



**CPA Section on Counselling Psychology
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
June 18, 2022**

Present (in-person): Houyuan Luo, Marvin McDonald, Janet Miller, Danielle Brosseau, Jessica Van Vliet, Rob Bedi, Anusha Kassan, Jonathan Dubue, Ann Jirousek, Asher Friedland, Shelly Eli, Dustin Marcinkevics, Karlee Fellner, Daniele Doucet, Birdie Bezanson, Derrick Klaasen, Janelle Kwee, Deepak Mathew, Marla Buchanan, Samara Wessel, Maryam Qureshi, Michelle Redekop, Moonkyung Min, Lindsay Williams, José Domene, Sophie Yohani, Rebecca Hudson Breen, Shawn Robertson, Jann Tomaro, Carole Anderson, Dawson Strand, Tricia Sandham, Chelsea Hobbs, Kenneth Murdoch, Veronica Taylor, Kafui Sawyer, Kaori Wada, Jon Woodend.

Present (online): Tanya Mudry, Laura Copeland, Ines Sametband. **Present (no last name provided):** Esther, Maureen.

Regrets: Franziska Kitzel

1. Call to Order: 16:16 MDT (chair-elect, Houyuan Luo)

2. Acknowledgement of land and welcome (chair-elect, Houyuan Luo)

Land acknowledgment provided. Those participating online were invited to provide an applicable land acknowledgment using the chat function on Zoom.

3. Review and approval of AGM agenda (chair-elect, Houyuan Luo)

Motion to approve agenda was moved and seconded; Motion approved by members.

4. Executive committee reports and updates

Secretary-Treasurer (Danielle Brosseau)

The 2021 AGM minutes were circulated to members prior to this meeting via the section listserv. Questions and comments on the minutes were invited: None received. Motion to approve minutes made by Jessica Van Vliet; Seconded: Sophie Yohani; Motion approved.

2021 Budget Review & 2022 Budget Proposal

Details from the 2021 fiscal year and 2022 budget proposal were presented and summarized. The section is currently in a strong financial position.

2022 Budget Amendments

Motion from the floor to designate funds in the 2022 budget to offer a gift to the Indigenous invitees of Dr. Fellner who helped to open the featured speaker address for the section. More specifically, motion to designate \$200 toward the purchase of a thank you gift (i.e., Tobacco) for the invited guests. Moved by Kaori Wada; Seconded by Janet Miller; Motion approved by members.



2022 budget amendment proposed from the floor: Increase the student awards by \$25.00 (new award value would be \$125) and increase the executive honorariums by \$100 (new executive honorarium value would be \$400.00). Moved by Rob Bedi; Seconded by José Domene; Motion approved by members.

2022 Budget Approval

With the two aforementioned amendments made, the revised budget was presented to members for approval. Motion to approve made by José Domene; Seconded by Rob Bedi; Budget approved.

Suggestion from the floor: Given the strong financial situation of the section, Kafui Sawyer provided a suggestion from the membership for the executive to explore possible collaborations with other sections who share similar and joint interests.

Awards Coordinator (Janet Miller)

Congratulations to each of the following section award winners this year.

Distinguished Member Award was presented to:

Dr. Janet Miller (Mount Royal University)

Best Doctoral Dissertation Award was presented to:

Laura Copeland (McGill University) for their dissertation titled: The Experiences of Parents who Affirm Their Child's Diverse Gender Identity

Best Masters Thesis Award was presented to:

Mina Didehvar (University of Calgary) for their Master's thesis titled: Uncanny Phenomenon: Existential Experiences among Iranian International Students

Best Undergraduate Project Award was presented to:

Rebeccah Alai (Mount Royal University) for their undergraduate project titled: Second-Generation Canadians' Understanding of Their Cultural Identity.

Student Conference Poster Awards

Thanks to the following members for assisting with conference poster award adjudication: Sonya Flessati, Houyuan Luo, Rob Bedi, Jessica Van Vliet, Marvin McDonald, Danielle Brosseau & Kaori Wada.

Best Undergraduate Student Poster Award presented to:

Nicole (Jeniffer) Camacho Soto (University of Saskatchewan for the poster titled: We need immunizations so that we can all be together again": A qualitative study of domestic violence service providers' experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic in Saskatchewan.



Best Masters Student Poster Award presented to:

Stephanie Tipple (University of Calgary) for their poster titled: Relationality and Relational Accountability: What it Means to Conduct Ethical Indigenous Research.

