



**CPA Section on Counselling Psychology
Minutes of the Virtual Special General Meeting
May 29, 2020**

Present:

Marvin McDonald, José Domene, Anusha Kassan, Tanya Mudry, Bill MacMurray, Danielle Brosseau, Ada Sinacore, Houyuan Luo, Jane Desplenter Rose, Janet Miller, Franziska Kintzel, Jessica Van Vliet, Judy Silver, Rebecca Hudson Breen, Payden Spowart, Kafui Sawyer

1. Call to Order: 12:02 pm

Invitation for the chair (Marvin McDonald) for each participant to state an acknowledgement of the First Nations, Inuit and Metis territories they are currently living and working on.

2. Invitation to add agenda items raised to the executive prior to the meeting or raised from the floor. None requested.

3. Motion to approve SGM agenda: Jessica Van Vliet; seconded: Payden Spowart.

4. Approval of Minutes (2017 and 2018 Annual Meetings). Minutes were circulated via the section listserve on May 16th and 22nd, 2020. Moved: José Domene; seconded: Jessica Van Vliet.

5. Discussion of the implications of COVID-19 for the priorities of counselling psychologists, clients, students and other stakeholders.

Question to the executive: Will the section be offering student awards for students participating in the virtual convention? Tanya Mudry responded that the section will be adjudicating best poster awards (MA and PhD) as well as best MA and PhD awards this year.

Ada Sinacore provided an update on current conference participation rates (~50% have agreed to participate in the virtual convention to-date). Expressed appreciation for CPA administrators and their ability to plan the virtual convention so quickly.

Questions and discussion regarding changes and differences in the professional liability coverage available to student trainees.

Questions and discussion regarding CPA membership numbers and finances. CPA membership numbers have increased to-date over last year. The new early career reduced rate membership was discussed as a possible reason.

Question and discussion regarding section membership numbers. Marvin McDonald noted that they are currently 290 members in the counselling psychology section.



Discussion of opportunities to increase the profile of counselling psychology students in the student section of CPA. Call to encourage counselling psychology students to be involved in the student section and as student ambassadors for CPA.

Question and discussion of our section budget. Danielle Brosseau responded that spending for the section will be greatly reduced this year because the majority of the section's expenses are related to conference activities that do not apply to the virtual convention. Student award commitments will continue. A full budget will be presented at the 2020 AGM later this summer.

A member noted that there is a current focus on counselling practice as it relates to COVID-19 and there is a need to also create more focus on research.

6. Invitation for final questions and comments. None received.

7. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm.

Minutes prepared by Danielle Brosseau