

**CPA Educational and School Psychology Section Annual Meeting  
Wednesday July 15, 2020  
Minutes (on Zoom)**

*In attendance:*

Laurie Ford, Debra Lean, Maria Kokai, Ester Cole, Adam McCrimmon, Juanita Mureika, Shayla Richards, Jennifer Theule, Paige Walker, Alexandra Ruddy, Janice Currie, Lynne Beal, Rachel Weber, Tasmia Hai, Maria Rogers, Sheila Bellrose, Kelly Schwartz, Judy Wiener, Esther Geva

I. **Land Acknowledgement** [Presented by Laurie. Suggested that attendees type their land acknowledgement in chat, if they know it.]

II. **Protocol for Zoom Meeting Today**

III. **Approval of Agenda**

(Moved: Judy Wiener. Seconded by: Debra Lean)  
CARRIED

IV. **Approval of Minutes of 2019 Section Annual Meeting**

(Moved: Ester Cole. Seconded by: Judy Wiener)  
CARRIED

V. **Remembering Joseph Snyder**

Words from Laurie. Kind words from Juanita and Ester. In lieu of flowers: donations to student support funds through CPA ESP

**Action items:** A remembrance in newsletter with notes from Don Saklofske. Anyone who wished to contribute is welcomed to do so. Note about donations to student support mechanisms will appear in the newsletter article.

VI. **Chair's Report – Laurie Ford**

[340 members. 59 student members and need to focus on growth. 4<sup>th</sup> largest section. Growing diversity and influence in CPA and across the country (media) Continued awards for students.]

VII. **Secretary/Treasurers Report**– Maria Kokai

[see annual treasurer report]

Approval of treasurer's report

(Moved: Maria Kokai. Seconded by Adam McCrimmon)

CARRIED

## VIII. Committee Reports

### **Review of New Committee Structure** – Laurie Ford

(Consider revisions of committee that are in the chairs report. Identifying EC members as leaders in the larger structure of CPA. Laurie notes that ESP is underrepresented among CPA leaders).

### **Election (Nominating Committee) Report** – Judy Wiener

[see elections report]

Approval of Election. Maria Kokai (chair elect),  
Moved: Judy Wiener. Seconded: Rachel Weber.  
CARRIED

### **Convention – Rachel Weber**

[see convention written report from Rachel Weber.] Maria Rogers and Erica Makarenko will be co-chairs for the 2021 conference

### **Promotions Material Committee - Maria Rogers and Laurie**

[promotional materials were developed, but distribution and use have bogged down. Soon there will be a pdf version of promotional materials so that the information can be distributed electronically.]

### **Awards (Revised) (Leads Steve and Laurie)**

- Student Convention Awards (in progress) – Jen Theule
  
- Plans for additional section awards (scholarship, practice, some other award)

### **Communications (Revised Structure) – Laurie**

- Newsletter (Lead Laurie with support from EC) (shout out to Janine Montgomery for her role as leaders on the newsletter) (Laurie plans on revising it and a contest for renaming the newsletter) Debra will help on the practice focus. Sterrett Mercer will lead research to practice section. New version out this fall.

- Social Media (Leads Maria R. and Adam) start with Twitter. Generally will work through social media to promote the section. Spotlight on different school psychs, labs and research. Meet and greet. Share research findings. Promotional materials and such. Listserv as an option to be considered.

### **Continuing Education** – Judy

Considering webinars, continuing ed, 2.5 hr session on LD assessment currently available. New topics coming up and being considered.

### **Advocacy (New Committee – Lead Maria K)**

Maria Kokai will promote advocacy as an important, but previously ignored role for the section. This new committee will need representation from school psychologists across Canada. The committee will come back to ESP with plans

over the course of the year.

**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion** (New Committee – Leads Laurie & Maria R.)

**Action item:** committee to address open letter re: anti-black racism and there will be a report in August

#### **IX. Other Business**

- COVID Survey Results – Maria Rogers (reported results. There are significant issues for the current and future roles and employment for school and educational psychologists across Canada. There is a need to get the information to members as soon as possible. Maria will consider the best possible methods of disseminating the results to members and possibly the general public.)

- Canadian Journal of School Psychology Updates – Steven  
(CJSP has had the impact factor grow from 2017-no IF, 2018-0.54, 2019-.917. 2020 submissions increased 62% from 2019. Median time to first decision decreased from 39 days in 2019 to 32 days in 2020. Several special issues are planned for the next three years. Also Damien Cormier has joined as an associate editor. Janine Montgomery ends her term at the end of 2020—and many thanks to Janine’s fine and professional work.)

- Thank you and Acknowledgements for Service to the Section – Laurie (shout out to Rachel Weber, Janine Montgomery – newsletter and AE of CJSP, Maria Kokai as an excellent treasurer and secretary, Maria Rogers as a support, support mentor and partnership of Judy Wiener; Ester Cole as a champion and support of Laurie as chair)

- Comments from Incoming Section Chair – Maria Rogers (acknowledgment and focus on collaboration, inclusion, and diversity)

X. Adjourn Formal AGM  
Meeting adjourned by acclamation