



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

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**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting**

**June 17, 2022**

**Hybrid attendance: Via Zoom teleconference and in-person at the Calgary Hyatt Regency (700 Center Street, Calgary AB)**

**Attendees:** Dr. Megan Ames, Dr. Mathew Fetzner, Ms. Lily Pankratz, Dr. Brigitte Sabourin, Dr. Kristi Wright  
(n=27 in person; n=7 zoom)

Opening of the meeting: (4:11pm)

- Opening remarks, welcoming everybody and thanking everybody for being here.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda: Brigitte Sabourin (proposed); Keven Prada; (second).  
Approved. All in favor; no opposed

**2. Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2021 ABM**

Motion to approve minutes: Brigitte Sabourin (proposed); Dr. Krist Wright  
(second). Approved. All in favor; no opposed

**3. Introduction of Members of the Executive**

Presentation of 2021-2021 Executive: Dr. Brigitte Sabourin, Chair; Dr. Zoe Therrien, Chair-Elect; Dr. Kristi Wright, Past Chair; Dr. Matt Fetzner, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Megan Ames, Member-at-large; Ms. Lily Pankratz, Student Representative.

Introduced and provided biography for Dr. Matt Fetzner, Dr. Megan Ames, and for Ms. Lily Pankratz

**4. Report from the Chair (Dr. Brigitte Sabourin)**

***Section Activities***

- Examples of section activities: held 3 virtual meeting, prepped newsletters, listserv e-mail communications regarding section activities, support student

members in section, developed research grants, participated in CPA council of sections.

### ***Council of Sections***

- Provided description of purpose the council of sections. Dr. Sabourin inquired if any members would propose items to bring forward at the next council of sections. No items brought forward.

### ***Section Special Projects***

- We received 3 applications last year for the Collaborative research grant. A call was sent out in the winter but we have not received any applications for this year. Discussed the requirements (e.g., project that supports the science and practice of clinical psychology in Canada; must be from two different provinces; principal researcher cannot be a student). Reviewed \$5K amount.
- Dr. Sabourin committed to sending out another call for applications via the list serv. Alternative method is to contact Dr. Sabourin chair directly for further clarification. Dr. Sabourin requested ideas on how to increase interest in applying for these. No ideas provided from attendees.

### ***Creation of Student Clinical Excellence Award***

- Proposed award to encourage clinical excellence. Call to members to consider name-sakes for this award. Somebody who has a history of excellence in clinical service provision or supervision in Canada.
- Suggestion from member: to look at the list of clinical fellows over the years to see if any of these stand out. Dr. Sabourin suggested sending out recommendations via listserv. No questions from section members.

### ***Clinical Section Featured Speaker 2023***

- Thank-you to Dr. Lianne Tomfohr-Madsen for her talk, which has been recorded and made available online. Individuals with a recommendation on future speakers were encouraged to reach out to clinical psychology executive members.

### ***Newsletter editors***

- Thanks to Dr. Matilda Nowakowski and Mr. Flint Schwartz for their work on the newsletter. There is an opening for someone else to assist with the newsletter given the Mr. Schwartz is stepping down. Interested persons can reach out to the clinical psychology executive.

### ***Convention submissions***

- 178 submissions to this conference to clinical section alone
- 108 Posters + 5 Virtual Posters
- 3 Conversation sessions
- 3 Symposia
- 14 12-minute talks
- 32 Snapshot (Gimme-5) + 4 Virtual Snapshots
- 2 Pre-convention Professional Development
- 2 Workshops
- 1 Panel Discussion
- 1 Review Session

- 1 Section Featured Speaker
- 1 Student symposium

- Thanks were expressed to **reviewers of this year's convention submissions**: 350 submissions were reviewed by: Douglas French, Elizabeth Levin, Patricia Furer, Randi McCabe, Janine Oithuis, Maxime Holmqvist, Mandy McMahan, Julie Riendeau, Pamela Holens, Aislin Mushquash, Sheryl Green, Sara King, Natasha Gallant, Kristin Reynolds, Kristi Wright, Roisin O'Connor, Matilda Nowakowski, Emma Eaton, Lily Pankratz, Melissa Teissen, Owen Helmkey, Melissa Houser, David Factor, Heather Paul, Gilla Shapiro, Peggy Koopman, Dean Snow, Jordana Sumer, Hilary Power. These reviewers were offered a free beverage at the upcoming clinical psychology section reception.

#### 5. Report from Chair-Elect: Dr. Zoe Therrien

##### ***Ken Bowers Award***

- Award is given to the most meritorious submission to clinical section by a student member in a manuscript format. Submissions are reviewed by executive members. Award recipients are given certificate and \$500, and their work is described in newsletter.
- Established to honor Ken Bowers to clinical psychology. A brief biography of Dr. Bowers was provided.

##### ***2022 Award Winners***

- Award winners were named as: Keven Prada and Jolie Ho. A brief description of their projects was provided.

#### 6. Report from the Past-Chair: Dr. Kristi Wright

##### ***Scientist-Practitioner Early Career Award (SPECAs)***

- Award recognize members of the clinical section who are early in career and exemplify clinical practice and training and psychological science and research.
- Award presented to Dr. Brianna Turner (UVic). Brief biography of Dr. Turner was provided and certificate presented.

##### ***Award for Clinical Excellence (ACE)***

- Recognizes clinical section members contributing to the practice of the profession. Award presented to the Best Practices in Psychology Portal Development Team, led by Dr. Maxime Holmqvist and Dr. Martin Drapeau. Brief biography for both Dr. Holmqvist and Dr. Drapeau was provided as was description of the best-practices in psychology portal. Drs. Andrea Piotrowski and David Dozois received the award on behalf of the team.

