

Minutes of Annual Business Meeting

Summary

Friday, June 11, 2004

St Johns, Newfoundland

Present:

Laurene Wilson, Pat McGrath, David Clark, Bob Robinson, Thomas Hadjistavropoulos, Ken Craig, Michelle DeLisle, Margaret Lumley, Adam Radomsky, Ian Nicholson, Keith Wilson, Leslie Graff, Mike Coons, David Hodgins, David Dozois, Kerry Mothersill, Catherine Lee.

Report from the Chair (David Hodgins)

Section Executive

The Executive Committee was comprised of Kerry Mothersill (past-chair), David Dozois (chair-elect), Catherine Lee (secretary-treasurer), Susan Graham (member-at-large), Mike Coons (Student representative) and David Hodgins (chair). The Executive met in person at the CPA convention in Hamilton (2003) as well as in Calgary for a mid-winter meeting. In addition, two teleconference meetings were held in September and May and many ad hoc email discussions occurred. The section has 414 full members and 185 student members (compared with 395 and 201 in 2003).

Convention Program

The section received and reviewed 116 submissions to the 2004 convention. Clinical sections presentations at the convention include two poster sessions, three symposia, seven conversation sessions, two theory reviews, a pre-convention workshop and two convention workshops.

The section sponsored activities include a CPA-invited presentation by Patrick McGrath (Psychosocial issues in pain in infant, child and youth health: A potpourri), a pre-convention workshop by Sherry Stewart and Patricia Conrod (Substance-use disorder treatment and early intervention; Cognitive-behavioral strategies matched to the motivational bases underlying substance misuse), workshops by Michael Vallis (Motivational enhancement and behaviour change) and Christine Chambers (Life as an early career clinical psychologist: A how-to guide for getting started on research, teaching and clinical practice). Kerry Mothersill will lead a conversation on preparing for your pre-doctoral internship and Catherine Lee will lead a discussion on women in academe.

We are particularly pleased to offer the first in what we hope will be an ongoing “Master Clinician Series”. David Clark will demonstrate an intervention for unwanted intrusive thoughts in the context of a live role play. This session will be followed by a social hour for section members. Dr. Clark will also be providing a general public lecture on treatments for anxiety and depression. A public lecture is also a new venture for the section.

Awards

We are again awarding the status of Fellow of the Clinical Section and Ken Bower’s Student Research Award at our AGM. David A. Clark and Thomas Hadjistavropoulos have been elected fellows. Michelle M. DeLisle is the winner of the student award and Margaret N. Lumley was the first runner up.

Communications

The section’s biannual newsletter, *Canadian Clinical Psychologist*, was published under the stewardship of Deborah and Keith Dobson and the section website is maintained by David Hart. The clinical listserv continues to be used judiciously for section business although we expanded the mandate to allow announcements of employment opportunities.

Ongoing Projects

Our strategic planning discussions seem to veer toward the issue of advocacy. Kerry Mothersill has launched a project (described in the *Canadian Clinical Psychologist*) to promote the small but significant advocacy steps that individual psychologists take. He also presented a paper on the effectiveness of psychological treatments in health care to the Healthcare Middle Management conference in Toronto. A summary of this paper was sent to the regional and national disability management offices of the major insurance companies. Catherine Lee spearheaded a successful effort to have CPA take an evidence based public position against the use of physical punishment with children.

Finally, the section development and promotion of the psychology fact sheets, coordinated by Susan Graham, continues. The latest stats from the CPA website suggest that these are very popular, with over 10,000 hits in 2003. Twenty-four Facts sheets are now to posted in PDF format (as requested at last year’s AGM)

Fact Sheets completed: 2003-2004

Assessing Pain in Children Ken Craig
Post-partum depression Valerie Whiffen

Autism	Isabelle Smith
Parenting	C. Lee and I. Manion
Problem Gambling	D. Hodgins
Female Sexual Dysfunction	E. Reissing
<i>Fact Sheets in progress</i>	
Smoking Cessation	S. Currie
Having a family member with psychopathology	C. Lee & D. Dozois
Refugee experience	M. Young
Headaches	G. Asmundson

The Chair's report was approved by the membership (moved by: Ian Nicholson; seconded by Kerry Mothersill; carried).

