



Technology and Innovative Solutions Chapter

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President's Message

Dear 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

National Guidelines Underway

As your fellow CCPA tech champions, we invite you to share in the discussion! The Technology and Innovative Solutions Chapter is hard at work developing practical recommendations on how to apply CCPA's Standards of Practice to allow counsellors and supervisors to safely enhance their services with increased awareness around privacy, security and jurisdictional risks associated to technology. This process will be informed through your input and feedback from other professionals on best practices, as well as on relevant evidence-based research.

Please follow our [blog](#) and join the conversation on our [Facebook Page](#) (@CCPATechGuidelinesProject).

Be a part of the unfolding project, and provide us with your valued feedback. For those of you who are Twitter users, you can follow us on our Twitter handle [#CCPATechGuidelinesProject](#). Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to engage with expert panelists and contribute to this ground level initiative!

Virtual Reality Research with Seniors

An interview has been done by the CBC on our President-Elect, Sherry Law's, virtual reality (VR) research with adults living in long term care. Sherry has been exploring the effects of VR on mood in long term care residents for the past few years. Please [have a look](#) at the exciting developments of this



innovative technology and its use cases in the therapeutic fields.

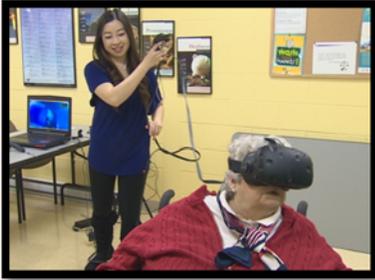


Photo courtesy of the CBC

For more information or if you would like to reach out to Sherry, please visit her on LinkedIn.

Awareness Through Animation

Executive member Shawn Smith, recipient of Catalyst Funding through the Pond-Deshpande Centre to create [this innovative animated short](#). Shawn teamed with Loogaroo Animation and Games to bring his vision to life. This 47 second animated short provides a brief explanation of Neurodiversity and describes Shawn's unique work

Shawn was also featured on Huddle. Today, an online publication that tells the stories of the creative, innovative and interesting entrepreneurs working in New Brunswick

and throughout the Maritimes. The article, Fredericton's Shawn Smith is Championing Uniqueness can be [found here](#). The article provides the context for Shawn's innovative approach, using his own personal experiences as an individual diagnosed at age 30 with ADHD Inattentive Type to help others.

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! Whether you are working on a project, involved in technology related groups, an app user who would like to share some experiences, or just have a great idea about technology and its role in counselling and psychotherapy, we would like to hear from you! Give us your contributions to celebrate in our newsletter and get involved!

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