

## **Counsellor Educators Chapter**

**This report covers the period of:** June 2014 to May 2015.

**Submitted by:** Dr Patrice Keats (President)

### **Current Chapter Officers**

*President:* Patrice Keats

*Past President:* Robert Baudouin

*President-Elect:* Jose Domene

*Treasurer/Secretary:* Jeffrey Landine

### **Membership**

As of March 31st 2015, we have 184 members (similar to last year). In our by-laws, we have outlined specific types of membership for people interested in our chapter: full members, associate members, and student members. Currently, we have worked with the main office staff to sort out these different levels of memberships in relation to fees, updated the "How to Join" section of our website, and revisited how the waived fee for student members is administered in main office.

### **CCPA Annual Conference: Counsellor Educators Chapter Day**

Much effort has gone into the creation of the Counsellor Educators Chapter day on May 19th in Niagara Falls. We are beginning the day with an invited presentation by Drs. Beth Robinson and Jeff Landine called "*Staying the Ethical Course in Clinical Supervision as a Counsellor Educator.*" We anticipate that this talk/discussion will be very helpful for our members. During the lunch period (the Chapter is supplying the lunch for our members this year), Bill Borgen and Sharon Robertson will led a discussion on the current accreditation issues and status of CACEP. This is a follow-up from a conversation that was started at last year's Counsellor Educator Chapter AGM. At that time, members from various programs offered concerns and discussed questions around the accreditation process. After lunch, we will begin our AGM meeting with the president's report, election (ratification) of the 2015/2016 executive committee, a vote on changes in the by-law, and a discussion about the results of the supervision survey. We end the day with the presentation of the Doctoral Student Dissemination Award and a presentation by the winner.

### **Chapter Doctoral Student Dissemination Award**

After the adjudication process, the executive committee is pleased to announce that Emily Doyle (PhD student; University of Calgary) is this year's winner of the Doctoral Student Dissemination Award. The Counsellor Educators Chapter executive offers congratulations to Ms Doyle.

### **Counsellor Educators Chapter Table**

On May 20th we will have our Counsellor Educator Chapter brochures at the CE Chapter table.

### **Counsellor Educators Chapter Trading Card**

We created a Counsellor Educator Chapter trading card as a contribution to be included with other trading cards from various chapters as a way of both promoting the chapter and socially engaging the CCPA conference attendees.

### **Communication with Members**

The Counsellor Educators Chapter executive met approximately once a month via teleconference. We have also made an effort to send out updates, announcements, and requests from members (e.g., research call for participants) that concern the Counsellor Educator membership on a regular basis.

In the previous year, the only means of communication with members had been through our email list; essentially passing on messages originating from the Main Office. At the suggestion of members (from last year's survey) we have worked on developing some new communication networks such as a Counsellor Educators Chapter forum and blog. Additionally, we also added a Consultation list of members made up of Chapter members who volunteered to make themselves available for consultation on a range of clinical and research issues.

### **Key Executive Activity**

One significant issue arising this past year was an initiative of CCPA members to create a chapter specifically focused on supervision in a variety of supervisory contexts across Canada. The Counsellor Educators Chapter executive is concerned that a new chapter may be unnecessary. In an effort to guide the Chapter and the Association, the executive committee has currently developed a survey to understand our member's views on their concerns about supervision issues and their needs within our chapter. We anticipate having the results of the survey ready for our AGM meeting next month so that the incoming executive members can be clearer about what might be missing and needed, or currently present and satisfactory for our members. If we are able to complete the analysis of the survey by the AGM, we will have time for discussion about our Chapter members' supervision needs. The executive members did a thorough update of the Counsellor Educators Chapter website. All documents that were out of date were archived and links to necessary professional information are now included (e.g., Consultation list, counsellor regulation).

We also revised some of the wording in the Counsellor Educators Chapter By-laws to make the by-laws current. We are in the process of sending out the document to our membership so that they can read it and prepare to vote on the changes at the AGM during the CCPA conference.

### **Financial Issues**

In previous years there have been struggles around signing authority for our Counsellor Educators Chapter accounts because of executive members being in different provinces across Canada and the banking requirements for two signatures on any check written.

We made arrangements this year for three of our members (president, president-elect, secretary/treasurer) to be available to sign checks when needed (e.g., at the annual conference for the Award cheque). This practice will continue through next year.

### **Casebook Distribution**

This year we have also had the opportunity to distribute the new ethics casebook to our members (Martin, L., Shepard, B., & Lehr, R. (Eds.). (2015). *Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Experience: Issues-Based Ethics and Cases*. Ottawa, ON: CCPA,).

### **Doctoral Student Dissemination Award Updated**

In the process of announcing the award, the executive recognized that the award description needed some revision to make it more current and to make plans to send the call for applicants sooner in the year to give more students the opportunity to apply. The changes are posted on the Counsellor Educator Chapter website.

### **Planned Activities**

There is an early deadline (May 30th) for presentation submissions for the next CCPA annual conference in Montreal in 2016. This early deadline will push forward the need to develop the next Counsellor Educators Chapter day in a short period. Some changes we would like to implement for next year is to have the Chapter day as part of the main conference rather than during the pre-conference activities. We also want to make sure that members of our chapter make presentation submissions as soon as possible.

### **Changes for the Counsellor Educator Chapter Executive**

In an anticipation of a ratification by our members at the Annual General Meeting in May 2015, our current president, Patrice Keats, will take the position of past-president, our current president-elect, Jose Domene will take the position of president, our current secretary-treasurer, Jeff Landine will take the position of president-elect, and Liette Goyer will take the position of secretary-treasurer.

We thank our past president, Robert Baudouin, for his three years of service on the Counsellor Educator Chapter executive committee. I have enjoyed working with him these last two years and have very much appreciated his thoughtful ideas and advocacy for the Chapter and the Chapter's activities in the CCPA as a whole.

### **Concluding Remarks**

The executive committee of the Counsellor Educator Chapter is pleased with the productive activities and accomplishments of the past year, and we anticipate another productive year ahead for the anticipated incumbent executive and the members of our Chapter.