



Section on Clinical Psychology
La Section de la psychologie clinique

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

**June 9, 2017
Toronto, Ontario**

Attendees:

- 1. Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve minutes: Lachlan, Caelin
- 2. Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2106 ABM**
Motion to approve minutes: Aislin, Carley
- 3. Report from the Chair (Maxine Holmqvist)**

Declining Member Engagement

Declining membership and possible reasons for same were discussed. It was also noted that Awards & Fellows applications are similarly declining and there have been few responses to outreach efforts

Clinical Practice Guidelines Initiative

Progress to date and next steps were discussed. The vision is to create a “hub” for Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) for clinical psychology. It was noted that this project provides a way to spend our budget surplus, as required by CPA. The first step was an environmental scan, which was completed in the summer of 2016, which identified 29 unique databases but only 2 sites that met all of our defined criteria. The second step was a needs assessment survey, circulated in November, 2016. A total of 198 people responded and the biggest priorities they identified were: a) relevance/utility, b) ease of use/convenience, and c) quality assurance. The third step was a call for proposals in February, 2017. A proposal was received from a team led by Dr. Martin Drapeau, who will be developing a national grant proposal to develop the site.

Other Section Activities

Over the past year, the Clinical Section Executive met three times via teleconferences and once in person in Winnipeg in January, 2016.

Advocacy efforts this year have included a letter of support to lobby for visa changes for clinical trainees traveling to the USA for internship, and a

partnering with the Hospital section to advocate for issues around testing materials.

Convention Programming this year has involved an increased number of hands-on clinical workshops (Drs. Sheryl Green, Randi McCabe, & Eleanor Donegan; Dr. Martin Antony; and Dr. Zindel Segal), as well as a public talk by Dr. Stephen Lewis, and an invited speaker (Dr. David Moscovitch). The student symposium gained increased prominence this year, possibly due to its earlier placement in the program, and there has been excellent participation in the new formats, such as the Gimme-5 talks. All speakers at this year's convention have agreed to share their slides on our website.

Speakers for next year's ICAP Convention were nominated. The keynote speaker who has been approved for the convention is Dr. David Jobes, who will speak about suicide-specific treatment.

Additional ongoing section activities throughout the year included working on three CPA factsheets, providing representation on CPA working groups and task forces, collaborating with other sections (e.g., family section, military section), and presentation of the usual awards, with a particular focus on awards for students.

4. Report from the Secretary-Treasurer (Pamela Holens)

Financial Statement, June 2016 - June 2017

The June 2016- June 2017 financial statement was provided to attendees and reviewed during the meeting. The Clinical Section continues to be in a solid position financially.

Proposed Budget, 2017- 2018

The proposed budget for 2017-2018 was provided to attendees and reviewed during the meeting.

Motion to Accept the report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Pamela Holens, seconded by Maria-Helena Garcia

5. Report from the Chair-Elect (Aislin Mushquash)

Convention Submissions

Aislin reviewed the number of submissions and acceptances in each category for this year's convention. It was noted that CPA had expected approximately 50 Gimme-5 submissions (in total from all sections), but received 267. For this reason, they expanded the number of presentations to 100, although notably many submissions still had to be declined. Poster acceptance versus non-acceptance this year was primarily based on whether data was actually

available at the time of submission. All reviewers of submissions were offered thanks.

Ken Bowers Award for Student Research

The Ken Bowers Award for Student Research was established to honour the enormous contributions of Dr. Ken Bowers to the field of clinical psychology. This year, it was awarded to Mr. Klint Fung from the University of British Columbia for his paper, "Social Anxiety in an Associative Learning Framework".

Scientist Practitioner Early Career Award

There were no applicants for the Scientist Practitioner Early Career Award this year. Discussion ensued regarding whether there is a need to change the award or advertise it differently. A suggestion from a member was to divide this into two awards: one clinical, and one academic.

Clinical Section Fellows

There were no applicants for Clinical Section Fellow this year. Discussion ensued regarding possible reasons for the lack of applicants and ways to increase applicants.

6. Report from the Member-at-Large (Caelin White)

Emails

Caelin reported that he is "batching" emails as much as possible, and asked for feedback from members regarding whether the number of emails being received is acceptable and whether anyone is having problems with the messages being filtered out and provided his email for feedback:

caelinwhite.cbt@gmail.com

Website info/updates

Caelin reported on a number of resources available on our website and where it can be found, showing screenshots of each. Information on the Clinical Practice Guidelines Initiative is located under "Resources for Psychologists", Convention material (slides, handouts, etc.) is under "News, Events, and Workshops", and the section newsletter can be found under "Section Publications".

7. Report from the Student Representative (Carley Pope)

Carley reported on her efforts to continue to enhance contact with student members via the Clinical and Student Section Listserv, the student column in the Newsletter, as well as announcements sent by email to psychology departments.

Clinical Section Educational Activity Grant for Students

The Educational Activity Grant provides funding for students to host educational activities for their peers and community members. Carley reported that there were a total of 5 applicants this year. The winter selected was Trista Friedrish from the University of Saskatchewan for “Activating the Here-and-Now: A Group Psychotherapy Workshop”.

Clinical Section Student Symposium

There were 10 applicants for the Clinical Section Student Symposium Award this year. The three winners were: Nick Zabara (University of Waterloo), Klint Fung (University of British Columbia), and Carly Parsons (University of British Columbia).

Clinical Section Student Travel Award

There were 6 applicants for the Student Travel Award this year, and the four winners were: Erika Portt (Lakehead University), Gabrielle Marcotte (Universite de Montreal), Myfanway Bakker (University of British Columbia), and Ariel Ko (University of British Columbia).

Clinical Section Best Student Conference Presentation Award

There were 9 applicants for the Best Student Conference Presentation Award this year, and there will be three awards (a first prize and two runners up). The winners will be announced following the 2017 conference.

Public Talk Volunteers

Carley provided a note of thanks to the students who volunteered to assist at our Public Talk this year: Holly Boyne, Amy Vong, Ashley Mukhti, Bri Jackson, Bryanna Hamilton, and Madeline Ressel.

8. Report from the Past-Chair (Lachlan McWilliams)

Clinical Section New Executive Members

Chair Elect: Dr. Kristin Reynolds – assistant prof at U of M, director of Health information exchange lab. Knowledge translation, health psychology, etc.
Student Rep elect: Matthew Bernstein – U of M and going into 2nd year of PhD. Interests in KT and . . .

Both won by acclamation as no other volunteers

Transforming the Executive: (See slides)

Concern from floor: Someone brand new could step into chair role. Ideally we want someone from the Secretary-Treasurer or Member at Large roles into chair role. Perhaps make this explicit.

CPA will be providing bookkeeping services in the future, so that auditors will have access to all the section info . . . this could have implications for the secretary-treasurer role. This could fit well with the shift we are suggesting. Presentations to outgoing exec: Lachlan and Carley.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Sam. Seconded by Keith.