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Section on Psychologists in Hospital and Health Centres (PHHC)

AGM

June 9, 2017

CPA Annual Convention, Toronto, ON

Present: Stephanie Greenham, Marian Boer, AnnaMarie Carlson, Cindy Quir, Andrea Piotrowski, Leonard Greenwood, Michael Teschuk, David Pilon, Bob McIlwraith (past Chair), Amanda Pontefract (secretary treasurer and recorder), Vicky Wolfe (Chair Elect), Deanne Simms (Chair), Julia Grummisch.

1. Approval of the Agenda (Vicky Wolfe)

- Agenda approved as circulated

2. Approval of the Minutes of meeting June 9, 2016

- Minutes of meeting of 2016 AGM approved

3. Chair's report (Deanne Simms)

- Working on enhancing student involvement
- Working on media strategies
- Prepare for CAPO 2018
- Dawn Phillips integral part of putting together convention programming including:
 - Pre-convention workshop
 - 2 symposia
 - Workshop on scope of practice in hospitals
 - Reception
 - Gimme 5
 - Poster session

- Graduate symposia
- AGM
- Collaborated with other sections, including supporting other section content
- Deanne and Bob McIlwraith co-authored response in *Canadian Journal of Pediatrics* to commentary by pediatrician colleagues stating we need psychologists
- Author is polling section chairs of challenges and successes of practicing psychology across Canada-in *Canadian Psychology*
- Vicky Wolfe transitioning to role of Chair
- Section is 5 years old; Bob McIlwraith and Vicky Wolfe founding members
- Time to realign and reorient goals of section
 - To support psychologists in hospitals and health centres
 - Manage barriers in public sector and help public access our services

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Amanda Pontefract)

- Budget up to June 2017 reviewed
- Expenditures – convention, awards, PHHC T-shirts, reception,
- Ideas for expenditures: convention speakers, reception, student subsidy for ICAP 2018
- Membership
 - 2017 - Full members 162, Student members 39
 - 2016 - Full members 155, Student members 23
 - 2015 - Full members 162, Student members 55
 - 2014 - Full members 160, Student members 381
 - 2013 - Full members 130, Students members 272
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- Historically, generated revenue through workshops, but no longer an option
- Send any suggestions for spending of funds to Vicky, including ideas for Section presenters for next year
- Should have a balance no greater than \$5,000

5. Communications Committee Report (Deanne Simms on behalf of Theo DeGagne)

- 2 editions of newsletter
- Theo worked on building virtual community and space to share info
- List serve - a way for members to talk with one another
- Section management system- portal that members can log onto, eventually should be a web chat space is that secure
- Not ready, need sign off from CPA lawyers

6. Guidelines Committee Report – no update

7. Leadership and Mentorship Committee (Vicky Wolfe)

- Discussion and information gathered around building leadership and leadership issues

- Some issues specific to working in hospital sections and program management
- Early on, Kerry Mothersill developed a managers guide to Psychology for Alberta
- Vicky has one on the website for IWK
- The objective is to remind managers where psychology has expertise

8. Student Representative Report (Vicky Wolfe on behalf of Fanie Collardeau)

- Student committee has been very active; organized the student symposium
- Abstracts sent out abstracts to review
- Bob McIlwraith encouraged Members to attend student symposium

9. Election of New Executive Members (Bob McIlwraith)

- One nominee for each position
- Chair-elect- Simone Kortstee
- Member at large- Marcie Balch
- Student Representative-Julia Grummisch

10. Recognition of Outgoing Members of the Executive Committee (Deanne Simms)

- Bob McIlwraith, Theo DeGagne, Fanie Collardeau

11. Other Business

Proposed amendments to PHHC Section Terms of Reference (Deanne Simms)

- 11 in favour, 1 abstain
- **Student rep from 1 to 2 years- motion to extend** (Andrea Piotroski and Bob McIlwraith). all in favour, with the following discussion
 - Asked if other students polled on their thoughts-Fanie Collardeau asked Julia Grummisch and she supported this change
 - CCPPP- students were polled and liked the 2-year idea (Mike Teschuk)
 - Question raised re: what to do if student is no longer a student after 1 year
 - Has happened previously when it was renewable, and student finished out last month of their term
 - Would it be a problem to be under supervised practice?
 - Does the term say what year they ought to be in to take on the role?
 - CCPPP- pre internship and internship year- brings good perspective
 - What about a student coming on one year, and another then next?
 - This has been happening informally
 - Now it is 1-year, with option to extend for 2nd year
 - Steep learning curve, in terms of orienting, and initiating projects

Initial amendment: Chair from 1-year Chair Elect, 1-year Chair, 1-year Past Chair -were sent email about this amendment

- 2-year Chair Elect, 2-year chair, 2 -year Past Chair (motion - Andrea Piotroski, Bob McIlwraith)

- Rationale is appreciation of steep learning curve moving from Chair Elect into Chair position, with first year as Chair, as preparation for second year as a chair
- Issue raised that some may hesitate to take on 6-year commitment
- Other ways to build capacity in a meaningful year
- Chair Elect 1 year, Chair 2 years, Past Chair 1 or 2 years- 4-year commitment rather than 6-year (motion Deanne)
- Chair Elect would start 2nd year
- Historically when PHHC Section formed, positions were for 2 years
- Risk that some might not sign up because of long commitment, but Section could burn through talent very fast if it's only one year
- Suggested that one would need to be very clear about the role requirements in order to obtain institutional support
- How about reduce Chair Elect and Past Chair to one year
- Noted that a key distinction for this section is that we are dependent on being employed in a hospital to be in this section
- **Motion—1-year Chair Elect, 2-year Chair, 1 year Past Chair**
- Motion to amend as above, passes by 12

Possible goals for next year (Vicky Wolfe)

- Develop and distribute survey of psychologists in hospitals and health centres
- Support a national speaker on psychology and leadership for CPA 2018
- Provide data to support our advocacy; design some data strategies
- Would be great to have some expertise come to chat with our group
- How we can be proactive and be ready for new developments in health care system
- Collaboration and problem solving around working with testing companies to ensure in keeping with our ethical practices and not too costly
- Concern is that cloud based technology-info off site, even out of country
- Academic colleagues might be able to help
- Pearson and MHS issue- has been addressed- in-Canada storage
- Areas to look at:
 - Informed consent-gathering, inconsistency across professions
 - Giving tests prior to informed consent, not always given by psychologists
- Professional affairs -2019 -professional training of psychologists in Canada (Deanne Simms)
 - Karen Cohen and Sam Mikhail will be polling different sections on content
 - Issue of Canadian psychology to be dedicated to the topic prior to convention
 - Our section could add a strong voice to that initiative

12. Adjournment (Vicky)

- Next AGM meeting in June, Montreal, ICAP 2018
- Meeting adjourned (Bob McIlwraith, Amanda Pontefract)