



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Readout¹ - Board of Directors Meetings
June 10, 11 & 14, 2025

In June, the CPA's Board of Directors held its pre- and post-convention Board meetings at the St. John's Convention Centre during the CPA's 2025 annual national convention. Below, separate readouts for each.

Pre-Convention Board Meeting: June 10 & 11, 2025

In line with 2024-2025 Presidential focus on population health and health equity in Canada, the Board viewed and reflected on the film, "Unforgotten" which explores the health and well-being of Inuit, Métis and First nations peoples across five stages of life: birth, childhood, adolescence, adulthood and elderhood, and aims to raise awareness, incite reflection and spark conversations about how to make meaningful change happen in health care. The Board was also informed that they will be given the opportunity to complete the "Black Health Primer," a self learning program in which learners from across health disciplines, professions, organizations and communities will gain knowledge in and promote dialogue on anti-Black racism and Black health by learning to identify anti-Black racism in health care and its effects on health and learning to implement racially just practices and to improve the health of Black people and communities across Canada.

During the Board meeting, the Board:

- Received an update on 2024-2025 Presidential initiatives which included the Equitable Access to Internet Working Group and Digital Health Services Working Group and Loneliness Working Group.
- Received an operational/workplan update and risk management report from the CPA's Chief Executive Officer.
- 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 following updated CPA Guiding & Operating Principles:

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Evidence-based policies, advocacy, and activities.
- Be guided by our organizational mission in all things.
- Deliver value to our membership.
- Respect and promote human rights and equity.

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

- Model the principles of the CPA Canadian Code of Ethics in all we do.
- Meaningful, respectful, and constructive collaborations within Canada and globally.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- Effective and efficient governance.
 - Effective and efficient operational management.
 - Meaningful services and products, and measurable outcomes.
 - Meaningful and respectful partnerships and relationships within and outside of the CPA.
 - See, hear, and consider a diversity of perspectives when addressing issues facing psychology or the organization.
- Approved the formation of a working group to update the 2010 prescriptive privileges report.
 - Approved the creation of the Jewish Psychology Section.
 - Approved the formation of a committee to review the process for Board Member & Section Executive misconduct and consequences.
 - Approved the formation of a Fellows & Awards sub-committee to determine need for process to reassess CPA Fellow & Award status. As part of discussion in response to letter requesting revocation of fellowship status of a CPA fellow, the Board reviewed related past Board actions as well as current policies. CPA does not currently have any policies or procedures to reassess fellow or award status.
 - Approved updating the Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee, Finance, Administration & Audit, Committee, and the Fellows & Awards Committee effective June 2025, to reflect changes to the Committee Chair and/or membership composition.
 - Approved administrative By-law changes that will be brought to the CPA's membership in a Special Members meeting later this year.
 - Approved that, effective the post-Convention June 2025 Board meeting and every post-Convention Board meeting thereafter, all Board members to sign a Board Consent Form prior to attending the meeting.

Sincerely,

Anita Gupta, Ph.D., R.Psych, C.Psych.
President, 2024-2025
Canadian Psychological Association

Post-Convention Board Meeting: June 14, 2025

During the Board meeting, the Board:

- Passed a motion to appoint Dr. Steven Smith as CPA President for 2025-2026.
- Passed a motion to appoint Dr. Anita Gupta as CPA Past President for 2025-2026.
- Welcomed Dr. Janine Hubbard, newly elected Director Representing Practice and Dr. Mélanie Joannis and Dr. Saeid Chavoshi, newly elected CPA Directors-at-Large, following their election at the CPA Annual General Meeting. Also welcomed Dr. Kirby Huminuik the new Director Representing the Council of Sections and Dr. Amanda Maranzan, Partner Representative for the Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs (CCPPP).
- Received a verbal update from the Past Presidents Committee.
- 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 2026 budget.

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