



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Readout¹ - Board of Directors Meeting
October 24 & 25, 2025

In late October, the CPA's Board of Directors met in person for their fall Board meeting at The Westin Ottawa, where the Board:

- Received a Presidential update, which included the President's focus on *Undergraduate Student Success* for the upcoming year.
- Received an operational 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).
- Discussed next steps regarding the proposed By-law revisions:
 - Update on process including further recommendations from legal counsel.
 - Town hall to be held on November 13th to answer questions from the membership.
 - Special meeting of the members to be held on December 11th to approve by By-law changes.
- Received the final version of the CPA's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan infographic.
- Received updates on the activities of the CPA's various committees and working groups:
 - Received an update from the Fellows & Awards Sub-Committee on Process for Reassessing Fellow & Award Status and approved tasking the sub-committee with considering the need for a process to reassess status and if so, provide proposal(s) of said processes/policies.
 - Approved new members of the Committee on Ethics & received the committee workplan.
 - Received the Accreditation Panel workplan.
 - Approved the sunseting of the Equitable Access to Internet and Digital Health Services Working Group.
 - Approved the sunseting of the Loneliness in Canada Working Group.
 - Approved the transfer of \$10,000.00 annually to the Student Section for use for various initiatives as approved annually by the CPA's Board.
 - In addition, the CPA will internally restrict and manage the following amounts of funds, annually, for the specified purposes:
 - \$4,500.00/year to be put towards food and beverage at the Section for Students Reception during the CPA's Annual Convention.
 - \$500.00/year to cover CPA costs related to printing and mailing supplies and materials.
 - \$2,000.00/year towards SWAG for campus representative events.
 - Consistent with policy, this funding arrangement to be reviewed every 3 years.
 - Approved the 2026 Student Section budget as presented.

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

- Approved the National Credential Paper titled *Breaking Down Barriers*.
- Approved moving forward with an official bid for the International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) 2034

Many thanks to the Board 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 December to approve the 2026 budget and then again virtually in late February.

Sincerely,
Steven Smith, Ph.D.
President, 2025-2026
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