

**CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE**

2016 ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Thursday, June 9th, 2016  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Colwood 1 Room, Victoria Convention Centre, Victoria, B.C.

MINUTES

Jennifer Veitch was in the chair; Valerie Thompson served as recording secretary.

Present	Regrets	Absent
Jennifer Veitch (Chair) [JV] Aimée Surprenant [AS] Joseph Snyder [JS] Marta Young [MY] John Berry [JB] Peter Hausdorf [PH] Zarina Giannone [ZG] Valerie Thompson [VT]	Keith Dobson Janel Gauthier [JG] Pierre Ritchie Don Saklofske	Michel Lariviere Douglas Mewhort David Nussbaum Jean St-Aubin Michel Sabourin

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by JV. There was a round of introductions. JV welcomed the new Student Representative, Zarina Giannone. She is a PhD student at UBC and Chair of the Student Section.

**2. Consideration and Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was displayed on-screen. JV called for additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda declared adopted.

**3. Approval of the 2015 Minutes (Ottawa, June 4, 2015)**

The draft minutes had been circulated previously. JV asked for identification of any errors or omissions. MY pointed out that Yokohama should be 2016- date had been incorrectly entered. Under 5.4, the word “reluctance” was not intended. The following paragraph used the word “pushed”, which was not intended. JB will send text that reflects the points he intended. MY pointed out that we had decided not to nominate a Canadian for the position of Treasurer, but that the following paragraph is confusing because it refers to making a nomination. Jennifer provided context that the text in the minutes refers to the Member at Large position, rather than the Treasurer. [Aside: JB

asked whether we had brought a nomination for MEMBERS-AT-LARGE? JV answered no.] Following discussion, PH/MY moved that we adopt the minutes as amended. Passed unanimously.

*ACTION ITEM 1: JV to revise 2015 minutes with input from JB and MY.*

#### **4. Report of the Chair**

JV had previously circulated the Chair's report and did not repeat it. She did highlight that there were tasks we had not completed this year (particularly in *Psynopsis*, see below). However, one important success was having recruited the Deputy CEO, Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, to serve on the NRC review panel for CNC APRs and to provide feedback on the evaluation process. We can hope that the to-be-revised process reflects the measurement and evaluation expertise of psychology.

AS commented that the Chair is too hard on herself about what was accomplished over the year, because the annual report alone is a lot of work.

*In the written minutes, JV added that as of May 10, 2016, the Memorandum of Understanding between CPA and the National Research Council, which establishes the CPA as the partner organization responsible for the CNC/IUPsyS, was renewed for a 5-year period (until 2021).*

#### **5. Work Agenda for 2015-2016**

##### ***5.1 Recruitment and Membership***

JV observed that our main challenge for the coming year is recruitment for the committee, with three members-at-large required for June 2017, as well as a new Chair. Two of the members-at-large (M. Lariviere [Health] and D. Saklofske [Social]) will have completed two terms and cannot be renewed; AS [Neuro-bio-behavioural] is eligible for another term, should she choose. The Chair also has reached the term limits.

These appointments are important because in the medium term, this committee will have a great opportunity to shape the content of the ICP2020 in Prague. The other thing that will happen is that there will be an opportunity to nominate Canadians for awards, so we need a fully staffed committee.

JV noted that we did recruit for the open Health position from last year, and Keith Dobson was appointed by the Board at its preconvention meeting. He had given his regrets previously, as he is on his way to China.

JV also commented that we also need to have a member-at-large to serve as Secretary, to assist the Chair. Any volunteers? No one eagerly waved their hand.

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JB also noted that we will soon have to recruit a new IUPsyS Delegate, to replace him. Depending on the timing of the 2018 GA (before or after the CPA AGM at the ICAP), he might or might not be still in that role then.

A discussion ensued about the criteria for members.

All were tasked for thinking of suitable people. JV will put an ad in the Sept Psynopsis. Ideally, we want to have nominations in place for people to be approved by the Board in their March meeting. Although committee members cannot nominate, they can help to identify people who might wish to be nominated, and to explain what is involved.

