

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are a young organization, formed in 2012 about the same time as the College was getting underway, and designed to complement the new NSCCT.

In the past year the executive activities included finally getting our website up which covers the history and objectives of CCPA-NS, surveying the members in October, 2013 to determine their preferences for PD and networking opportunities, and planning and organizing 2 of these events.

The assistance and practical support from CCPA has been outstanding. CCPA National staff assisted in developing our constitution and bylaws. To their more recent help designing and formatting our website and getting information bulletins out to our members. These are just a few examples of the advantages of being a 'satellite organization' of a National body.

There are challenges ahead if the organization is to move forward. Some executive members who have served for 2 years are stepping down and new executive members are needed. For the year ahead we want to continue to plan PD opportunities (the members provided us with a long 'wish list' in the survey); we would like to print a brochure for our Chapter (partially underway); I would like to see the chapter consider awards to members such as travel assistance to attend the CCPA national conferences; and finally it is in the interests of CCPA-NS to do more to engage with other Mental Health/Counselling organizations to plan joint PD events, and open collaborative discussions about working together to enhance our profession.

Respectfully submitted,