

Minutes of CPA Educational and School Psychology Section Annual General Meeting, June 8, 2017

Recorded by Debra Lean

Section Chair, Judith Wiener, called the meeting to order at 4:15.

In attendance there were: Judith Wiener; Debra Lean; Esther Cole; Carolyn Lennox; Melissa Mueller; Ashley Press; Lauren Goegan; Lindsey Nadon; Clarissa Cheong; Sarah Babcock; Steven Shaw; Adam McCrimmon; Tim Hogan; Dawn Hanson; Simon Levy; Hadas Dahary; Maria Toubbfina; Tim Claypool; Heather Paul; Natalze Holtby; Dan Stephenson; Nathalie Sagor; Carolyn Taylor; Randip Gill; Janet Amos; Barbara Holmes; Bill McKee; Gregory Davis; Loredana Marchiaca; Micah Tilley; Gabrielle O'Haral; Joseph Snyder; Juanita Mureika; Don Saklofske; Alexandra Ruddy, Troy Janzen; Coranne Johnson; Shalini Sivathanan;

**Approval of Agenda, as drafted, moved by Bill McKee and seconded by Ester Cole CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes of the 2016 Section Annual General Meeting as drafted CARRIED**

Moved by – Adam McCrimmon, seconded by Juanita Mureika

**Approval of Treasurer's report – Moved by Bill McKee and seconded by Joe Snyder CARRIED**

Juanita reported on behalf of Allyson Harrison who was unable to attend. The report did not include some current spending so the budget is incomplete. There is still a large surplus, and CPA has indicated that by the end of 2017, all surplus budgets will be taken back up to a \$5000 maximum balance. We require a project to spend the surplus funds that benefits all members of the Section. A request will be sent out to the membership for creative ideas.

**Approval of Chair's Report**

Judy Wiener highlighted sections of the Chair's Report including:

- The revamped section website, including the document *School Psychology in Canada: Roles, Training and Prospects*
- The election of officers and student members: Members at Large –Debra Lean & Adam McCrimmon (acclaimed), Student members: Shalini Sivathanan, Alexandra Ruddy, and Lauren Goegan.
- Relationship with the Canadian Association of School Psychologists (CASP) and the Canadian Journal of School Psychology (CJSP) – Don Saklofske spoke about the history of CASP and selling CJSP to Sage; there are ongoing discussions with CPA regarding issues around the journal

**Newsletter Report**

Juanita reported on Janine's behalf

The most recent issue was just released. We are moving to two standard publication times a year with fixed submission and publication dates. A big goal of the newsletter is student engagement. We are working on themed issues, and the next one will be on the theme of Truth and Reconciliation. We are

also exploring submissions in French; it was suggested that we start with translating the key parts of the newsletter.

### **Convention Report**

Tina Montreuil reported that there are 80 posters, 4 symposia and 2 workshops at the convention this year. She thanked the reviewers of all the submissions, Laurie Ford, Don Saklofske, Adam McCrimmon, Debra Lean, Juanita Murieka and Amanda Bartoni.

### **Poster Awards**

Troy Janzen and Jennifer Theule were on this committee. Troy reported that there were 11 posters, and there were 7 successful winners – 5 for third place, and one each for second and first place. Certificates were awarded to the winners who were in attendance at the AGM and the winners were encouraged to post their certificates next to their poster at the poster presentation tomorrow. The reviewers were thanked: Jennifer Theule, Laurie Ford, Tina Montreuil, Lauren Goegan and Alexandra Ruddy.

### **Inaugural Canadian School Psychology Trainer's Network**

Laurie Ford stated that this meeting, which occurred last evening at OISE, was fabulously successful. Over 30 attended, representing graduate training programs, school psychology practitioners who supervised interns and 4 school board Chief Psychologists, as well as a few graduate students. There are plans to continue this network, with the attendees receiving some correspondence on next steps in the next few weeks.

### **Increasing Involvement in the Section by Practitioners**

Juanita led discussion about the Section being inclusive of practitioners, and providing information through the website, newsletter and convention to meet their needs. This could include a practitioner's corner in the newsletter, and some targeted presentations for next year's convention, as well as directly contacting practitioners in the Montreal area for next year's convention.

### **Special Projects – Continuing Education**

Judy led a discussion on gathering ideas about webinars and other activities that the Section could work on. Several members gave examples of CE activities they had either developed or knew of. Bill McKee suggested that we could use the budget surplus to develop some CE resources.

### **Mechanisms for honouring members who have made outstanding contributions to Educational and School Psychology**

Judy led a discussion on considering honouring members who have made outstanding contributions to the Section. The Executive will investigate this.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20.