



**CPA Section on Counselling Psychology
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
July 27, 2020**

Present: Marvin McDonald, Tanya Mudry, Janet Miller, Payden Spowart, Danielle Brosseau, Jane Desplenter Rose, Jessica Van Vliet, Ada Sincore, Houyuan Luo, Robinder (Rob) Bedi, Kafui Sawyer, Chris Schiafone, José Domene, Anusha Kassan

Regrets: Kirby Huminuik, Franziska Kintzel

- 1. Call to Order:** 10:03AM PDT (chair)
- 2. Acknowledgement of land and welcome** (chair)

Given the online format for the AGM, participants were invited to join in acknowledging the Indigenous Peoples' lands they currently reside on and work from using the chat feature.

- 3. Review and approval of AGM agenda** (chair)

Chair invited review and additions or changes to the agenda. None were received from the floor. Motion to approve agenda: Danielle Brosseau. Seconded: José Domene. Motion Passed.

Question from the floor regarding whether or not quorum is met. Bylaws for the section state that quorum for the AGM is set as the number in attendance at the AGM.

- 4. Executive committee reports and updates**

Secretary-Treasurer (Danielle Brosseau)

The 2019 AGM minutes and the 2020 Special General Meeting (SGM) minutes were circulated to members prior to this meeting via the section listserv. Questions and comments on the minutes were invited. None received.

2019 AGM

Motion to approve 2019 AGM minutes: José Domene

Seconded: Tanya Mudry

Motion passed.

2020 SGM

Motion to approve 2020 SGM minutes: Tanya Mudry

Seconded: Payden Spowart

Motion passed.



Details from the 2019 fiscal year were presented and summarized. The 2020 budget proposed by the section executive at the start of the year was presented alongside an updated budget highlighting revenue received to date and a reduction in expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic (convention expenses were substantially reduced).

Question from the floor regarding whether or not CPA still has a rule in place for a section's accumulation of funds carried over from year to year. Marvin McDonald (chair) responded to state that there has typically been a \$5,000 limit to funds held by sections at year-end but that rule will not be applied to this exceptional year.

Motion to accept budget as outlined. Moved: José Domene. Seconded: Jessica Van Vliet. Motion passed.

Awards Coordinator (Tanya Mudry)

Distinguished member award recipient: Awarded to Dr. Robinder (Rob) Bedi in recognition of his leadership and service to the section, his involvement in furthering counselling psychology in Canada and his many contributions to scholarship including research specific to the training and practice of counselling psychology in Canada.

Best Doctoral Dissertation Award recipients: Exceptionally, the section has selected two winners in recognition of their equally outstanding research in a Canadian Counselling Psychology Program.

Dr. Amy Green for her dissertation titled, *Resilient bodies: Exploring racialized newcomer women's experiences of embodiment*.

Dr. Karen Ross for her dissertation titled, *Consensus on campus? Tension and multiplicity in student mental health*.

Call for adjudicators for student poster awards – contact Tanya Mudry.

Dr. Jose Domene and Dr. Jessica Van Vliet volunteered to adjudicate posters with an August 28th deadline.

Conference coordinator (chair on behalf of Kirby Huminuik)

Thanks to Kirby for convention coordination from status quo to the virtual convention. Kirby sends regrets - was unable to attend the AGM due to technical difficulties.

Question from the floor regarding whether or not presenters who chose not to deliver accepted presentations in the *virtual* 2020 convention would have their accepted presentations automatically included for next year. Good question to confirm and clarify with the CPA convention office in advance of the 2021 convention.



Information forthcoming from CPA about whether the 2021 convention will be online or in person.

Student Representative (Payden)

Announcement regarding upcoming roundtable discussion focused on counselling supervision during the COVID-19 pandemic (one of three roundtables planned as part of section programming for the virtual convention).

The PowerPoint on Graduate Studies in Counselling Psychology continues to be available on the section webpage.

Noted difficulties/backlog in updates being processed for the section webpage.

Reminder about the invitation for students to contribute to the Fall/Winter newsletter regarding student experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. This invitation was first presented in the May 2020 section newsletter.

Chair Update (Marvin McDonald)

Marvin to provide written chair report in early August 2020.

Reported on section functioning, noting several section executive committee transitions occurring this year.

Described a vision for focused membership engagement at multiple levels - private practice, academic, student, multilingual and francophone members of the section. The executive would like to further the ways in which the section meets the needs of distinct member groups. For example, the selection of a keynote address and pre-convention workshop by an internship program director (Dr. Natasha Maynard-Pemba) was one way the executive is reaching out to students and members focused on practice (*speaker delayed to 2021 due to the transition to a virtual convention*).

Described action-focused follow-up from the 2018 Canadian Counselling Psychology Conference and the associated 2019 conference proceedings.

Thanks to Janet Miller (newsletter editor) for her continued efforts on the section newsletter, *Kaliedoscope* – a tradition of excellence.

Ongoing engagement continues with the CPA board – terms of reference (not yet approved, waiting for several years) and summits follow-up. Advocacy to ensure these items remain at the attention of the board.

Special appreciation and acknowledgement of Dr. Anusha Kassan. Dr. Kassan extended her chair service duties when recruitment to executive was difficult. The leadership and



mentoring Dr. Kassan provided for the current chair and the resources put in place for the ongoing functioning of the section was unparalleled. Dr. Kassan received an official letter from the section acknowledging her many service contributions.

Elections (chair)

Chair-elect needed. Invited from the floor – none received. Recruitment requests have gone out and conversations are ongoing. Executive is able (as outlined in the section bylaws) to appoint a chair-elect should a volunteer come forward in the coming weeks.

Member-at-large (review coordinator): Houyuan Luo, PhD, C.Psych accepted by acclamation.

Student representative: Ms. Franziska (Franzi) Kintzel at the University of Calgary. Introduced by Dr. José Domene in her absence. Accepted by acclamation.

Motion from the Floor

Kafui Sawyer (section member) brought the following motion to the floor:

The executive invite section members to join an ad hoc committee to address racism in CPA by focusing on increasing the number of black and indigenous students in graduate psychology programs. The ad hoc committee will also discuss an action plan for the recruitment and retention of black and indigenous students in psychology.

Discussion regarding motion and other initiatives within CPA that align with the motion. For example, Ada Sinacore is co-chairing a working group on Human Rights and Social Justice to attend to these issues. Encouraging each section to have an initiative and to liaison with the working group (once established) so this is a membership wide initiative. The focus of this working group came out of discussions at the 2018 Canadian Counselling Psychology Conference and was brought forward to the CPA by Ada Sinacore and Kirby Hirmunuik.

Moved by Kafui Sawyer.
Seconded from Janet Miller.
Motion passed.

Email Marvin McDonald to follow-up with interest.

Question from section member about what the human rights focus of the working group discussed above. Ada Sinacore replied outlining the scope of the initiative and the use of a human rights framework because it is more broadly inclusive than an EDI framework.

Adjourned: 10:58AM (PDT)

Minutes prepared by Danielle Brosseau