Canadian Psychological Association

Section on Psychologists in Hospital and Health Centres (PHHC)

AGM
June 9, 2016
CPA Annual Convention, Victoria BC

Present: Brent Hayman-Abello, Theo de Gagne (Member at Large), Kerri Ritchie (recorder for P. Henderson, Secretary-Treasurer), Susan Jerrott, Kerry Mothersill (Chair, Guidelines Committee), Deanne Simms (Section Chair), Peggy O’Byrne (Chair-Elect, Chair-Leadership and Mentorship Committee), Simone Kortese, Robin Adkins, Andrea Piotrowski, Sharon Guger, Fanie Collardeau (Student Representative), Lara Hiseler (Chair, Communication Committee), Vicky Wolfe, Ryan Schult, Stewart Longman, Maxine Holmqvist

1. Opening Remarks

2. Approval of the Agenda
Agenda approved as circulated (Degagne, Mothershill)

3. Approval of the Minutes, AGM 2015
Minutes of meeting of 2015 AGM approved: (Guger, Hayman-Abello)

4. Chair’s report (Deanne)
   • Section is now 4 years old
   • Met 7 times in 2015
   • Co-authored letter to editor in Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health
   • Provided consultation to members who are dealing with difficult situations
Included support, resources & suggestions
Special piece in Canadian Psychology - discussed special needs of psychologists in health care settings
CPA conference
Peggy was conference coordinator
1 Section-Invited Speaker Session - Kelty Online Therapy, Vancouver Coastal
2 workshops
2 symposia
Addition of Graduate symposia
AGM & Reception

5. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report (Deanne on behalf of Peter)
Expenditures - 2016 convention workshop, reception, speaker, AGM
Support for guidelines committee
Ideas for expenditures : Event and invited speaker for 2017

Membership
2016 - Full members 155, Student members 2
2015 - Full members 162, Student members 55
2014 - Full members 160, Student members 361
2013 - Full members 130, Students members 272

Change in membership likely reflects changes in membership dues - change from 0 (students) and 10 (full) the year before to 5 dollars (students) and 15 dollars (full) members.
Budget breakdown presented and approved (Mothershill, Wolfe).

6. Communications Committee Report (Chaired by Hiseler)
Three issues of the newsletter were produced (fall, winter spring/summer)
Sent out a number of emails - feedback is that there could be more emails or a listserve for members to communication with Executive and one another
Established a social media presence
Looking at online presence, as it relates to communicating with members and student members, including the website

7. Guidelines Committee Report (Chaired by Mothersill)
Two guidelines were developed:
Document on how to organize psychological services
Use of office space and need for office space for psychologist and anyone who is seeing patients
There will be additional guidelines in the coming year
8. Leadership and Mentorship Committee (Chaired by O'Byrne)

- Enhance systems of communicating among PPCs, leaders, department, and Chiefs
- Develop strategies to gather information on key issues related to psychology leadership practice and roles in hospitals (e.g., leadership structures, leadership roles and responsibilities, best practice for assuring strong professional practice structures
- Implemented pre-conference workshop focused on leadership development
- Planned workshop for practice leaders and interested psychologists for 2016 conference in Victoria
- Collected data, will place in official statements and policies, impact institutions in a systematic way
- Projects to consider 2016-2017
- Need to become more systematic
- More defined - put things on paper
- Preconference symposium?
- Organizing a full conference in leadership
- Mentorship program
- Build information gathered from 2014 survey (Vicky Wolfe)
- Increase the subcommittee membership

9. Awards Committee Report

- Dr. Julie Eichstedt in the London Child and Adolescent Mental Health program awarded the section excellence award
- Evidenced based clinical practice, supervision of trainees, and research

10. Student Representative Report (Collardeau)

- Organized first graduate student symposium
- Increased social media presence on Twitter
- Student presence in newsletter
- Sent emails and student centered correspondence
- Raised awareness of the benefits of student membership
- Corresponded with student committee member Gregory Tippen to try too increase student involvement and interest

- Next steps
- Create a document to students experiences of the internship application process
- Increase section student membership
- Continue to increase/enhance sections social media presence
- Organize another graduate symposium
11. Election of New Executive

Acclaimed positions:

- Past chair – Bob McIlwraith
- Chair elect - Vicky Wolfe
- Secretary treasurer - Amanda Pontefract
- Motion to Acclaim (Longman, Holmqvist)

- Peggy cannot step into her role as chair this year
- Deanne Simms agrees to stay in chair role for one more year
- Membership vote for Deanne to remain in role (unanimous)
- Theo Degagne will extend his Member at Large role for 2016-2018
- Member at large position open:

  - Two nominations
    - Stephanie Dubois
    - Dawn Phillips

- Query from the floor can there be a motion to have them both declared member at large?
- Clarification that one can move into the position and the other can work on a subcommittee
- A membership vote occurred by a show of hands - Dr. Phillips was elected to the member at large position

12. Recognition of Outgoing Members of the Executive Committee

- Peter Henderson, Laura Hiseler, and Peggy O'Byrne aware ending their work on the executive

13. Other Business

Proposed revisions of bylaws

- Proposal to rename bylaws into terms of reference. Sections are a part of CPA, bylaws are for separate organizations
- Wording of how committee is comprised
- Move towards more engagement of members - work on making this a more inclusive process, the "x" committee shall consist or another section member designated by the executive committee
- Motion to approve the proposed revision (Hayman Abello, Jerrott) - motion passes

Next AGM meeting in June next year at CPA in Toronto