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Dear Fellow NCR Chapter Members and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to offer a warm summer greeting to all our members. The past year has been a very successful year in terms of your NCR Chapter providing you with a wide variety of professional development activities. It has been an honour to serve as President of the NCR Chapter in 2015 and 2016 and I look forward to another successful year in 2016 and 2017. It is a privilege to meet and get to know so many of the members that make the chapter so vibrant and strong. I encourage each of you to continue to reach out and share your comments, feedback, and suggestions with me or any of the members of the Board of Directors. It goes without saying, of course, that if your interest leads you toward serving your members of the NCR Chapter that there may be a seat available to you on the Board of Directors.

This upcoming season is filled with high quality speakers, valuable 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.

#### **2016-2017 Program**

The NCR Chapter aims to provide its members access to high quality professional development opportunities which may qualify for Continuing Education Credits (CECs). We do this by offering evening speaker presentations held monthly from September through May at Saint Paul University. We continue to be able to provide these monthly presentations without fee or registration. In addition to our monthly presentations, three full-day workshops are offered throughout the year; one in the Fall, one in the Winter and one in the Spring.

#### **Other Chapter Activities**

The NCR Chapter offers social networking events that have been extremely well attended, and generated positive feedback. The Board of Directors will be planning more social events this year and I encourage you to attend when you are able. We will send out more information about these events as they are finalized. The Student Social in September and the Winter Social at the end of January are just two of the Social Networking Events that you may want to join in on.

A new event for us this year is the **SELF-CARE DAY** on September 24, 2016 – I hope that you will take a serious look at this event and join us for some reflexive activity.

In closing, I would like to extend a big thank-you to the NCR Chapter Board who have worked hard throughout the summer to organize this year's schedule of events. If you are looking for an opportunity for professional growth and development and want to further support the chapter, I encourage you to consider volunteering for our Board of Directors. We sincerely hope that you find the 2016-2017 Schedule of Events to be relevant and engaging and we welcome any feedback you may have on the NCR Chapter's work. In particular, we welcome your suggestions throughout the year on presentation and workshop topics that you believe would be most relevant and answer your needs for professional development.

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.

With all the great events that we work at organizing, I am always puzzled by the question of why don't more of our members attend the NCR Chapter events. Perhaps when we meet and talk you can tell me why.

Best,

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