Best Doctoral Student Poster Award presented to:

Victoria Pasyk (University of Calgary) for their poster titled: *The Role of Forensic Assessment in Counselling Psychology*.

Student award recipients will be provided with a letter of recognition, a \$125 honorarium and will be featured in the next issue of *Kaleidoscope*.

Section Newsletter (Editor, Janet Miller)

Kaleidoscope had featured articles this year about counselling practices post-pandemic and we have featured articles written by international graduate students reflecting on their practice.

All members to submit articles for consideration to the Editor, Janet Miller – jbmiller@mtroyal.ca

The section executive aims to publish the newsletter at least three times a year: October, February, and May.

Conference coordinator (Jessica Van Vliet)

Thanks to 12 reviewers who helped us all as we prepared for convention this summer: Dr. Ann Marie Dewhurst, Dr. José Domene, Dr. Sonya Flessati, Heather Gower, Chelsea Hobbs, Dr. Houyuan Luo, Brea McLaughlin, Danae Laut, Dr. Pamela Patterson, Dr. Lara Schulz, Dr. Kenya Thompson-Leonardelli, and Jann Tomaro.

CPA Convention, 2022 section presentations: 20+ individual oral presentations, 4 interactive workshops/pre-convention workshops, 10 panel discussions and symposiums, 30 poster presentations, 5 conversations sessions, and more!

Student Representative (Franzi Kintzel sends regrets, chair-elect presented report)

New email address for student representative has been set up to allow for continuity of contact: cpa.counsellingpsych.studentrep@gmail.com

New student representative will be invited to continue work on ideas related to the ‘What is counselling psychology project’ advertisements.

Chair Update (Tanya Mudry sends regrets, chair-elect Houyuan Luo presented the report)

The section currently has 482 members. We are currently the second largest section in CPA.



There are several section executive transitions this year: chair, past-chair, and elections for a new chair-elect, student representative, and secretary-treasurer.

The section executive has ongoing engagement with CPA board regarding terms of reference and human rights and social justice initiative.

Incoming chair (Houyuan Luo)

Created a Canadian counselling psychology google group which is an interactive platform for discussions on counselling psychology. Send Houyuan Luo an email or speak with him after the AGM if you are interested in participating.

Incoming Chair Ideas and Plans

- Executive has been talking about creating a summer project (research assistant)
- Idea presented to develop a taskforce on formally recognizing the value of qualitative research evidence in the document CPA endorses of what constitutes evidence for practice
- Webinars (3 over the course of the year) for professional development. The incoming chair welcomes topical suggestions (email Houyuan Luo)

5. Elections (past-chair, Marvin McDonald)

- Chair-Elect (2 years)
 - Dr. Allison Foskett
 - No nominees from the floor

Dr. Foskett is accepted to the position by acclamation.

- Secretary-Treasurer (2 years)
 - Dr. Jon Woodend
 - No nominees from the floor

Dr. Woodend is accepted to the position by acclamation.

- Student Representative (2 years)
 - Thomas Qiao (University of Calgary)
 - Lindsey Feltis (University of Alberta)
 - No nominees presented from the floor

Question from a section member: Can we have two student representatives?

Marvin McDonald responded that we cannot have more than one because of the section bylaws. Although there may be opportunities for additional participation, formal addition of a second student representative would need to be pursued through changes to the bylaws (if desired).



Marvin McDonald read the biography for each of the student representative nominees out loud. Voting papers were distributed, collected and counted.

Results from the vote: Thomas Qiao was voted in as the new student representative.

The following executive members are staying or transitioning in their roles

Transitioning in their executive positions:

Chair: Houyuan Luo

Past-chair: Tanya Mudry

Continuing in their executive positions:

Member-at-large (awards coordinator): Janet Miller

Member-at-large (conference coordinator): Jessica Van Vliet

The executive would like to thank those who filled the following roles and functions:

- Review Coordinator
- Awards Coordinator
- Reviews & adjudicators for convention program and for awards review
- Outgoing members of the Executive Committee
- Incoming members of the Executive Committee
- Ongoing members of the Executive Committee
- Newsletter editor
- Attendees
- CPA conference organizers and Hyatt Regency

Adjourned: 17:18 MDT

Minutes prepared by Danielle Brosseau, edited by Jon Woodend