



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Readout¹ - Board of Directors Meetings
June 19, 20 & 23, 2024

In June, the CPA's Board of Directors held its pre- and post-convention Board meetings at The Westin Ottawa during the CPA's 2024 annual national convention. Below, separate readouts for each.

Pre-Convention Board Meeting: June 19 & 20, 2024

As part of its commitment to understanding the role of psychology in human rights and equity, this Board meeting included an in-person workshop with Dr. David Nussbaum on "*Extremist Views and Misinformation*" and a virtual workshop with Dr. Shayna Plaut on Human Right and Social Justice and Equity Diversity and Inclusion terminology entitled "*Making Sense of Human Right and Social Justice*".

During the Board meeting, the Board:

- Received an update on the outgoing President's presidential initiatives which included: the Equity Deserving Student Bursary Working Group; the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Framework Working Group; and an update on the development of an online Continuing Professional Development course on the history of anti-Black racism and its impact on psychology.
 - A motion was passed that the Board approve in principle the proposed EDIB framework and that the CPA's Head Office staff secure an external consultant with specific expertise in EDIB and developing frameworks to assist with affirming the proposed framework model/approach and finalizing the work.
 - A motion was passed to approve the creation of a bursary program to support both equity deserving and Black CPA Student Affiliates.
- Received an operational/workplan update and risk management report from the CPA's Chief Executive Officer.
 - An update was provided on the termination of the head office lease at 141 Laurier Avenue West and upcoming move to its new location at the end of 2024.
- Received a financial update from the CPA's Chief Financial Officer with included a 2024 budget update, the April 2024 Interim Financial Statements, and an update on the CPA-CPAP professional liability insurance program.
- Received written 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).
- Received written updates on the activities of the CPA's various committees and working groups.
- Approved the workplan for the Evidence-Based Practice of Psychological Treatment Working Group.
- Approved motions to approve the new Chair and various members of the Accreditation Panel.

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

- Approved a motion to appoint a Co-Chair to the Committee on Ethics on the recommendation made by the members of the Committee on Ethics.
- Approved the updated CPA Operating Regulations.
- Approved Terms of Reference created for the various CPA Board Committees.
- Approved a motion to hold the CPA's 2027 Annual General Meeting and Convention in Victoria, BC at the Empress Hotel & Convention Centre.
- Approved a CPA Policy Statement on Gender-Based Violence.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Gittens, Ph.D.
President, 2023-2024
Canadian Psychological Association

Post-Convention Board Meeting: June 23, 2024

During the Board meeting, the Board:

- Passed a motion to appoint Dr. Anita Gupta as CPA President for 2024-2025.
- Passed a motion to appoint Dr. Eleanor Gittens as CPA Past President. For 2024-2025.
- Welcomed Dr. Kimberly Watson and Dr. Steven Smith, newly elected CPA Directors-at-Large, following their election at the CPA Annual General Meeting.
- Received a convention debrief and thanked all the CPA staff for all their hard work hosting another successful convention.

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

The Board will meet next in-person in October and then virtually late in the year to approve the 2025 budget.

Sincerely,
Dr. Anita Gupta, R.Psych, C.Psych.
President, 2024-2025
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