

School Counsellors Chapter (SCC)

This report covers the period of: October, 2013 to March, 2014

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Chapter Officers & Executive Members:

Trent Langdon– President (NL)

Belinda Josephson– Vice-President (NS)

Margie Cain – Past President (PEI)

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Tammy Strong – Member at Large (NB)

Gisele Lalonde – CCPA Board Liaison (SK)

Membership:

As of the end of March, 2014, we are pleased to report that the SCC membership continues to grow and now stands at 409 members.

Activities:

- Within the time frame for this report, three formal teleconference meetings were held along with additional meetings for planning of the inaugural National School Counselling Week. The SCC Executive meets monthly from September to June.
- National School Counselling Week (NSCW 2014) – This initiative has been the primary focus for our Chapter since the last report. Held from February 3rd – 7th, the response for this week demonstrated that there was a significant need for a collective time of celebration and acknowledgement of our profession within our schools. School counsellors from across the country participated in school and community-based activities that were created from ideas and resources provided by our Chapter (many of which were adapted with permission from the American School Counsellors Association). This inaugural year was piloted in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of CCPA next year. There is no doubt that this event will continue to grow and build enthusiasm with time.

It is significant to note that a \$3000.00 Chapter Support Fund grant has been received by our Chapter to assist with preparations related to this initiative. These monies will certainly enhance our efforts as we move forward. The support of President Blythe and the diligent work of the CCPA staff (Barbara, Nicole, Karina...) enabled us to launch this event in very short order this year. A special thanks...

- March Meeting with the Ministry of Health & Wellness in Nova Scotia – As a result of continuing lobbying efforts by the CCPA and Past President Lorna, concerning support

of mental health services within Canadian schools, our Chapter was able to secure a meeting with Ministry representatives. Our Chapter Vice-President, Belinda Josephson and Beth Robinson co-presented. From all accounts, the session was quite valuable with great insight provided pertaining to the reality of student mental health and the state of associated services. Special thanks to the CCPA Executive and the Communications staff (Kim) for their support of this significant opportunity for our Chapter.

Chapter Finances

- Trent Langdon (President), Belinda Josephson (Vice-President), Mike Leier (SCC Treasurer), and Lorraine Engel (Sask. - CCPA & SCC Member) are signing officers. The balance as of March 26th, 2014, was \$7434.64. An official bank statement and treasurer's report can be provided if required.

Planned Activities

- 2014 CCPA National Conference (Victoria, B.C.) - The SCC will be holding its AGM in May, 2014, during the conference. The SCC will also be hosting a chapter table during the conference as a means of sharing school counselling and chapter information with conference attendees.
- The SCC launched the CCPA School Counselling Award during the 2013 CCPA National Conference and this award will be first presented in 2014 (in Victoria, B.C.). The SCC Award has been established to recognize the work of exceptional school counsellors and acknowledge their personal and professional commitment to the profession. The award will include a \$300.00 monetary component as well as a plaque.
- National School Counselling Week 2015 – Our Chapter is anticipating further growth and expansion of this initiative as we celebrate 50 years of the CCPA as well as the school counselling profession within Canada.

Once again, a huge thanks to the staff of the CCPA National Office as well as Gisele Lalonde (CCPA Board Liaison) for their continued professional direction and support.