

The Spirituality in Counselling Chapter Executive have been meeting regularly over the past year. We are excited to announce that the “JIM ROBERTSON” award for students studying in the field of counselling and psychotherapy with a focus on spirituality – an annual student award in the amount of \$500 for the purpose of attending the CCPA conference – will be awarded to Elizabeth Stolte at the CCPA annual conference in May 2019. The application was received and reviewed by our awards committee members and the recipient has been notified, but sends her regrets as she will not be in attendance at the conference this year.

Our Chapter has also been participating in the TRC Initiative, along with other chapters, led by the Indigenous Circle Chapter. Our Vice-President, Brandon, has been attending sharing circles and bringing back reflective questions to the Chapter executive as to how best we can as a Chapter support this initiative.

The Spirituality in Counselling Chapter also hosted a very successful Q & A Webinar September 28, 2018, and is hosting a second follow-up Webinar on the topic of integrating spirituality into counselling on April 26, 2019. It is the intention of the Chapter to continue to host webinars as a means of raising awareness of the Chapter as well as providing information on relevant topics of interest to our membership.

Chapter Finances:

See Treasurer’s Report. The current bank balance as of March 31, 2018 was \$6,247.68.

Planned Activities:

The Spirituality in Counselling Chapter will be holding our AGM during a Breakfast meeting, at the annual CCPA conference, on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at the Delta Beausejour Hotel in Moncton, NB. The Chapter will cover the majority of the cost of the breakfast with attendees contributing \$5 each.

Following the AGM, the Chapter Executive will be working on reviewing and updating Chapter Brochures, integrating new members of the executive; and developing future Webinars on topics of interest to our members. Webinars on topics of spirituality in counselling will be held 2-3 times/year to provide information of interest to our members. The Board will send out to the membership, on a regular basis, a “newsletter” style email message as a means of keeping the membership update on current affairs and clinical practice on spirituality. The Jim Robertson award will be actively advertised to all membership periodically leading up to the 2020 conference (see the Awards committee report for more information). The Chapter Brochures are currently under review for updating with the name and other changes. will hopefully be accepted for the CCPA 2019 conference on topics related to spirituality in counselling. In addition, our Chapter will continue to participate in the Chapters for Reconciliation Initiative, alongside the Indigenous Circle Chapter and other Chapters.

Other:

In closing, the Board Executive would like to thank all members for their continued support as we prepare for this year’s AGM at the CCPA Annual Conference, in Moncton, NB, May 14, 2019, 7-8 am ADT (Atlantic Daylight Time).