



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Readout¹ - Board of Directors Meeting
February 27 & 28, 2026

In late February, the CPA's Board of Directors met virtually for their winter Board meeting, where the Board:

- Received a Presidential update, which included the President's activity to date in *Undergraduate Student Success*. The President is currently guest editing a Psynopsis issue on the topic will be hosting a Presidential Panel on the same topic in place of a Presidential Address at the upcoming CPA convention.
- Received an operational update and risk management report from the CPA's Chief Executive Officer.
- Received written and/or verbal updates from each of the CPA's partner representatives (Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science; Council of Professional Associations of Psychology; Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology; Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs).
- Approved CPA Policy for Consequences for Misconduct by Volunteer Leaders.
- With the help of legal counsel, the CPA Governance Policies were separated from the Operating Regulations. The Governance Policies were approved as presented with friendly amendments.
- Approved an updated Board Governance Policy to include the Board's role in approving Board communications.
- Received an update on action taken since the revised CPA By-laws were approved in December:
 - Approved By-laws have been filed with Corporations Canada.
 - Updated By-laws posted on the CPA's website.
- Approved the following changes to the CPA Awards process:
 - that a CPA Member who receives a CPA Award cannot be awarded a CPA Award the following year.
 - that a CPA Member cannot be nominated for more than one award per year.
- Approved the following changes to the CPA Fellows & Award nomination procedures:
 - that CPA Fellow & Award nominees be aware of and consent to being nominated.
 - that CPA Fellow & Award nominees endorse an ethical/conduct standards clause at the time of nomination.
- Approved that moving forward CPA Awards will not be named after individuals.
- Approved the 2026 Fellow & Award recommendations received from the CPA Fellow & Awards Committee.
- Approved the creation of a CPA policy regarding the revocation of Fellow status.
- Approved that the CPA revoke Dr. J. Philippe Rushton's Fellowship status and take corrective action.
- Received updates on the activities of the CPA's various committees and working groups and:

¹ Readout: a document that summarizes the content of a meeting; official statement

- Approved the proposed AI policy statement with friendly amendments. AI Working Group to reconvene to take a deeper dive into larger issues.
- Approved the Recruitment & Retention in Public Sector Working Group report as presented.
- Approved the creation of a working group to standardize the requisite training and supervised practice for self-declaration in the area of clinical neuropsychology.
- On the recommendation of the Scientific Affairs Committee, approved the appointment of Dr. Ben Dyson as CJEP Editor for a 5-year term (2026 through 2030).
- Approved the creation of a CPA Suicide Prevention Section.
- Approved the Asian Psychology Section Terms of Reference as proposed.

Many thanks to the Board Directors and Partner Representatives for their ongoing work on behalf of the CPA and for psychology. Should you have any questions about the Board meeting or the Board's work, please direct your questions to governance@cpa.ca.

The Board will meet next virtually in April to receive the 2025 audit financial statements and then in person in early June at the CPA convention in Montreal.

Sincerely,
Steven Smith, Ph.D.
President, 2025-2026
Canadian Psychological Association