

In 2016 at the AGM in Montreal, the CCPA Pastoral and Spiritual Care in Counselling Chapter instituted the Past President position as a non-voting member of the executive.

The purpose of the position is to ensure continuity of leadership and direction of the Chapter is maintained. It was also instituted as a mentoring role for the new President and Vice President as they begin to exercise their Board leadership roles.

As Past President, I was able to guide the approval process from CCPA to create a \$500 bursary to recognize the work of students in Pastoral or Spiritual Care in Counselling and acknowledge their personal and professional commitment to the profession.

PSCC Chapter Member at Large, Nicole Richard, was gracious enough to lead the development process and establish the application procedures for this award.

This was an important milestone as the award was approved at the 2014 AGM in Niagara Falls ON. Unfortunately, we did not receive any applications to be presented at the 2017 CCPA Conference in Newfoundland. It is our hope that we will receive applications for 2018.

The bursary award is now available on the CCPA website at <https://www.ccpa-accp.ca/chapters/pastoral-spiritual-care-counselling/> under the heading "Chapter Award".

PSCC Chapter will continue to offer this award every year, so we encourage all students in Pastoral or Spiritual Care in Counselling to apply.

I wish to thank Cathy Underhill, President and Nicole Richard, PSCC Member at Large for their support during the creation of this award and her persistence in communicating with CCPA National Office in Ottawa, ON, so that this award could become a reality.

As Past President, I am submitting this report at the 2017 AGM Meeting.

Gerard Vardy
PSCC Past President