



Section on Clinical Psychology
La Section de la psychologie clinique

Executive Committee Fall Teleconference 2019

Minutes

September 10, 2019

1pm CST, 2pm CDT

- 1. Welcome to the Two New board members – Jordana Sommer (student representative) and Kristi Wright (chair-elect)**
- 2. Approval of the agenda**
Proposed by: Brigitte Sabourin Approved by: Kristin Reynolds
- 3. Approval of April 2019 Clinical Section Executive Meeting minutes**
Proposed by: Kristin Reynolds Approved by: Brigitte Sabourin
- 4. CPA's 2020 Annual National Convention**
 - **Logistics:**
 - i. Montréal, Québec (Le Westin Montréal)
 - ii. Thursday May 28th-30th, 2020
 - **Section activities:**
 - i. New This Year: Cluster Themes & Convention Theme 'Psychology in Action' – See attachment – agreed that the clinical section subtheme is broad enough, focused on positive aspects of clinical psychology's role, as well as treating complex problems. There were no concerns with this theme potentially discouraging our members from submitting/ presenting/attending.
 - ii. Preconvention workshops (1 submission to date) – In order to be accepted topics must be: relevant to clinical psychology, timely, important, well attended, well viewed by members. The clinical section has no obligation of financial support for any preconvention workshop. There are no limits with respect to the number of workshops that we can support. CPA is overseeing submissions/abstract review system and will grant final acceptance. Kristin will forward the submissions to the committee who will discuss and then the committee can decide whether to support the workshop. Any member of the executive who would like to submit a workshop would submit to Kristin, and then that person would not be involved in the supporting decision.

Actionable item: Kristin to forward submissions to the pre-convention workshops to the rest of the clinical section executive as she receives them
 - iii. Reception

- Shared reception with other sections (Counselling, Neuropsychology). Reception was well attended last year and the Clinical Section will try to replicate a joint reception.
- It was proposed that having the Health Psychology and Behavioural Medicine and Psychologists in Hospitals and Health Care Settings sections joining our reception makes sense.

Actionable item: Kristin will contact the 4 sections mentioned above to propose a joint reception. Kristin will also request to have the reception at the end of the day, and immediately following the business meeting.

- iv. Section Chair Address - Kristin has offered to deliver the address at next year's conference with a proposed topic related to some of her research on : Improving and promoting health – Providing information to patients / families / the general public in order to help improve decision-making for mental health care.
- v. Invited talks/symposia - Evidence Based Practice Group (EBPG) - Kristin will reach out to the group again to see if they are interested in presenting on further developments on this endeavor.
- vi. Student symposium – The discussant for the student symposium will be last year's SPECA award winner, Dr. Anne Wagner. Focus of the symposium will be trauma. The student representative to moderate the symposium, and she will send out invitations for speakers.

Actionable Items: Jordana to e-mail Dr. Wagner in her role as student representative to inform her of student symposium – and invite suggestions for symposium title and nature of symposium. Once the deadline for poster submissions has been established, Jordana to invite applications for the symposium.

- vii. Featured Speaker – Brigitte proposed that David Dozois, given his recent work on living well, may be a good person to contact for our section featured speaker .

Actionable items: Kristin to reach out to the EBPG. Kristin to approach Dr. Dozois regarding being the Clinical Section Featured Speaker

5. Section Finances update (Secretary-Treasurer) – Brigitte

- Update on current section finances. The Clinical Section continues to be in good financial standing – and no significant adjustments need to be made to the budget presented at the 2019 AGM
- Section bookkeeping : Due to an administrative error, Matt Bernstein, our previous student representative, was overpaid about \$500 for his convention expenses. It was agreed that as a first step the section will contact Mr. Bernstein to inform him and the next step to be decided on after this contact has been made.
- Bank account balances: As of July 31, 2019, bank balance was at \$6315.61
- Membership: 820 current members. Prior years' numbers were also presented. Membership numbers are fairly stable.

Actionable item: Brigitte to send an e-mail to Matt Bernstein to inform him of the overpayment

Brigitte Sabourin Proposed that the Financial Report by accepted as presented.

Approved by Kristin Reynolds. Unanimous.

6. Executive Structure

- Familiarity with roles and responsibilities? Review Dropbox Information (2018 Clinical Section Handbook)
- Recruiting for the Member-at-Large Position – for immediate start
- Recruiting for the Chair-Elect Position - to start their term at the CPA Convention
Actionable item: Kristin will send an e-mail to membership to promote and recruit these potential members. Other members of executive to try to recruit these members as well.

7. Section Awards


- Educational Activity Grant for Students – awarded for 2019
- Clinical Section Travel Award – awarded for 2019
- Award for Clinical Excellence (ACE) – no submissions for 2019
- Ken Bowers Award for Student Research – awarded for 2019
- Best Student Conference Presentation Award – awarded for 2019
- Scientist Practitioner Early Career Award (SPECA) – awarded for 2019
- Section Fellows – The Clinical Section accepted 2 new fellows in 2019

8. Fall Section Newsletter/Website

- Items to include: A brief update on the Educational Activity Grant for students – when is it scheduled? Who is coming etc.
- Abstracts for all of the student award winners (Conference Presentation Award, Clinical Section Travel Award, Ken Bowers Award).

9. New Business



- Section Website Thumbnail  A few pictures will be circulated in the CPA Clinical Section Newsletter – and members can weigh in with their preferences.
Actionable item: Brigitte to gather some pictures to forward to the Newsletter editors.
- Section Priorities – Council of Chairs Meetings – no specific new items / areas of priorities were put forward.

10. Next meeting – January 2020

- In person. Suggested meeting time: January 31st in Winnipeg.
Actionable item: Brigitte to reserve PZ 382 in the PsychHealth building for the meeting. Flights and hotels to hopefully be booked and reimbursed before December 31st in order to bring the Cash Balance down to under \$5,000 before December 31, 2019.

11. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Brigitte Sabourin: Time 3:29pm