



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Readout¹ - Board of Directors Meeting
October 27-29, 2023

This past October, the CPA's Board of Directors met for its fall board meeting. As part of its commitment to understanding the role of psychology in human rights and social justice, this Board meeting consisted of a special training session entitled '*Building on Human Rights: Diversifying the voices and perspectives of those in the field*' created for the CPA's Board of Directors and Partner representatives and specially invited guests from the surrounding areas. The training included a panel discussion with Aleah Fontaine, Dr. Lindsay Woods, and Shayna Plaut, a tour of and dinner in the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. I would like to extend my thanks to Dr. JoAnn Unger for her work in co-ordinating this event with me, which reinforced the need to hear and learn from diverse voices in the field so that we can play a role in speaking up against, and preventing, human rights violations within Canada and around the world.

During the Board meeting itself, the Board:

- Received an operational update, risk management report, and 2023-2024 workplan from the CPA's Chief Executive Officer.
- Received updates on the 2023 budget and the CPA/CPAP professional liability insurance program from the CPA's Chief Financial Officer and approved the 2024 budget.
- Heard an update 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 an update on the activities of the CPA's various committees and working groups.
- Received an update on my presidential initiatives which included approving work plans for the Equity Diversity and Inclusion Student Bursary Working Group and the Equity Diversity and Inclusion Framework Working Group, and the creation of an RFP to develop an online Continuing Professional Development course on the history of anti-Black racism and its impact on psychology.
- Approved a petition to form an Asian Psychology Section.
- Approved a motion to permit Sections to use up to \$500.00 per year of Section dues to help offset registration, travel, and accommodation expenses for the Section's Student Representative to attend the CPA's Annual National Convention.
- Participated in a strategic discussion and decision-making to re-align the CPA's Committees within the CPA's Governance structure, as Board and Management Committees, effective June 2024.

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

Many thanks to the Board and Partner representatives for their ongoing work on behalf of the CPA. 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 next meet again in February 2024.

Sincerely,
Dr. Eleanor Gittens
President, 2023-2024
Canadian Psychological Association