



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Readout¹ - Board of Directors Meetings
June 1, 2 & 6, 2026

In June, the CPA's Board of Directors held its pre- and post-convention Board meetings at the Le Westin Montreal during the CPA's 2026 annual national convention. Below, separate readouts for each.

Pre-Convention Board Meeting: June 1 & 2, 2026

During the Board meeting, the Board:

- Received an update on 2025-2026 Presidential initiative which focused on undergraduate student success, including a Presidential Panel discussion during CPA2026.
- 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 and verbal updates on the activities of the CPA's various committees and working groups.
- Approved using the term task force in place of current working groups moving forward. All current working groups to be re-named. Working groups or task forces to be established, based on need, in future.
- Approved updating nomination criteria so that President's New Researcher Award nominees must be a CPA member for a minimum of 1 year prior to being nominated.
- Approved the creation of a CPA Ethics Award and the sunseting of the Dr. Jean Pettifor lecture.
- Approved the appointment of Dr. Philip Grandia from The Royal and Dr. Marie-Pier Vandette from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and the University of Ottawa to the CPA Accreditation Panel for 3-year terms and the appointment of Ms. Sophie Blackmore from McGill as the Student Member for a 3-year term, all effective immediately.
- Approved the dissolution (sunseting) of the AI Working Group, effective immediately and the Board recognize and thank the members of the AI Working Group for their significant contributions to advancing ethical, evidence-informed, and human-centred leadership on AI in psychology in Canada.
- Approved the establishment of a Management Committee on AI and Emerging Technologies. The Committee is mandated to provide ongoing operational leadership, coordination, and strategic guidance regarding artificial intelligence and emerging technologies across the science, practice, and education of psychology in Canada; and operate as a management committee, distinct from Board

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

governance committees. The Committee's terms of reference, composition, and reporting structure to be developed and brought forward to the CEO for approval.

- Approved a directive to the CEO to create an action plan to lead a national dialogue on the future of psychology; national dialogue to be completed no later than end of fall 2026.
- Approved broadening the Student Affiliate membership category to include all undergraduate and graduate students with the caveat that all Student Section Executive positions be filled by students within the discipline.

Sincerely,

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

Post-Convention Board Meeting: June 6, 2026

During the Board meeting, the Board:

- Passed a motion to appoint Dr. Janine Hubbard as CPA President for 2026-2027.
- Passed a motion to appoint Dr. Steven Smith as CPA Immediate Past President for 2026-2027.
- Passed a motion to appoint Dr. Meghan Norris, the outgoing Director Representing Education, for a 1-year term (June 2026-June 2027) as per By-law 5.06 given there were no nominations received for the seat by the May 6th deadline.
- Welcomed Dr. Nicolás F. Narvaez Linares, newly elected Director Representing Practice, Dr. Vina Goghari, newly elected Director Representing Science, and Dr. James Watson-Gaze, newly elected CPA Director-at-Large, following their election at the CPA Annual General Meeting.
- 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.
- Received a verbal update following the Council of Section Chairs meeting.

Many thanks to the Board of 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 later in the year to approve the 2027 budget.

Sincerely,
Janine Hubbard, Ph.D., R.Psych,
President, 2026-2027
Canadian Psychological Association