

## Counsellor Educators Chapter

This report covers the period of: October 2017 to April 2018

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

We would like to acknowledge and thank Jeff Landine for his years of service on the board as his term as Past President comes to an end. Also leaving the board, unfortunately for health reasons, is our President-Elect, Peter Hall. We've appreciated his contributions on the board this year and wish him a speedy return to full health. We've identified a member who is willing to step in as President and anticipate that the upcoming elections will result in a smooth transition to the new board.

### **Membership:**

Based on data from April 2018, there are 173 members of the CE chapter, which is a 25% decrease from the previous year (n = 231 in March 2017). Of the 167 Professional Members, 16 are students; in addition, we have 5 student representatives. The Professional Student members are down significantly from the 51 previously reported. Of our professional members (including students and QCA professional members), 47% (n = 78) are certified; 2 have honorary memberships, 3 are grand-parented, 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 March 2017.

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Language	English	165 (-56)
	French	8 (no change)
Location	Alberta	34 (-15)
	British Columbia	42 (-13)
	Manitoba	11 (+4)
	New Brunswick	17 (+4)
	Newfoundland	7 (-4)
	Nova Scotia	13 (no change)
	Ontario	27 (-25)
	PEI	1 (-2)
	Quebec	11 (no change)
	Saskatchewan	7 (-4)
International	3 (-1)	

### **Past activities** (last 6 months)

For the 2017-2018 year, the Executive identified 5 priority areas of focus:

1. Increase membership by taking specific action
2. Continue our newsletter (launched at the conference in 2017)
3. Expand focus on supervision in the chapter (based on a previous CCPA survey)
4. Provide opportunities for more membership involvement
5. Continue to offer awards for student research and doctoral research dissemination

Of these, we have made some progress in all areas but, despite efforts to increase membership, have continued to see our numbers drop all year. We are working with CCPA's Manager of Operations to analyse membership data, hoping to identify patterns of member loss. From the numbers in the table above, our biggest decreases have been in student chapter memberships and in members from Ontario, followed by Alberta and British Columbia.

Since October 2017, we have engaged in the following activities:

1. **Executive meetings.** The Chapter executive has met by teleconference 5 times (November, January, February, March, and April).
2. **University liaisons.** To strengthen our connections with counsellor educators across the country (Priorities 1 and 4), we have invited representation from each counsellor education program recognized by CCPA to join a liaison group. We currently have 23 volunteer representatives and have held one orientation meeting (March 12) and communicated by email to request dissemination of announcements and to invite feedback and contributions for specific needs.
3. **Research.** Under the leadership of our Secretary/Treasurer, Liette Goyer, and with cost-sharing from CCPA's Chapter Support Fund, we hired a research assistant, Danielle Lemelin to examine the CCPA certification eligibility of master's level Career and Guidance Counselling and Art Therapy students attending French-language universities in Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick (linked to Priority 1). The project was completed in March 2018 and meetings are scheduled with the Registrar and the Chair of the Certification Committee to share the report. We thank the national CCPA office for co-funding this research and the team who worked so diligently to conduct it. Preliminary review suggests that the results will be very helpful in informing decisions about future applications for certification.
4. **Webinars.** To provide more opportunities for member involvement (Priority 4), we initiated a webinar series; to date, 3 webinars have been offered:
  - a. Nov. 21: "Who are we?" served as an introduction to the Chapter and the current executive team. It was recorded and is available on our chapter page on the CCPA site: <https://ccpaaccp.adobeconnect.com/p5sr37yevu07/?proto=true>
  - b. Dec. 6: Dr. Jill Cumming, Associate Dean of Faculty Development, Yorkville University, facilitated an engaging webinar on Creative Strategies for Enhancing Student Engagement
  - c. Jan 25: Dr. Giorgio Tasca of the Psychotherapy Practice Research Network (PPRN) presented research on therapeutic alliance/ruptures, as well as about how counsellor educators may get involved in a recently funded study
5. **Newsletter.** Two newsletters (Priority 2) were prepared, translated, distributed to members, and archived on our website during this period (November and February).

