Membership in the section stands currently at 70 members (49 Non-student members and 21 student members with no affiliate members). Among the principal goals for the year was to renew interest in the Section among current members and reach out towards non-section members practising, teaching and studying in the area of Community Psychology throughout Canada. Although modest, it was anticipated that by creating value within the Section through a process of renewal, the Section would become more attractive to others. The initial step towards this goal began with the distribution of a section newsletter to members in the Fall 2002 under the leadership of Collin van Uchelen. During the winter, an email list was compiled of current members and various updates and notices were mailed using that list during the spring. A parallel communications strategy was implemented through extending invitations for members to join the CP-LOOP, an existing community psychology email discussion list. CP-LOOP was originally developed for students, faculty and alumni of the Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) Community Psychology Programme and has since extended its membership to interested individuals throughout the country, including Community Section members. Many of the Section’s members have accepted the invitation and joined this list.

In Spring 2003, the Chair began development of a section website which is to be launched at the 2003 Convention in Hamilton. In discussion among the executive and with members, it was agreed that a website would be a useful tool for disseminating section activities and providing Community Psychology resources to its members. It is anticipated that the website will also serve as the home for future newsletters, thus reducing the costs of mailing and printing.

Another key activity for the 2002-3 year has been the initiation of a nation-wide survey of regulatory bodies for Psychology to determine the degree to which Community Psychology is recognized as a specialized area of practice within the various Colleges and Associations throughout Canada. The results of this survey are to be presented and discussed at the Section business meeting at the 2003 Convention.

This year the section celebrated, along with the Wilfrid Laurier University Department of Psychology, the establishment of a new Ph.D. programme in Community Psychology that is to be launched in September 2003. This represents the first English-language Ph.D.-level training programme in Community Psychology in Canada and a significant opportunity to increase community-psychology scholarship in this country.

We are greatly looking forward to increasing the profile of Community Psychology within CPA and the profession of Psychology in Canada in the coming year.

Cameron D. Norman, Chair

Counselling Psychology

Our membership was 109 non-student and 56 students as of March (more members have joined since this date). During the past year we were able to send out two Newsletters to our members. Our second Newsletter included an Ethics Section on the topic of “Authorship Credit and Ordering” and we hope to include future papers on current ethical concerns. The second Newsletter included a survey requesting information on our members employment setting, populations they work with, organizations they belong to, and types of participation in CPA conferences. We asked members what topics they would like to see offered at the CPA conference. We also asked members to identify ethical situations that we can respond to in future Newsletters. So far we have a 50% return rate for the questionnaires. At CPA this year we have a variety of workshops, theory review papers, and posters to be presented. We also have a symposium titled “Coping and Help-Seeking Among Victimized Women”. For the first time, we will be having a Distinguished Member Award to be presented at the Business Meeting. We
also continue to support students by awarding two thesis/dissertation poster/presentation awards and two awards for 30 page theses submitted prior to the conference. We plan to have a student luncheon this year as well as a social event for all members.

Colleen Haney, Chair

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Many members participated in the past year Section’s activities to make it a successful year. During the Vancouver Annual convention the Section held a successful banquet at the Botanical Gardens on the UBC campus. During the celebration time several section members received awards. The Lifetime Contribution Award went to Don Andrews and the Recent Achievement Award went to Robert Cormier for his work with the United Nations. The Student prize for Best Poster was awarded to Kathleen Lewis for, “Measuring motivation to change in violent offenders.” Two of our Section members (James Bonta, Steve Wong) were successfully nominated as CPA Fellows.

The current membership is at 227 members (171 full; 56 students). Three editions of our newsletter, Crime Scene, were produced. All of the distribution is now via email. These editions included debates, movement among Section members, and updates on research conducted by Section members. Thank-you to the past chair guidance of David Nussbaum; Steve Wormith for his coordinating efforts with NAACJ and the American Association for Correctional Psychology; Jeremy Mills for editing Crime Scene; Joe Camilleri, as our student representative; Karl Hanson for keeping the books in order, and Doug Boer and Carson Smiley as members at large.

Daryl Kroner, Chair

DISASTER AND TRAUMA

The Section on Disaster & Trauma was given initial approval by the CPA Board at the June 2002 Convention. The founding members composed a set of by-laws and have submitted these to the Sections Chair for Board approval. The Section website at <www.cpa.ca/Disaster&Trauma/> posts the draft Section By-Laws, the nomination and election procedures, and lists of Section members.

The 2002 membership renewal led to 86 Full and 51 Student members joining the Section. We are much encouraged by this response.

We have initiated an election of Officers by email. The nomination process is not complete at the time of compilation of this report. Results will be posted on the website and circulated by email to members.

We look forward to Board approval of our By-Laws, to an election of our first team of Officers, and to commencement of plans for vigorous section activity.

We much appreciate the work of Bill Koch, Patrice Keats, and Peggy Mahoney in preparation of our Mission & Goals statement and the draft By-Laws, to the numerous members who offered excellent editorial comments on the circulated drafts, and to Stephen Fleming and colleagues for managing the review of Disaster & Trauma submissions to the Convention programme.

David S. Hart, Chair (Pro Tempore)