



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

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

**June 1, 2019
Halifax, Nova Scotia**

Attendees: Matthew Bernstein, Kristin Reynolds, Brigitte Sabourin, Jeremiah Buhler, Jessie Lund, Stephanie Greenham, Elaine Ply, Patricia Furer, Martin Drapeau, Kristin Von Ranson, Deborah Dobson, Jona Frohlich, Lesley Graff, Anne Wagner (n=14)

Opening of the meeting 5:15pm.

Presentation of 2018-2019 Executive: Dr. Kristin Reynolds, Chair; Dr. Aislin Mushquash, Past-Chair; Dr. Brigitte Sabourin, Secretary Treasurer; Dr. Elizabeth Levin, member-at-large; Mr. Matthew Bernstein, student representative.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve minutes: Kristin Reynolds ; Matthew Bernstein (second).

2. Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2018 ABM

Motion to approve minutes: Kristin Reynolds ; Patricia Furer (second).

3. Report from the Chair (Kristin Reynolds)

Section Activities

The clinical section executive met three times since our last ABM, in the fall and spring by teleconference, and during the winter in Winnipeg. The section put out two newsletters this year (the spring newsletter will be distributed after the CPA convention), and engaged in ongoing support for students of the section through four travel awards, three presentation awards, a student symposium, and one educational activity award. The section executive was also involved in convention planning and participating in the council of section chairs. Kristin briefly explained that the council of section chairs provides a clear route of communication between the section chairs and the board of the CPA via the Chair of the Council of Chairs. The inaugural Chair of the Council Chairs is Dr. Lauri Ford of the University of British Columbia, and is the Chair of the Educational and School Psychology section. Clinical section members are invited to provide input to Kristin if they would like anything to be addressed with the council of chairs.

Listserv Policy: Traditionally, the Listserv provided communication from executive to members regarding topics such as: convention updates, award

notifications, job posting etc. The executive has not allowed for postings of items that are related to specific services that may be provided in a certain region or that may benefit certain regional groups, organizations or individuals. A brief discussion was held to confirm that this is consistent with the wishes of Section members. A few members expressed agreement.

Proposal: To keep the listserv to issues that are related to our profession and matters that are national in nature (e.g., section activities, convention updates, notification of awards, job postings), and not allow postings that are relevant only regionally, or would benefit for-profit organizations or individuals (e.g., advertisements of new clinical services in a certain region).

Proposed by Brigitte Sabourin, Seconded by Lesley Graff (unanimous).

The current thumbnail on the Clinical Section website was presented and it was agreed to consider updating this. A few potential examples were shown, but it was agreed that they all appeared overly neuro-psychological (pictures of brains). The section executive will propose an updated thumbnail in the near future.

Kristin expressed appreciation to the following individuals for their service on the executive: Dr. Aislin Mushquash who is completing her term as past-chair and Mr. Matthew Bernstein who is completing his term as student representative.

Kristin also expressed thanks to Dr. Matilda Nowakowski and Mr. Flint Schwartz for their ongoing work with the newsletter

Convention submissions: There were 153 submissions this year (down only slightly from 161 last year). Discussion forum (4); Spoken presentation (9); Workshop (7); Symposium (6); Poster (108).

Kristin thanked all of the reviewers. Deborah Dobson, Douglas French, Patricia Furer, Julia Grummish, David Hodgins, Pam Holens, Maxine Holmqvist, Elizabeth Levin, Amanda Lints-Martindale, Corey Mackenzie, Randi McCabe, Lachlan McWilliams, Natalie Mota, Aislin Mushquash, Leslie Roos, Caelin White, Iris Yusupov.

All reviewers were invited to attend the reception following the meeting to obtain a free beverage of their choice.

Dr. Lesley Graff suggested that themes or priority areas could be polled with members prior to submission deadlines, and submissions related to these could be encouraged for symposia or workshops (a few examples were noted: future of clinical training, professional practice issues, ongoing refreshers / new developments in core treatment modalities).

Awards presented:

Ken Bowers award: The Ken Bowers Award for Student Research was established to honour the enormous contributions of Dr. Ken Bowers to the field of clinical psychology. The award recognizes the most meritorious submission to the Clinical Section of the CPA annual convention by a student member. This year's recipient was Jeremiah Buhler, for his paper: A Randomized Controlled Trial of an online Chronic Pain Treatment for Military, Police and Veterans.

