



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Readout¹ - Board of Directors Meeting
October 25 & 26, 2024

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 vision of a population health focus for the upcoming year.
 - A motion was passed to invite Dr. Gordon Flett to be the Honorary President for 2024-25.
- The CEO provided a summary of a recent in-person meeting of the CPA-APA-ASPPB (Association for State and Provincial Psychology Boards) leadership and relationship between the three organizations. This served as the basis for a generative discussion on the following topics:
 - What is working well in the profession/discipline/field of psychology and/or the impact of psychology in Canada?
 - What are the challenges/opportunities that exist?
 - What role is the CPA playing and could/should play in addressing the above? How do we message what the CPA is doing well?
- 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 an operational/workplan update and risk management report from the CPA's Chief Executive Officer.
 - An update was provided on the CPA's head office move to 1101 Prince of Wales Drive at the end of 2024.
- Received updates on the activities of the CPA's various committees and working groups.
 - Approved the Governance committee membership. The committee will focus on updating the CPA's By-laws in the months ahead.
 - Approved the formation of a Working Group focused on recruitment and retention of psychologists in the public sector to look at issues within the hospital/health, school, and corrections sectors.
 - Approved the Terms of Reference for the Working Group on Artificial Intelligence.
 - Approved the CPA's Accreditation Panel exploring a proposal for accreditation of masters in psychology programs, that reflects a different scope of practice and title than doctoral accreditation of a psychologist.
- Discussed the process to develop the CPA's next Strategic Plan. A draft Vision, Mission & Goals were approved by the Board prior to being presented to the CPA membership for feedback and final approval in 2025.

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 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 next meet in December 2024, virtually. A key focus of that meeting is approval of the 2025 budget.

Sincerely,

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