



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

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**Executive Committee Fall Teleconference 2015**

**Friday September 11, 2015**

**9:00 (Mountain) 10:00 (Saskatchewan) 11:00 (EST)**

**Attendees: Jennifer Garinger, Maxine Holmqvist, Lachlan McWilliams, Carly Pope & Sheryl Green**

- 1. Approval of Agenda** (Jennifer move, Sheryl second)
- 2. Approval of Meeting Notes**
  - July 6 2015, Executive Committee Post-ABM Meeting Minutes (Lachlan move, Jennifer second)
- 3. Membership and Financial Report (Sheryl)**
  - Total membership as of September 11, 2015: 1002
  - Total assets as September 11, 2015: \$26, 205.50
    - Chequing balance: \$16, 205.50
    - GIC 5-year stepper value: \$10, 000 Details of the GIC 5-year stepper are as follows: Year 1 = 1.1%, Year 2 = 1.15%, Year 3 = 1.4%, Year 4 = 2.0%, Year 5 = 5.0% (Effective Annual Yield = 2.1%) with the option to cash out without penalty on the anniversary (March 24) of each year.
  - Sheryl mentioned that since the last financial report at the ABM in June 2015, withdraws have been made in the amount of \$13, 958.01. This is consistent with previous years following the convention.
- 4. Motion to change the SPECA (Lachlan, All)**
  - There was a motion for the monetary value of the Scientist-Practitioner Early Career Award (SPECA) be reduced from \$1000 to \$500.
  - Lachlan proposed that the winner will be invited to participate in the convention programing of the clinical section for the convention following the presentation of the award.
  - A travel stipend will be provided to award winners to attend the convention the following year. A minimum of \$500 will be budgeted for this purpose. At the discretion of the clinical section executive, the award winner may be provided with additional travel funds. Relevant factors regarding the final amount include, the distance to be traveled by the award winner, the funds available to the clinical section, and the type of presentation(s) to be given by the award winner (section invited speaker, public lecture, discussant for student symposium, etc.).

- Lachlan stated that there would be no significant changes required to the existing announcement.
- Maxine moved, Sheryl second, Vote = all in.
- Lachlan mentioned that he will place this in the handbook.

#### **5. Request to support Quantitative Psychophysiology Section (Lachlan)**

- Lachlan mentioned that the chair of this section has asked the Clinical Section to help them cover the expenses for the speaker they want. Lachlan forwarded correspondence to the rest of the executive and the executive all agreed that the funds need to be used directly to benefit the members of the clinical section and we did not see their proposal doing that.
- All executive members agreed to decline the request.

#### **6. Convention Planning (Lachlan, All)**

- A discussion was held and we all agreed to invite Andrew Christensen as a preconvention speaker. His fees are \$1500.00 USD. All executive members were in agreement with this.
- Executive members discussed a few individuals who could act as a backup plan should Andrew Christensen not work out.
- Lachlan suggested we invite Simon Sherry as a CPA/Section co-sponsored speaker. We could then make him a section sponsored speaker if CPA says no (similar to what we did last year with Paul Frewen). Lachlan also suggested asking Simon Sherry to be the discussant for the student symposium. All were in agreement with this.
- There was a discussion about asking CPA to cover another speaker and which speakers could potentially be nominated from the clinical section. Also, executive members discussed what other sections might want to co-sponsor a speaker (e.g., trauma, hospitals, counselling). Maxine and Lachlan offered to pursue Simon Sherry to determine if there is interest there. If so, Lachlan mentioned that he would also ask if Simon would be interested in offering a public lecture for our section.
- Offering Master Clinician Workshops at the convention was discussed. Jennifer communicated with Lynn Aldon and she was interested in doing a 2 hour workshop. Sheryl stated that she will follow up with Mark Lau to ask him to offer one as well. \$500.00 honorarium and cover conference registration (which is approximately \$750 in total).
- Lachlan proposed organizing a conversation session focused on past chairs of the clinical section. A potential topic: Current Challenges to the Profession of Clinical Psychology.

#### **7. Location and Dates for Winter Meeting (Lachlan, All)**

- Discussion on where to hold the meeting took place and Toronto was decided on (Jan 22 or 29, 2016). Sheryl offered that she would ask Martin Antony for space to hold the meeting at within Ryerson University as in previous years.

#### **8. Discussion of Feedback from Past Chairs Regarding Surplus Funds (Lachlan, All)**

- Discussion took place and a few ideas were reviewed. Advocacy grant money (first time grant), clinical practice guidelines or topics that support this (e.g., what is the skill set of a psychologist-how do they differ from other mental health clinicians). Asking for

proposals was suggested and not have a deadline but rather wait until we receive a worthwhile application. This would allow us to not spend the money urgently. Agreed to continue to discuss in more depth during the Winter Teleconference meeting.

**9. Adjournment** (Lachlan move, Maxine second)