



Technology and Innovative Solutions Chapter

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President's Message

TISC members,

I am very pleased and proud to pass the presidential baton to Sherry Law. These past couple of years while I have served as president, Sherry, in her role as President Elect, constantly encouraged and supported me in innumerable ways. Our young Chapter is where it is today in large part because of Sherry's insight, youthful enthusiasm, and vision. A tangible example is our Chapter's foundational committee structure, which was Sherry's idea early on. Committees allow each board member to have a specific area of focus. As well, our committees are open to all — any interested member is encouraged get involved.

More than anything, I trust Sherry's leadership capacity. I base this confidence on her character, her youthful energy, her ability to think big picture and small, as well as her empathy and awareness of what our members need.

Here's an inside scoop: Every new leader feels like a fraud at some level. I did. Still do. (What's a past president supposed to do?) I tried to be genuine about that with the board while I was president and I think doing so gave others room to step up and be engaged. "Presidenting" is a we-thing. And Sherry knows how to be a we-person.

And now my outgoing plea to you, esteemed members: Sherry will only do as much for the Chapter as you support her in doing. In a sense, *we collectively are the president*. Connect with Sherry or any of the board members.

Support Sherry. Support the board. Get involved if you want this Chapter to reach its incredible global potential.

Dan Mitchell, MA, CCC
Past President

Member Announcements

Technology Guidelines Update

You asked, we provided! Thank you for your feedback and comments about the Guidelines project in the last month. In June, the Technology and Innovative Solutions Chapter hosted a CCPA-wide webinar to present a rough draft of the guidelines!

If you missed it, here's a sneak peek! Ask yourself where you fit and what you have considered in the following technological competencies:

Basic Technological Competencies

- Encryption – learn what it is, and know how to access encrypted services to store records and deliver communication
- Backup systems – know how to securely store records and data on own system or via a secure, encrypted system for future reference, or in case of data loss/corruption
- Password protection – tips on how to better protect your devices
- Firewalls – security from malicious software
- Virus protection
- Hardware – understand basic terminology
- Software – know how to download and operate software and can assist clients with the same
- Third-party services – know where the data is stored, how it is used, who has access, and what the terms and conditions mean



We are still looking for feedback, so please follow our [blog](#) and join the conversation on our [Facebook Page](#) (@CCPATechGuidelinesProject).

You can follow us on our Twitter handle [#CCPATechGuidelinesProject](#). Stay tuned for more Guideline related updates!

CCPA Conference Includes Virtual Reality



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In May, some TISC members were in St. John's, Newfoundland for the Annual CCPA Conference. There

were icebergs, colourful houses, and screech to be enjoyed by all attending. Executive member Dawn Schell was there to present a rough draft of the Technology Guidelines Project, to enthusiastic response!

This conference also featured keynote speaker Stephane Bouchard who leads the [Cyberpsychology Laboratory](#) at the University of Quebec in Outaouais. He presented research for the use of Virtual Reality in treatment of phobias, anxiety, eating disorders, and compulsive behaviours. Not only was this a fascinating presentation, but [leading experts](#) are talking about the application of Virtual Reality in counselling environments as well!

Learn to Counsel Online

Now that using technology in counselling practice has come to the forefront of conversation, why not learn how to competently practice with it? Executive member [Lawrence Murphy](#) is a pioneer in online therapy methods and he is running a training program this summer! Learn how to communicate genuine emotion through text and discuss important ethical issues that could arise in online practice. [This course](#) is available to start soon! Don't miss out!

#JobCreatorsRadio Podcast Goes Live!

Executive member Shawn Smith has been very busy! A champion for Neurodiversity, and an entrepreneur himself, he has been invited to [share the stage](#) with Temple Grandin at the Trailblazing event in Florida this September.

To add to his contributions to the business and disabilities conversation, he aired his [first episode](#) of #JobCreatorsRadio with guest Amy Cosper last month. Check out his next episode on July 3rd with guest, Dr. Stephan Shore. Look [here](#) for more information.

Member contributions and professional development

We will be using this space to announce any professional development related to technology that our members would like to share to the rest of the group! Give us your contributions to celebrate in our newsletter and get involved!

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