



**Section on Clinical Psychology  
La Section de la psychologie clinique**

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**Executive Committee Post-ABM Teleconference 2015**

**July 6, 2015**

**Attendees: Jennifer Garinger, Maxine Homqvist, Lachlan McWilliams, Carley Pope, & Sheryl Green**

- 1. Approval of Agenda** (Lachlan move, Jennifer second)
- 2. Review of Conference Experience (Lachlan, All)**
  - Post-Convention Committee meeting-Jennifer stated that she attended this meeting brought to their attention some of the difficulties we encountered including unkempt room for our ABM and programming issues (e.g., simultaneous clinical section sponsored events). She stated Kathy LaChapelle is aware of the challenges of programing and Lachlan added that he will see if it is possible to see the conference schedule before it becomes finalized so we can give feedback at that point. Lachlan suggested he write a letter to CPA to address the many difficulties that were identified and share with us prior to sending and all were in agreement. Jennifer stated that she will continue to serve on the convention committee.
  - Lachlan pointed out that the posters for the clinical section could be better attended and he would like to try to promote it in some way. Certainly, trying to ensure that poster session is not schedules with other significant clinical sessions at that time. Other suggestions were discussed to try to attract more traffic during the poster session including providing refreshments.
  - Lachlan offered that he would like to see traditions and consistency with some main events in the conference. Jennifer stated that for the workshops, the convention committee will remove the blind review for workshop presenters. We will now be able to see one's CV's and Bio's in order to assess submission and the potential workshop candidate.
  - Public lecture-The committee discussed how we would have like to see a stronger turnout by the public for this lecture. We discussed reconsidering offering this again next year and instead placing our time and efforts into other events. The purpose of the public lecture was for advocacy for psychology and providing the public with information. However, if attendance by the public is weak then it might be worthwhile to consider offering something else. Maxine suggested partnering up with other organizations (e.g., Canadian Mental Health) to deliver a talk. Also, it was noted that our Master Clinician presentations were very well attended so perhaps putting more resources into these might be advantageous.

- Carley described the graduate fair being very low attendance by both students and sites.

**3. Pre-Convention Workshop (Lachlan, All)**

- A discussion took place regarding who we may want to invite to offer a pre-convention workshop in Victoria next June. Consideration of topics of interest was made as well as local experts and expenses for this event. The possibility of asking local individuals to offer a Master Clinician workshop was made. Jennifer stated that she spoke to Paul Frewen about the possibility of co-sponsoring a presentation with the Traumatic Stress Section. Further, other sections have approached the clinical section to potentially co-sponsor a convention presentation (Psychopharmacology and Quantitative Electrophysiology). SPECA winners were discussed as individuals who could be asked to present a Master Clinician Workshop.

**4. Plans for the Surplus (Lachlan)**

- Lachlan stated that he intended to reach out via email to previous chairs of the clinical section to ask their opinion about how to spend the surplus. Once he collects responses he will distribute to the rest of the members.

**5. Changing the SPECA Award (Lachlan)**

- Lachlan proposed to turn the award into something that could build our conference programming. Specifically, the winner could receive registration at the following year's conference, an invitation to present at the conference next year, associated travel costs (\$1500-2000), and a smaller cash award (\$500). This was agreed on by the executive and Lachlan indicated that he would prepare a motion that the executive could vote on to do this.

**6. Vacant member-at-large position and maintenance of section website and list serv**

- Jennifer indicated that she is willing to do this over the summer as she has done in the past.

**7. Recruiting new section executive members (succession planning)**

- Time did not allow for a discussion on this topic.

**8. Adjournment (Jennifer move, Maxine second)**