Student Educational Activity Grant: Provides funding for students to host educational activities for their peers and community members. Kristin reported that there was one applicant this year, which was awarded, Jessie Lund, Lakehead University: Cognitive Processing Therapy Workshop.

Award for Clinical Excellence: Recognizes members of the Clinical Section who have made outstanding contributions to the practice and profession of clinical psychology in Canada
(no applicants this year).

Clinical Section Fellows: Recognizes outstanding contribution to the development, maintenance, and growth of excellence in the science or profession of clinical psychology in Canada

Awarded to: Dr. Patricia Furer and Dr. Martin Drapeau

Scientist practitioner early career award: Recognizes members of the Clinical Section who are early into their careers and who exemplify the integration of the two core domains of clinical psychology:

- Clinical practice and training, and
- Psychological science and research

Award Recipient: Dr. Anne Wagner

4. Report from the Secretary-Treasurer (Brigitte Sabourin)

Financial Statement, June 2018 – June 2019

The financial statement for the period June 2018- June 2019 was provided to attendees and reviewed during the meeting. The Clinical Section continues to be in a solid position financially.

Proposed Budget, 2019- 2020

The proposed budget for 2019-2020 was provided to attendees and reviewed during the meeting.

Membership in the clinical section is currently 753. This is slightly lower than last year. It was discussed that when the convention is held in a more central location (e.g., Montreal, Toronto) membership to CPA and the clinical section increases slightly from when it is held in a somewhat more remote location (e.g., Halifax). In

addition, with the presence of additional and related sections (e.g., Trauma, Addictions, Health Psychology, Psychologists in Hospitals), membership in each section has decreased somewhat. It was discussed that it may be helpful to provide additional information on each section at the time when CPA members renew their membership. This could be done via a link to the section website, or a drop-down option where more information about the section can be provided. It was agreed that this would be a good topic to broach with the Council of Section Chairs.

Motion to Accept the report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Brigitte Sabourin; Dr. Patricia Furer (second)

5. Report from the Member-at-Large (Elizabeth Levin – presented by Kristin Reynolds)

No report to provide. Kristin indicated that Dr. Elizabeth Levin will not be completing the second year of her two-year term. Members present at the meeting were encouraged to invite clinical section members to consider becoming the new Member-At-Large.

6. Report from the Student Representative (Matthew Bernstein)

Matthew reported on his efforts 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 Student Symposium

There were 9 applicants, and 4 winners

- Annie Chinneck, Dalhousie University
- Jona Frohlich, University of Manitoba
- Alanna Single, University of Manitoba
- Elaine Toombs, Lakehead University

Clinical Section Student Travel Award

There were eight applicants for the Student Travel Award this year, and four winners. This year's winners were:

- Parky Lau, Ryerson University
- Jona Frohlich, University of Manitoba
- Amber Yaholkoski, University of Manitoba
- Cecile Proctor, University of New Brunswick

Clinical Section Best Student Conference Presentation Award

There were 12 applicants for the Best Student Conference Presentation Award this year (1 withdrawal), and there will be three awards (a first prize and two runners up). The winners will be announced following the 2019 conference.

7. Report from the Past-Chair (presented by Dr. Kristin Reynolds on behalf of Dr. Aislin Mushquash)

New executive members:

New Chair-elect: Dr. Kristi Wright (University of Regina)

Student Representative: Jordana Sommer (clinical psychology graduate student at the University of Manitoba)

Dr. Mushquash attended the National Conference on Future of Professional Psychology Training as representation from the Clinical Section. This intensive and interactive summit provided an excellent opportunity to connect with psychologists from across the country and guide the discussion and direction about the future of professional psychology. Each day, the larger group of attendees (approx. 60) broke out into smaller working groups of approximately 10-15. Working groups discussed issues pertaining to one of the following topics:

1. Standards and Models of Training for Academic and Internship Programs
2. Supervision and Mentorship Throughout the Professional Lifespan
3. Responding to the Needs of First Nations and Under-Represented Groups
4. Technology and Professional Practice
5. Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice

At the end of the Day 2, the working groups shared recommendations with the larger assembly pertaining to their discussions. The total of 80 recommendations were voted on by the assembly on Day 3. Following the summit, a report based on the recommendations will be prepared and shared more broadly. A summit of this fashion has not been held since 1994 and we are hopeful that it will lead to some positive changes and steps forward for the profession. We will share more information with our section as it becomes available.

8. Other Business

- a. The section reception will follow this meeting in the Private Dining Room.

- 9. Adjournment** Motion to adjourn: Kristin Reynolds.