6. **Conference.** The conference program was reviewed and several workshops were highlighted in our February newsletter as potentially of interest to counsellor educators (Priorities 2 and 4)
7. **Consultation list.** A list of members available for consultation on specific research areas was updated and posted on the Chapter page of the CCPA site (Priority 4)
8. **Supervisors.** Although it was agreed at our AGM in 2015 to welcome Supervisors into the chapter, a decision was only made this year by CCPA national office to proceed with that (Priority 3). At our upcoming AGM, we are proposing a name change to **Counsellor Educators and Supervisors Chapter** and relevant changes to our bylaws to reflect the expanded mandate and membership (Priorities 1 and 4). We are proposing adding 3 new board positions to support these changes: Director, Counsellor Educators; Director, Supervisors; and Doctoral Student Representative.
9. **Bylaw changes.** Proposed bylaw changes were sent to members on April 24, to review before voting on them at our AGM on May 11.
10. **Student research symposium awards.** Three awards of \$150 each were given after onsite adjudication at the symposium (Priority 5). Award winners were:
  - a. Anabelle Segovia Reyes (Masters in Drama Therapy, Concordia University)
  - b. Sarah Johnson (Masters in Counselling, University of New Brunswick)
  - c. Gabriella Hamelin (Masters in Career Counselling, Laval University)
11. **Dissemination Award for Doctoral Students.** Our 2018 recipient is Breanna Lawrence from the University of Victoria, receiving a \$500 grant to support her travel to the conference. Breanna will present at our AGM on *Counselling Youth with Co-Occurring Learning and Mental Health Challenges: A Family Approach*.

### **Chapter Finances**

Membership fees have remained the same as last year (\$20 for Members and Associate Members; \$0 for Student Members). Our expenses included honoraria to 2 webinar presenters (\$1,000; of this, \$500 is still outstanding), 3 prizes for the student research symposium (\$450), 1 prize for the doctoral student dissemination award (\$500, still outstanding), \$1250 (1/2 of the proposed budget; still outstanding) to the certification mapping project for French-language programs (the balance was paid by the Chapter Support Fund), translation, teleconference fees, and executive travel support for the conference/AGM (\$1,000, still outstanding). Our current bank balance is: \$5,376.63.

### **Planned Activities**

1. **Newsletter.** Our next newsletter is planned for distribution in June 2018
2. **AGM.** 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. **Bylaw changes.** Proposed bylaw changes will be voted on at the AGM. If approved, the proposed changes will also need to be approved by the CCPA board. At that point, if the outcome is positive, the Chapter name and focus will change to include Supervisors (i.e., Counsellor Educators and Supervisors Chapter) and we will add three new positions to the board: Director, Counsellor Educators; Director, Supervisors; Doctoral Student Representative. Our bank account information will also need to be updated at that point.

4. **CACEP.** At our AGM, the CACEP Advisory Committee will report and facilitate a brief discussion about the Rejuvenation Initiative.
5. **Conference discussion.** Following our AGM, we will facilitate a conference session using a similar panel discussion / consultation format as in 2017.
6. **Meet and greet.** Current and nominated board members as well as university liaisons have been invited for an informal meet-up at the conference, on May 10.
7. **Chapter table.** We look forward to meeting current members and welcoming potential new ones at our scheduled times at the chapter table at the conference.
8. **Webinars.** We plan to resume our webinar series in Fall 2018 and hope to offer at least one, perhaps two, in French. One of the proposed topics is on Supervision.

### **Other**

1. **Certification Committee** (Jeff Landine)
2. **Advancement of Supervision Committee** (Roberta Neault)
3. **Invited chapter on counselling psychology** for open-source textbook at Queens (Roberta Neault)
4. **Update of CCPA Code of Ethics Committee** (representative to be selected after electing new board)
5. **Supervision of Career Counsellors** workshop, Asia Pacific Career Development Association, Beijing, May 2018 (co-presenters, Jen Rowett, CCPA President Elect and Roberta Neault)