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##### ***Clinical section Fellow***

- Dr. Adam Radomsky named clinical section fellow. Brief biography of Dr. Radomsky was provided.
- Dr. Radomsky was present at the meeting via zoom.

## **7. Report from Secretary-Treasurer (Dr. Mathew Fetzner)**

### ***Membership status for the Section***

- Current membership 1057 (CPA members: 620; CPA student affiliates: 303; remaining types of memberships: 134).
- We are in a strong position in terms of our membership numbers. The majority of our members are CPA members and CPA student affiliates. Call to encourage members to talk to their colleagues about the benefits of membership with the clinical psychology section.
- Steady increase in section membership since after February 2020.

### ***Financial Statement, June 1 2021 – May 31 2022***

- we began the year with \$15,589.12 in assets, and estimated \$13,000 in revenue. After expenses, we expected to operate the year at a \$4,250 loss.
- In actuality we had a revenue of \$15,470 (+\$2470 than expected), and operated at a \$1,455 loss (3 items amounting to \$16,000 on the financial statement [student research grant, multi-province collaborative research grant, newsletter honorarium] were committed to but not paid out); therefore, our actual cash in hand is higher than our assets beginning this next year.
- In the end, our assets as of May 31 2022 are \$14,084.12
- Overall, we are in a strong financial situation.

### ***Proposed Budget: June 1 2022 to May 31 2023***

- We are beginning the year with \$14,084.12 in assets, and budgeting for \$13,000 in income from section membership dues (which is a conservative estimate, given that our current numbers would provide \$16,460 in income).
- We expect to have \$20,225 in expenses this year. Changes from this last year to this year include: (1) \$1000 for branding and outreach expenses (banner, honorarium for managing a twitter/social media account); (2) the registration award has been changed back to the travel award; (3) new theme to be discussed for the student research grant; (4) collaborate research grant did not get any proposals for the 2021-2022 competition; thus, we plan use this money from last year's budget and send out another call out for applications. (5) funding 2 meetings for the executive committee (conference breakfast and mid-winter meeting); (6) and new clinical practice excellence award for students.
- We expect to operate at a net loss of \$7,225.
- we expect our assets at the end of the year to amount \$6,859, which is close to our target of \$5000 which we are expected to carry over each year.

### ***Questions from meeting attendees***

- Are there any initiatives to bring in traditionally underrepresented students into the clinical section? (Kevin Prada)
  - o Dr. Sabourin referenced the current professional collaborative research grant that is examining barriers and facilitators experienced

by current BIPOC graduate students of professional psychology program.

- Dr. Sabourin suggested considering EDI (equity, diversity, inclusion) as potential theme for upcoming student research grants.
- Motion to approve proposed budget: Dr. Fetzner (proposed); Dr. Sabourin; (second). Approved. All in favor; no opposed

## **8. Report from the Student Representative (Ms. Lily Pankratz)**

### ***Student Educational Activity Grant***

- Designed to help clinical section students via educational activities. Up to \$2000. Awarded annually.
- Summer 2020, Kathleen Stewart, Danielle Uy, and Bev Fredborg from (Ryerson University) and Winter 2021, Emily winters (University of Regina).

### ***Educational activity grant competition***

- Next activity grant will be sent out in the summer.

### ***Research grant competition...***

- 2 recipients: Caitlin Courchesne (Simon Fraser University) and Linda Sosa-Hernandez (University of Waterloo).

### ***Clinical section student symposium***

- Mental health, coping, and psychological service use during the COVID-19 pandemic, presented by: Sarah Petty (University of Manitoba), Jolie Ho (University of Waterloo), Lily Pankratz (University of Manitoba), Dr. Lianne Tomfohr-Madsen (discussant).

### ***Student travel awards***

- Student travel awards were reviewed by clinical executive members. Award recipients: Lily Pankratz, Maya Amestoy, Ellen Joling, Hugh McCall, Kesaan Kandasamy, Nadia Jafari, Rachel Katzman, Suzanne McKeag, Shelby Shivak, and Julianne Dumont.

### ***Best student conference presentation award***

- Peer reviewed process among students. Evaluations are ongoing. Applicants were Jasmine Zhang, Vanessa Peyenburg, Ellen Joling, Samantha Withnell, Sarena Daljeet, Maya Amestoy, Lily Pankratz, and Veerpal Bambrah.

## **9. Presentation of the 2022-2023 Executive**

### **10. (Dr. Brigitte Sabourin)**

- Chair: Dr. Zoe Therrien, Past Chair: Dr. Brigitte Sabourin, Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Matt Fetzner, Members-at-large: Dr. Megan Ames and Dr. Kristi Wright Student representative: Lily Pankratz.
- Chair-elect position vacant. Encouraged members to consider joining the executive committee, especially if in early or mid-career and want to get

involved at a national level. These positions are also quite good for meeting people and networking.

- Executive committee is looking for a new student representative as of July 2023. Encouraged student members to reach out and consider joining.

***Questions from members***

- Lisa Sarraf (CPA student affiliate, via Zoom). Inquired about any volunteer opportunities other than being on the executive committee. Dr. Sabourin referenced social media coordinator position; newsletter coordinator; reviewer of conference abstracts; and new student representative as of July 2023. Members were encouraged to reach out to Dr. Sabourin.

**11. Adjournment** Motion to adjourn: Brigitte Sabourin: (649pm)