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Dear Fellow NCR Chapter Members and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Executive, I wish to extend a sincere greeting to all our members. It has been a pleasure to serve as Chapter President these past two years and I am excited to be continuing in the role for a final season. This position has provided me many wonderful opportunities not only for personal development, but also the privilege of being able to meet and get to know so many of the members that make the chapter so vibrant and strong. I encourage you to reach out and share your comments, feedback, and suggestions with me or any of the members of the Board of Directors. Your participation helps ensure the Chapter successfully meets its mandate to provide professional development and networking opportunities for Counsellors, Psychotherapists, and related professionals.

While most are enjoying some down time, the summer has been a busy one for the Board of Directors as they have been working hard putting together another excellent line-up of professional development events. This upcoming season is filled with high quality speakers, compelling workshops, and enjoyable opportunities to network and get to know others in the field.

Please take some time to read the information in this newsletter as well as the enclosed flyers to learn more about this year's exciting schedule of activities.

2014-2015 Program

The NCR Chapter aims to provide its members access to high quality professional development opportunities which qualify for Continuing Education Credits (CECs). We do this by offering evening speaker presentations (including two francophone presentations), held monthly from September through May at St. Paul University. We continue to be able to provide these monthly presentations without fee or registration. In addition to our monthly lectures, two full-day workshops and one half-day Fundraiser workshop are offered during the year.

Last year's events were very well attended and, with its line-up of excellent speakers presenting a wide range of topics, I expect this year's events to be even more popular. I encourage you to read through the attached schedule and register early for workshops, as they may fill up quickly.

Other Chapter Activities

For the past two years, the NCR Chapter has offered an evening social event in a beautiful hotel suite overlooking downtown Ottawa and the Gatineau hills. These events have been extremely well attended, and the feedback has been incredibly positive. It was a pleasure to be able to meet and share with so many of our members in this comfortable setting, and it was clear that these events are a value to those who attend. The Board of Directors will be planning other social events this year and I encourage you to attend if you are able. We will send out more information about these events as they are finalized.

In closing, I would like to extend a big thank-you to the NCR Chapter Board and Executive who have worked hard through the summer to organize this year's schedule of events. Their significant investment of time and energy during this time and throughout the year allows us to continue to provide these high quality events, and ensures that the NCR Chapter remains vibrant and relevant to our members. If you are looking for an opportunity for professional growth and want to further support the chapter, I encourage you to consider volunteering for our Board of Directors. You can speak to any of our current or past board members to learn more about the benefits of getting involved.

We sincerely hope that you find the 2014-15 schedule of events to be relevant and engaging and we welcome any feedback you may have on the NCR Chapter's work. You are encouraged to share this year's program within your professional networks and with any other contacts who may benefit. If you have any questions or comments, or would like some information about becoming more involved in the Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Best Regards,

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