



**PSYCHOLOGISTS & RETIREMENT
SECTION
PSYCHOLOGUES ET LA RETRAITE**

Minutes of SPAR Section Annual Meeting

June 13, 2025

St. John's Convention Center, NL

- ❖ **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was attended by Elaine Clark, Deborah Fitzpatrick, Tim Hogan, KellyAnne Little, and Juanita Mureika in person, and Jean Haley and Frances Owen virtually.
- ❖ **Approval of Agenda and 2024 SAM Minutes and Monthly Meetings**
The agenda was approved by those in attendance. Since minutes of all meetings have been circulated to the full membership and no objections were heard, approval was assumed.
- ❖ **Membership and Financial Report**
The Section now has 66 members, including:
 - 4 Student
 - 43 CPA Members
 - 6 Retired Members
 - 13 Honorary Life Members/CPA Fellows

Our current balance is \$ 2888.08, with anticipated expenses:

- \$214.90 Zoom Account
- \$ 76.50 Gift for Susan Walsh

❖ **Nominations/Election of Officers**

No new nominations were received, so the current executive will continue to serve.:

- Juanita Mureika, Co-Chair
- Dawn Hanson, Co-Chair
- Elaine Clark, Member at Large
- Margaret De Corte, Member at Large
- KellyAnne Little, Student Representative

Given that KellyAnne expects to be graduating soon, it was agreed that she would continue on the Executive as a Member at Large, but will scout for another student to replace that position on the Executive.

❖ **Summary of Current Activities**

Survey of Provincial Registrars was completed by all provinces, and the number of active psychologists in each province has been summarized. An article describing these results has been submitted to Psynopsis, in hopes of publication. It should provide excellent information for advocacy for the profession.

❖ **New Projects?**

It was agreed that we needed to learn more about how to effectively advocate for the profession with politicians and media. CPA has some resources that we need to access.

We discussed the possibility of a new Fact Sheet on Retirement for Psychologists, since there are a number of considerations that would make this process more intricate than it might be for other professionals. For example, the process, protocols, and timing for retiring files may vary by province, as is the need for a professional will and heir to the files. This might be a topic for another Fact Sheet, or inclusion in the proposed Fact Sheet on Retirement for Psychologists. (It was noted that this process is unique to private practitioners and very different for those in public service.)

The Section has been following the ongoing discussions by ASPPB and CHRSP on the possibility of harmonization (or recognition) of credentialing across provinces to strengthen the profession. We will continue to monitor these discussions as virtual therapy is becoming more acceptable and prevalent across the country. The Maritime provinces are currently moving in that direction.

❖ Other business

We felt it would be important to update information from each province about file destruction. This was done several years ago and needs to be updated.

It was agreed that monthly virtual meetings will continue as they have provided the Section members with a sense of vitality and connection. The next scheduled meeting is June 26, 2025 at 1:30pm ET.

❖ Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00. Moved by Elaine Clark and seconded by Jean Haley.

Recorded by: KellyAnne Little and transcribed by Juanita Mureika