

Canadian Counselling & Psychotherapy Association (CCPA)

School Counsellors Chapter (SCC)

President's Report – May 14, 2019

Chapter Officers and Executive Members

Lisa Cheyne-Zanyk (SK) – President

Natalie Doucette (AB) – Vice-President

Ariel Haubrich (AB) – Past President

Janice Graham-Migel (NS) – Treasurer and Chair, National School Counselling Committee

Margot Beech Kennedy (ON) – Secretary

Marion Clorey (PEI) – Board Liaison for the School Counsellors Chapter

Belinda Josephson (NS) - Member-at-large

Cheryl Steeves (MB) – Member-at-large

Boyd Perry (NL) - Member-at-large

Carol-Anne Haring (AB) – Member-at-large

Danielle Savage (MB) – Member-at-large

Note: I want to thank Denise King (NL), Penny Roadley (MB), and Simone Linn (AB) for their involvement on the Chapter Executive and Denise for her role as Secretary. Unfortunately, they resigned earlier this year as they were unable to attend meetings due to work commitments. I would also like to thank Margot Beech Kennedy for stepping into the role of Secretary.

Membership:

As of April 3, 2019, the SCC membership stands at 425 members. We are excited to have members from every province and territory.

Activities:

- The SCC Executive meets monthly throughout the school year via teleconference with additional meetings as necessary in preparation for special events. Since our last AGM we have had ten meetings.
- The Chapter webpage, Twitter account (CCPASchoolCounslgChp @CCPA_schools), and e-mails are ways we connect with our membership. Thank you Ariel Haubrich for maintaining the Twitter account and Andreea Andrei for maintaining our webpage on the CCPA site.
- Canadian School Counselling Week (Feb. 4-8, 2019) was again successful in building awareness of the work school counsellors do across the country. This is a significant focus for our Chapter. Janice Graham-Migel provides leadership for this event as she is the Chair of the National School Counselling Committee. With the support of the CCPA President and the dedicated work of CCPA staff, we have the week recognized in the House of Commons each year and we have excellent resources on the Chapter webpage available to all school counsellors to promote the week (many of which were adapted with permission from the American School Counsellors Association). Many education and awareness campaigns were undertaken at the local, provincial and federal levels and on various social media platforms and websites.
- A special thank you to Robert Falcon-Ouelette, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg Centre, for proclaiming Canadian School Counselling Week in the House of Commons.

- We were able to write an article about Canadian School Counselling Week in the Canadian School Counsellor Magazine.
- Janice and I wrote an article for the Alberta School Counsellor Magazine in the fall of 2018 titled “School Counselling a Vital Aspect of Student Mental Health”.
- In 2014, the SCC did an environmental scan of School Counselling in Canada. This year we have been working to update this document and look forward to offering an interactive panel discussion addressing school counselling across the country at the CCPA National Conference in Moncton, NB. We have six members of our Executive speaking as part of the panel and we look forward to hearing from school counsellors in the audience.
- This year our Executive has been discussing a number of important issues surrounding school counselling. We are very interested in hearing from our members during the panel discussion and hope this leads to growth in the ways we connect and support each other in our work.
- The SCC Executive continues to hold a membership with the American School Counsellors Association (ASCA) as a means of gaining further insight into the profession and gaining access to valuable resources and research for the Chapter.
- This will be the fifth year the SCC will present the CCPA School Counselling Award at the national conference during the CCPA’s annual awards celebrations. The School Counselling Award has been established to recognize the work of exceptional school counsellors and acknowledge their personal and professional commitment to the profession. Congratulations to Belinda Josephson who will received the award this year in Moncton. The award includes a \$ 300 monetary component as well as a recognition plaque. This year we changed the date for nominations to coincide with the other CCPA awards. The deadline for all awards is December 1st of each year.
- This is the third year our Chapter has sponsored travel bursaries for members to support the opportunity to attend the conference. Although an e-mail was sent out to all Chapter members, we did not receive any applications for a travel bursary this year.
- The School Counsellors Chapter had the opportunity to be part of the Chapters for Reconciliation Initiative Committee. The Executive supports this initiative; however, due to extenuating circumstances, I was unable to attend the Sharing Circles. The Chapters for Reconciliation Initiative Committee has shared excellent resources with our members and we hope we can participate in any future initiatives this committee organizes.
- Every year the SCC holds its AGM during the CCPA National Conference.
- Who are signing authorities this year are Janice Graham-Migel (Treasurer), Lisa Cheyne-Zanyk (President) and Belinda Josephson (Member-at-Large) are the signing officers. The balance of May 1, 2019 was \$ 14,025.53
- The Chapter Presidents of each CCPA Chapter participate in bi-monthly teleconferences to discuss the work of the association. The SCC has established itself as a highly professional and progressive chapter within the CCPA.

I want to thank the Chapter Executive for their support during my first year as Chapter President. I also want to thank the CCPA staff and our CCPA Board Liaison, Marion Clorey, for their professional guidance and support. I am looking forward to the upcoming year as we explore innovative ways to celebrate and support the work of school counsellors across Canada.

Respectfully submitted, _____

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 President, School Counsellors Chapter