*ACTION ITEM 2: JV to advertise positions in Psynopsis for Sept.*

*ACTION ITEM 3: All members to assist in circulating the advertisement and encouraging colleagues to consider seeking nomination.*

### **5.2 NRC Annual Performance Review**

JV explained that it had transpired that because of upheaval at NRC in 2014, last year's dues had been paid without an evaluation of the 2014 APR. The new staff person for this program at the NRC International Relations Office plans to revise the process but could not for 2015, so we sent a brief update to the 2014 document and the two were reviewed together. We were successful (score 39.25/45), well above the cutoff for dues payment. This is a lower score than previously, but the mean score was lower also, suggesting that the different review panel resulted in a change of criteria. Our relative position in the set of 27 CNCs seems about the same.

The process for next year is not clear. The current person is on maternity leave until March 2017, so JV will find out what the process is. It's not clear what the process will be while she is away, and we may get to coast another year. Warning: If we need to do this from scratch, JV will be seeking input, likely in December.

### **5.3 Communications between CNC/IUPsyS and Canadian psychologists**

*This discussion occurred following item 5.4 to ensure enough time for the GA planning.*

#### **5.3.1 CNC Page for CPA website**

JV will follow-up with CPA regarding the committee's website and website redesign. ZG reported that the Student Section has been told that this is imminent.

#### **5.3.2 Psynopsis**

JV noted that no submissions to Psynopsis were made by the committee over the past year. We need not to fail on this again this year. Three possibilities were discussed and will be pursued:

- Report on the GA by MY and JB, for September; to be coordinated with JG and the International Relations Committee [IRC]

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- MY – a report on the IACCP conference that occurs also in Japan (this too with IRC)
- A report on the ICP by a participant(s) as a way to encourage CPA members to participate in future congresses.

ACTION ITEM 4: JB, MY, JG to coordinate a report on the IUPsyS GA for the Sept Psynopsis deadline.

ACTION ITEM 5: MY to report on IAACP conference (ideally, also for Sept. submission).

ACTION ITEM 6: JV to seek an ICP delegate to write a report on the Congress for Psynopsis for Sept or Dec.

### **5.4 International Congress of Psychology in 2015, Yokohama JP**

MY and JB will attend the GA. They had participated in work on two items left from the last GA (Paris, 2014).

- They had proposed developing Rules of Order for GA meetings (aka Robert's rules). JB was to have chaired this task force, but the IUPsyS President had taken the lead. Some felt that a full Robert's approach was too complex and too much bound in Anglo-American culture. Instead a modified, brief set of rules of order will be presented to the GA for review in Yokohama. Nothing will be voted on before the Montreal 2018 meeting.
- Canada had also been involved in discussions about modifying the composition of the Executive Committee (EC) to ensure an equitable balance of regional representation. This continues the prior efforts (which had succeeded) by which every member country has the same 2 delegates to the GA. A six-culture model had been proposed, although the details will not be known until just prior to the GA. JB would like some guidance on whether the CNC agrees with this type of structure, and how rigid it should be.

JV asked for clarification that this was referring to members-at-large on the EC. JB said yes. His question was "Should we vote for a quota system or more flexible limits on the number of members-at-large that can come from a certain region?" He thinks it would be wise to have some structure, rather than the ad-hoc coffee break search for warm bodies that currently happens. MY agreed but wondered whether the delegates from poor countries actually attend? Not always. Thus, if we have a rigid system, they may not be present. They don't have to be present to be elected. What if we can't find enough volunteers to fill the quota? John agreed that a quota is probably not tenable, so need instead a set of principles that ensure diversity of representation. PH commented that we need to have an effort of outreach to engage psychologists in those regions. JV points out that this committee needs to have input when a decision is required, but that for the 2016 GA it seems that we can allow the delegates to pursue discussions on flexible structures.

## **6. Other Business**

JB noted that there are 4 (unofficial) proposals for the 2024 congress. JV pointed out that we wrote in support of Australia's proposal, not knowing that there would be others. She noted that we don't have a way to evaluate which proposal to support because when the requests come, we don't know who else is applying. JV regrets our pre-emptive support and suggests that future committees avoid shows of support unless there is an opportunity to review all the possibilities.

JB also pointed out that he is on the International Advisory Board for ICP2020 in Prague, and wondered if he should recuse himself from considering Canadian nominations. JV was not concerned, as the input to that process includes the full CNC/IUPsyS, where he is not the decision-maker.

Thanks were expressed to JV for her continued excellent work as chair of the committee.

## **7. Next meeting**

The next CNC business meeting will be held during the CPA convention in Toronto, June 8-10, 2017.

## **8. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (AS). The motion was approved at 12:30.