Report from the Secretary/Treasurer (Catherine Lee)

Financial Statement

The year-end financial statement indicates that there is presently \$11,639.38 in chequing and \$3,993.68 in GICS. The GICs were renewed in February and March 2004. The total assets of the clinical section are \$15,633.06.

This year's finances are very close to the predictions of the budget approved at the annual business meeting in June 2003. Members of the executive have absorbed some costs within the budget of their own institution. So for example, a teleconference costs approximately \$200.00 and this is sometimes covered by other funds. Similarly, preparation of a list of lapsed members costs \$100.00 and is sometimes covered by other resources. The costs of the mid-winter meeting are variable depending on the distance travelled by members of the executive. In recent years, costs have been lower as three members lived in the same city, and one member has stayed with family, so hotel costs have been reduced. At last year's ABM we approved a motion to have a student representative on the executive. This entails an increase in the expenses for the mid-winter meeting. The financial statement was accepted. Moved: Kerry Mothersill, seconded: Laurene Wilson; carried.

Membership

Membership in the section continues to grow. Letters have been sent to those whose membership has lapsed in 2004. A review of the membership list revealed that a number of people have not changed their membership status from student to nonstudent on graduation. The section has advised CPA of this situation and CPA is considering strategies to verify continuing student status.

Listserve

There has been a positive response to the invitation to post job announcements on the listserve.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget indicates a loss on the pre-convention workshop. \$3,000.00 has been allocated to special projects that fall under the rubric of promoting clinical psychology.

The Executive has discussed the possibility of offering student travel awards. The budget was accepted. Moved: Ken Craig; seconded: Leslie Graff; carried.

Section elections (Kerry Mothersill)

Kerry moved that Adam Radomsky become the member-at-large, seconded by David Dozois, carried.

K. Mothersill reported that the process for electing a chair-elect was ongoing.

Congratulations were expressed and welcome was extended to Adam Radomsky.

Section Awards (David Dozois)

- **Section Fellows**

D. Dozois presented the award of Fellow to David A. Clark and to Thomas Hadjistavropoulos. D. Dozois highlighted the important contribution David A. Clark has made to the treatment of anxiety and depression and the contribution made by Thomas Hadjistavropoulos to the understanding of aging and health.

- **Ken Bowers Student Award**

D. Dozois presented the Ken Bowers Student award to Michelle M. DeLisle from Queens' University. An honourable mention was made to Margaret Lumley.

Other Business

- Procedure to nominated CPA Designated Board Seats

David Hodgins proposed that we use the listserv to repeat the call for nominations and that the executive then submit names to CPA. In the event of no response from the listserv the executive will generate potential nominations. The section has the right to submit more than one nomination. It is not necessary that the nominee be a member of the section. Proposed: David Dozois; seconded: Kerry Mothersill; carried.

- Pre-convention workshops

There was discussion on several issues including the timing of the workshop and the alternative of offering briefer workshops during the convention. We agreed on the importance of promoting student involvement as well as providing nonstudents with the opportunity to earn continuing education credits. This issue will be discussed further by the executive.

Membership ideas for special project funds

A number of possible projects were discussed including: continuing to enhance opportunities for access to mental health services; advocacy to private industry of benefits of psychological services; and advocacy to unions who negotiate contracts do not recognize benefits of psychological services;

- CCPPP liaison

Laurene Wilson, president-elect CCPPP reported that the *Letter of recommendation guidelines* continue to be supported by membership; CCPPP is examining the issue of the number of funded internships needed in Quebec; interest in expanding membership in CCPPP; issue of CPA-APA accreditation;