



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

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

**June 15, 2012
Halifax, NS**

Attendees: Peter Bieling, Patricia Furer, Jennifer Garinger, Liz Nilsen, Margo Watt, Emma MacDonald, Martin Drapeau, Maxine Holmquist, Deborah Dobson, Christine Chambers, Adam Radomsky, Sherry Stewart, Andrea Woznica, Elizabeth Levin, Jill Chorney (N=15).

1. Approval of Agenda

Peter Bieling called the meeting to order. The agenda for the June 15, 2012 Annual Business Meeting was approved as written. Moved by Deb Dobson; seconded by Patricia Furer; motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 3, 2011 ABM were approved as circulated. Moved by Liz Nilsen; seconded by Patricia Furer; motion carried.

3. Report from the Chair (Peter Bieling)

Section Executive

The Executive Committee for 2011-2012 included: Peter Bieling (Chair), Trish Furer (Past-Chair), Margo Watt (Chair-Elect), Liz Nilsen (Secretary-Treasurer), Jennifer Garinger (Member-at-Large), and Emma MacDonald (Student Member). The executive had two teleconference meetings (September 2011 and April 2012) and two in-person meetings (June 2011 in Toronto and January 2012 in Toronto), as well as regular email correspondence and phone contact throughout the year.

Section Initiatives and Activities

The Clinical Section has continued its advocacy for the profession including promoting a request for proposals for advocacy work (\$5000 value). The proposals were evaluated by the committee and the awardee is Douglas Murdoch (Mount Royal University) for his proposal: *What makes clinical psychology unique and how will we remain unique in the future?* The Clinical Section continued to focus on awards for student initiatives, as well as the new Scientist-Practitioner Early Career Award (\$1000). The Clinical Section has continued its support of students including conference travel awards, Educational Activity Student Grant of \$2000, and sponsorship of the student symposium. With regard to the present (June 2012) convention program, the Clinical Section has sponsored a public lecture by Dr. Sherry Stewart; a student symposium (with Dr. Alex Chapman as Discussant); and sponsored a pre-convention workshop entitled, *Dialectics in action: An introduction to the practical acceptance and change strategies from Dialectical Behavior Therapy*, with Dr. Alex Chapman (N = 52).

4. Report from the Secretary-Treasurer (Liz Nilsen)

Membership report

As of June 9, 2012, the Clinical Section has 1078 members (387 students). These numbers are comparable to last year's numbers at the same time.

Financial Statement, June 3, 2011 – June 9, 2012

The Clinical Section continues to be in a solid position financially. The financial statement of June 9, 2012 indicated that there is \$24,451.13 in the chequing account and \$12,443.47 in the 5-year Stepper GIC. The total assets of the Clinical Section are \$36,894.60.

Proposed Budget, 2011-2012

The proposed budget for 2012-2013 was reviewed. Total income is projected to be about \$15,220.25 with total expenses expected to be in the range of \$24,500.00. Margo Watt moved that the proposed budget be accepted; seconded by Sherry Stewart; motion carried.

5. Report from the Student Representative (Emma MacDonald)

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

Clinical Section Travel Award

She reported that there were 18 eligible applicants for the Clinical Section Travel Award. One student will receive \$700, and two students representing distant regions of the country will receive \$400 each.

Clinical Section Student Grant

Emma reported that there had been six applicants for the fourth annual Clinical Section Student Educational Activity Grants (\$2000). The award is to be granted to Suzanne Chomycz from Lakehead University, for a workshop entitled: *Innovative treatment options: Providing services to rural and northern communities*. Summaries of the award recipient's projects will be included in the Fall Newsletter.

Clinical Section Student Symposium

Emma also reported on the third Student Symposium, which was held on Thursday afternoon. The focus of the symposium was: *Understanding features of borderline personality disorder* (in keeping with the theme of the preconvention speaker) and included four graduate student presentations.

6. Report from the Chair-Elect (Margo Watt)

Submissions to the 2011 CPA Annual Convention

Margo reviewed the submissions for CPA 2012. She noted that there were 176 Clinical Section submissions this year – with 168 accepted submissions (95%): 150 poster submissions; 6 workshop submissions; 10 symposia submissions; 2 conversations.

Margo expressed appreciation to the 21 individuals from across Canada who reviewed this year's submissions:

Peter Bieling, Nick Carleton, Kelsey Collimore, Doug French, Sarah Francis, Patricia Furer, Jennifer Garinger, Valerie Grant, Cindy Hardy, Sara King, Naomi Koerner, Diane LaChapelle, Elizabeth Levin, Bruno Losier, Randi McCabe, Lachlan McWilliams, Chris Mushquash, Trevor Olson, Christine Purdon, Karen Rowa, Angela Weaver

SECTION AWARDS

Clinical Section Fellow 2012

- ❖ In recognition of their important contributions to Clinical Psychology and the Clinical Section, the Section awarded the status of Fellow to Dr. John Pearce, Alberta Children's Hospital and University of Calgary; and Dr. Sherry Stewart, Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, Dalhousie University.

Scientist Practitioner Early Career Award

This year's recipient of the Scientist Practitioner Early Career Award for the Clinical Section is Dr. Jill MacLaren Chorney of Dalhousie University and IWK Health Centre, Halifax, NS. This award, which comes with \$1000, was designed to recognize individuals within ten years of graduating and licensure who have demonstrated outstanding performance in one domain (research and/or practice), solid proficiency in the other, and evidence of integration across the two domains. Award recipients are encouraged to do a talk at the annual convention.

Clinical Section Ken Bowers Award for Student Research

- The 2011 Ken Bowers Award for Student Research was awarded to Christianne Macaulay (St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS). The title of her paper was: *Dispositional mindfulness mediates relations between adult attachment and anxiety sensitivity.*

7. Report from the Past Chair (Trish Furer)

Clinical Section Executive Elections

Margo Watt moved to the position of Chair of the Clinical Section Executive for 2012-2013; Martin Drapeau was elected by acclamation to the position of Chair-Elect; Liz Nilsen was remain in the position of Secretary-Treasurer; Jennifer Garinger will remain in the position of Member-at-Large; and Emma MacDonald will continue as Student Representative. Congratulations and a warm welcome to the new executive member – Martin Drapeau.

8. Thank you to outgoing members (Peter Bieling)

On behalf of the Clinical Section, Peter Bieling conveyed our sincere gratitude to Trish Furer for her considerable contribution to the Executive (most recently as Past-Chair).

9. Thank you to newsletter editors (Peter Bieling)

On behalf of the Clinical Section, Peter Bieling thanked Elizabeth Levin and Andrea Woznica for their on-going work as newsletter editors. Peter announced that the Clinical Section newsletter had won the award for best section newsletter from CPA.

10. Calls for Proposals for Quebec 2013 (Peter Bieling)

Members were encouraged to propose speakers/topics for the 2013 CPA Convention which is to be held in Quebec City, QB. This includes ideas for a keynote speaker, pre-convention workshop, master clinician workshop, public lecture, and symposia.

12. Adjournment (Peter Bieling)

The meeting was adjourned. Adam Radomsky moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Deborah Dobson.

Submitted by

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