

Readoutⁱ
Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)
Board of Directors Meeting
February 25 & 26, 2022

The CPA Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom video conference on February 25th and 26th, 2022 at which time the following topics were discussed, and decisions made:

- The CFO presented the Board with:
 - An investment portfolio statement. CPA's investment advisor at Scotia Wealth attended to present on the portfolio and answer questions.
 - The 2021 unaudited financial statements
 - An update on the surplus spending plan
 - The Management Fiduciary Statement
 - An update on the CPA/CPAP professional liability insurance program

- CPA's partner associations – Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology (CCDP), Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs (CCPPP) and Council of Professional Associations of Psychologists (CPAP) reported on their activity since the November 2021 CPA Board meeting. For information on the activities of these organizations, please visit their respective websites.

- The Board received an update on the Decriminalization Working Group and next steps. A CPA staff member will be assigned to assist the working group.

- The CEO and senior staff submitted an Operations Report to the Board which details staff led activity, organized by the CPA's 2020 Strategic goals. Also presented to the Board was an updated risk management report, detailing the status of any risks facing the Association. Issues discussed in the context of the Operations Report included:
 - CPA policy gaps. Senior staff to draft policy positions for each and return to the Board for further discussion at the June meeting.
 - CPA's Strategic Plan in relation to its direction to the association for international activity. The International Relations Committee is reviewing options to capture international activity in the association's strategic direction and will make a recommendation to the board.
 - A Lobby Day in 2022 will be further discussed at the June meeting with the possibility of holding it late 2022.

- CPA's Pillar Committees (Science, Education and Training, Practice) submitted their reports to the Board. The following was highlighted:
 - On the recommendation of the Scientific Affairs Committee, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Debra A. Titone as CJEP Editor for a 5-year term (2022 through 2026).
 - An update was given on the Job Fair, free to students and CPA members, to be held virtually in March 2022. 35 employers had registered to date.
 - An update was given on the fact sheet videos produced to date.
 - CPA's International Bursary has been posted on the website <https://cpa.ca/funding/>

- Development of a repository of teaching resources was discussed and a funding proposal will be brought to the Board in June.
- The Fellows & Awards subcommittee provided an update on the nominations received for the 2022 CPA fellowships and awards. Letters to go out to winners and announcements to be made by end of March. The Board spent some time discussing nominations for awards received after the nomination deadline had passed; two were received in 2022. Unfortunately, the nominations for these two awards did not come forward to the Board with the nomination materials that typically accompany pre-deadline submissions and, in the absence of these materials, the Board judged that it could not vote on the nominations. The responsibility for this absence rests with the Board and is not at all the fault of the nominators or nominees. However, there was no time to redress the procedural gaps before convention, by which time award decisions must be made. Accordingly, The Board took the decision not to make any award decisions on nominations that came in after the nomination deadline. The award policies and procedures are now under review and the nominations made after the deadline in 2022 will be encouraged to resubmit in 2023.
- The next touch base with the Section Chairs and the Council of Sections is scheduled for March 31st. In early March, Section Chairs are to be sent an email with important reminders which will include details about the CPA code of conduct to be signed by all Section Executives.
- A motion was passed for the CPA Board to revise its policy statement about violence, making it gender neutral as well as to develop a policy statement on gender diversity and human rights. This work will be developed by members of the HRSJIP Committee.
- The Students Section provided an update on a possible collaboration with the South African Student Division of Psychology. Discussions are ongoing regarding a Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) between the two student groups. The CPA Students Section to work on potential MoU and return to Board for further discussion.
- A motion was passed to approve a two-year trial of the BA Gap Year Affiliate membership category, effective for 2023.
- Revised Committee on Ethics (CoE) Rules & Procedures were submitted to the Board. Revised document to be sent to legal for review before final Board approval.
- The Telepsychology Working Group provided an update on its activity. They are currently collating telepsychology guidelines developed by other organizations to inform the development of CPA guidelines.

Next Board meeting June 15th and 16th (pre-convention) and 19th (post convention) 2022 in Calgary, AB.

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