

Counsellor Educators Chapter

This report covers the period of: May to September 2017

Submitted by: Roberta Neault (Chapter President)

Chapter Officers:

President: Roberta Neault

Past President: Jeff Landine

President-Elect: Peter Hall

Secretary/Treasurer: Liette Goyer

Board Liaison: Michel Turcotte

Membership:

Based on data from October 2017, there are 200 members of the CE chapter, which is a 7% decrease from the previous year (n = 216 in September 2016) and a 13% decrease from our report earlier this year (n = 231 in March 2017). Of the 196 Professional Members, 51 (25% of our total members) are students; in addition, we have 3 student representatives. Of our professional members (including students and QCA professional members), 42% (n = 83) are certified; 2 have honorary memberships, 2 are grandparented, and 1 is retired. One member is a “guest,” and 3 are QCA Professional Members (1 of whom is a student). Table 1 presents a more detailed breakdown by language and location; bracketed numbers are compared to April 2017.

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Language	English	193 (-28)
	French	7 (-1)
Location	Alberta	41 (-8)
	British Columbia	52 (-3)
	Manitoba	9 (+2)
	New Brunswick	13
	Newfoundland	8 (-3)
	Nova Scotia	12 (-1)
	Ontario	38 (-14)
	PEI	2 (-1)
	Quebec	11
	Saskatchewan	9 (-2)
International	5 (+1)	

Past activities (last 6 months)

Since the previous report in April 2017, the Chapter executive has met by teleconference 3 times (August, September, October).

In response to members’ requests in a previous survey (2014) for more communication and interaction, we have engaged in the following activities:

1. At the CCPA conference in St. John’s Newfoundland (May 2017)

- a. Hosted a lunch and our AGM on the pre-conference day
 - b. Hosted a pre-conference workshop on the topics of e-counselling and training counsellors online, facilitated by Lawrence Murphy of TherapyOnline
 - c. Presented our Doctoral Dissemination Award to Jen Rowett, UNB
 - d. Facilitated a panel presentation and discussion on the topic of “Counselling Education in Canada: What is Working and What Do We Need to Prepare For?”
 - e. Distributed our newly re-introduced newsletter (which was later sent to members via email in August 2017)
2. In August 2017, we sent a survey via email to members, asking them about:
 - a. Preferences for scheduling our next AGM
 - i. 100% preferred a lunch during the CCPA conference
 - b. Recommendations for Webinar topics
 - i. Suggestions included:
 1. How core faculty can engage efficiently and productively with sessional instructors so that these part-time faculty feel sufficiently informed and 'part of' the program
 2. Program advisory committees - function, focus, and process
 3. Coursework assignment development and the evaluation and feedback process- optimizing student learning and ensuring a manageable workload for instructors
 4. Program elements that contribute to a sense of 'program' above and beyond coursework and practicum
3. The Consultation List (previously posted on the CE Chapter website, but several years out of date) has been updated and re-posted on the site in October 2017
 4. We submitted a proposal to the Chapter Support Fund for a project that would provide some research and mapping support to the Certification Committee regarding some clusters of CCC applicants who seem “in spirit” to be suitable candidates but whose education doesn’t easily map to the specified requirements. The proposal was approved and the project is anticipated to begin in November 2017.
 5. Our Chapter President, Roberta Neault, represented the Counsellor Educators chapter at an October 20th meeting in Ottawa with other CCPA leaders focussed on “discerning how we might best align and integrate supervision with our programming, professional development, certification, and accreditation.”

Chapter Finances

Membership fees have remained the same as last year (\$20 for Members and Associate Members; \$0 for Student Members); we plan to charge \$20 for non-members who choose to attend our webinars, offering them a complimentary 1-year membership when they register. We have agreed to provide a \$500 honorarium per webinar to the webinar presenter(s). We have committed to contributing \$1250 (1/2 of the proposed budget) to Certification Mapping project (the balance will be paid by the Chapter Support Fund). Our current bank balance is: \$4,784.26.

Planned Activities

1. Our next newsletter is being translated and prepared for distribution in November 2017

2. Our AGM and lunch have been scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2018 at the CCPA conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba; this is the timing and format preferred by members who responded to the survey
3. We have agreed to offer space at our AGM for a report and discussion facilitated by the CACEP Advisory Committee about the Rejuvenation Initiative
4. We have submitted a proposal for the 2018 CCPA conference, using a similar panel discussion / consultation format as in 2017
5. Our Chapter Support Fund project will begin by hiring a bilingual research assistant; we anticipate proceeding with the research and making recommendations to the Certification Committee by early 2018
6. We have scheduled our first webinars:
 - a. December 6, 2 PM Eastern, Creative Strategies for Enhancing Student Engagement, Dr. Jill Cummings, Associate Dean of Faculty Development at Yorkville University, and co-editor of the recently published, *Creative Dimensions of Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century*.
 - b. January 25, 2PM Eastern, a presentation by Dr. Giorgio Tasca of the Psychotherapy Practice Research Network (PPRN) on their research on therapeutic alliance/ruptures, as well as about how counsellor educators may get involved in a recently funded study.
 - c. Spring 2018, Dr. Jeff Landine and Dr. Peter Hall will facilitate a webinar on Practicum Challenges and Creative Solutions.

Other

Certification Committee (Jeff Landine)

Supervision Committee (Roberta Neault)