremism and Terrorism:	Dr. David Nussbaum
Family Psychology:	Dr. Jennifer Theule
Health Psychology:	Dr. Justin Presseau
History and Philosophy of Psychology:	Dr. Jim Cresswell
Indigenous Peoples' Psychology:	Dr. Stryker Calvez
Industrial and Organizational Psychology:	Dr. Winny Shen
International and Cross-Cultural Psychology:	Dr. Maya Yampolsky
Psychologists and Retirement:	Dr. Juanita Mureika
Psychologists in Hospitals and Health Centres:	Dr. Stephanie Greenham
Psychology in the Military:	Dr. Damian O'Keefe
Psychopharmacology:	Dr. Amir Ali Sepehry
Quantitative Electrophysiology	Dr. Elizabeth Hartney
Quantitative Methods:	Dr. Andrea Howard
Rural and Northern Psychology:	Dr. Amanda Lints-Martindale
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues:	Dr. Karen Blair
Social and Personality Psychology:	Dr. Cheryl Harasymchuk
Sport and Exercise Psychology:	Mr. Pier-Éric Chamberland
Students in Psychology:	Ms. Joanna Collaton
Teaching of Psychology:	Dr. Elizabeth Bowering
Traumatic Stress:	Dr. Katy Kamkar
Women and Psychology:	Dr. Lorraine Radtke

6.0 Annual Meetings

The President reported that the next Annual General Meetings will be held:

- June 2022 in Calgary, AB
- June 2023 in Toronto, ON
- June 2024 in Ottawa, ON

7.0 Other Business

7.1 Certificates of Appreciation

The President presented certificates to outgoing members:

- Dr. Ian Nicholson, Board of Directors 2018– 2021 and President 2019-2020
- Dr. Randall Jamieson, Partner Representative June 2020-June 2021

The outgoing President, Dr. Kimberly Corace, introduced the incoming President and virtually passed the gavel onto the new President, Dr. Ada Sincore.

Dr. Sincore expressed appreciation to Dr. Corace for her work during her term as President of CPA.

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

8.0 Adjournment

It was **MOVED and CARRIED** (Church/Danto) that the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association be adjourned.

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