2016 Annual Section Report

Section Name | Clinical Psychology
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Section Executive
Chair: | Lachlan McWilliams
Chair-Elect: | Maxine Holmqvist
Secretary/Treasurer: | Sheryl Green
Student Representative: | Carley Pope
Other: | Jennifer Garinger-Orwin (Past Chair)

Section Membership
# of members: | 551 CPA members, 3 retired members, 3 international affiliates, 9 CPA honorary life members, 47 CPA fellows, 2 CPA/APA joint members
# of student affiliates: | 199 and 1 international student affiliate

Note all numbers are based on information available on April 26, 2016

Annual Convention Activities 2016
Section Annual Meeting | Date: June 10, 2016 | Time: 4:30 pm
Other Activities | The section is sponsoring/promoting a preconvention workshop on June 8 on Integrative Behavioral Couple Therapy. At the convention, the section is sponsoring several other activities including: (a) a reception following the annual meeting, (b) a section invited speaker, and (c) two invited (master clinician) workshops. There will also be other section related activities, such as symposiums, workshops, and a poster session.

Section Activities/Projects
Past Year | AWARDS:

Grants were awarded to students applying for the Educational Activity Grant. One successful application was from students from the Department of Psychology at Ryerson University (Danielle Loney, Andrew Brankley, Jessica Sutherland) requesting support for a “Research Event Exchange” in the area of Forensic Psychology. The other successful application was from a student (Sonya Dhillon) from the Department of Psychological Clinical Science at the University of Toronto Scarborough requesting support for a clinical training event focused on “Modern Applications of Mindfulness Training.” The reviewers where also impressed with several other application that were unfortunately not funded.
The section will be announcing the Scientist-Practitioner Early Career Award (SPECA), Ken Bowers Award for Student Research, and Travel Award winners prior to the convention. Successful candidates for 2016 SPECA and Ken Bowers Award will be presented with their awards at the annual business meeting.

There were no nominations for fellow status received this year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Section’s newsletter, Canadian Clinical Psychologist, was distributed to members in November 2015. The May 2016 edition should be available soon. It is under the editorship of Dr. Elizabeth Levin and Andrea Linett.

The section’s list serv and website has been maintained by the Past Chair. Edits to the content on the website remain ongoing, with several modification required in the coming months.

GENERAL SECTION FUNCTIONING:

The section executive held several teleconferences (July 6 and Oct. 9, 2015; April 29, 2016) and a meeting in Toronto (January 23, 2016).

RELATIONSHIP WITH CPA

The section executive is pleased with changes that have been made to the convention scheduling process. Our relatively large bank balance and CPAs instructions for us to reduce this amount remains an ongoing issue (see below).

Next Year

The Clinical Section will continue to coordinate reviews of submissions to our section and will work to maximizing the relevance of the annual convention to its members (e.g., put forward invited speakers for the 2017 convention).

The bylaws for the section will be transformed into “terms of reference” as requested by CPA and will be submitted shortly.

In light of pressure for CPA to use a substantial portion of the current financial balance, the section executive considered investing its resources into a variety of special initiatives. At present, our efforts are focused on developing an online repository of clinical practice guidelines. This initiative is being led by the chair elect. She has consulted with number of parties regarding this project. She has received positive responses, so it is anticipated that the initiative will be pursued further by her and the executive.

______________________________________________, Chair