

**Post-Secondary Counsellors Chapter
Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association
2019 Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Moncton, NB**

Members Present:

- June Harper (Past President), Retired, Holland College
- Lee Murphy Nobbs (Secretary), New Brunswick Community College
- Kylah Hennessey (Member-at-Large), University of PEI
- Lisa Mader (member), NSCC, Halifax
- Kelly Kelly (member), St. Thomas University
- Jillian Rankin (member), Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax
- Patricia Murray-Zelmer (member), St. Thomas University
- Marion Clorey (Member), University of PEI

1. Call to Order – The 2019 AGM was called to order by Past President June Harper at 12:15 PM (AT)

Welcome – June welcomed all and explained that although she stepped out of the President's role in 2017, she currently holds the role of Past President.

2. Approval of Agenda (May 14, 2019) - June requested a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting, which was distributed among members present. Motioned by Lisa Mader, seconded by Jillian Rankin. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Approval of Minutes (May 11, 2018) – June called for approval of minutes of last year's AGM. The motion was made by Lee Murphy Nobbs, seconded by Kylah Hennessey. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Reports

4.1 Past President's Report (June Harper)

The PSC Executive Committee has met twice via Google Hangouts. Both meetings focussed on planning for the upcoming CCPA Conference as well as developing plans and initiatives to build up the Chapter and move forward.

4.2 Treasurer's Report (June Harper)

The report was prepared by Treasurer Jen Davies, showing a balance of \$1230 with no income for the chapter beyond membership fees. Expenditures were minimal, with an expected approximate total of \$165 for refreshments for the 2019 AGM and Bank Fees.

June called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Kylah Hennessey motioned, Lee Murphy Nobbs seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

4.3 Membership Report (Lee Murphy Nobbs)

Lee reported that the PSC currently has 147 members, up from 130 last year. She provided a breakdown by provinces, as follows:

Alberta	18
B.C.	22
Manitoba	3
New Brunswick	10
Newfoundland/Labrador	7
Nova Scotia	15
Ontario	50
Prince Edward Island	5
Quebec	7
Saskatchewan	7
OTHER (=United Kingdom)	3

4.4 Social Media Report (June Harper on behalf of Jamie Warren)

The report, distributed among members present, was prepared by Jamie Warren, who set up the social media groups and built a following over the past year on Facebook (33 Likes) and Twitter (48 Followers); the accounts are linked. June indicated that there is a Social Media position available among the membership. Kylah noted that the social media portfolio was maintained mainly by posting items that were sent to Jamie Warren and that the position would not be expected to be too onerous for the incoming representative.

4.5 Report on Chapters for Reconciliation (Lee Murphy Nobbs on behalf of Jen Davies)

The report, distributed among members present, was prepared by Jennifer Davies. Lee explained to the group that Chapters for Reconciliation was an initiative that the PSC was invited to contribute to regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action re: Education #10 (which was read aloud).

In the spirit of Action item 10, the PSC Executive considered how the chapter would respond to the question "Why does reconciliation matter to us?" A written response was prepared by Jen Davies and was circulated among the group for additions and feedback. The end result was the statement in the report, which was also read aloud at the meeting. Jen Davies attended the Chapters for Reconciliation Sharing Circle and contributed the statement on the PSC's behalf. Note that Goal 1 of reporting back to the PSC Executive was met; goals two and three are still to be achieved.

5. Constitution and Bylaws Change (June Harper)

June reviewed the document provided to members present indicating that the Chapter Executive should consist of three Members at Large, one of which should serve a one-year term instead of a two-year term, as indicated in Bylaws section 4.3. The change is proposed to further stagger the Executive membership turnover to enhance continuity of the executive.

June called for a motion to approve the Constitution and Bylaws change. Lee Murphy Nobbs motioned and seconded by Kylah Hennessey. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Election of Officers

As of the 2019 AGM, two positions are available and open to nominations, and two calls for nominations were sent out to the membership. As Jen Davies had put her name forward for President, a nomination for her to adopt this role was made by Lee Murphy Nobbs and seconded by Kylah Hennessey. **MOTION CARRIED**

June made a call for nominations for both President-Elect and for Secretary; no nominations were made.

Lee Murphy Nobbs responded that she would be interested in taking on the 1-year term for Member-at-Large.

Further inquiry was made about whether anyone was interested in taking on the Social Media position. Lee Murphy Nobbs contributed that she could do this during the 1-year term of Member-at-Large.

The 2019-2020 Executive Committee:

- President – Jennifer Davies (2-year term)
- Past President – June Harper (2-year term)
- President-Elect – vacant
- Secretary – vacant
- Treasurer – vacant
- Member-at-Large - Lee Murphy Nobbs (1-year term)
- Members-at-Large (2-year term) - 2 vacant positions

Jamie Warren replaces Meredith Henry as the PSC Liaison to the Board.

7. Other Business

7.1 Kylah provided an overview of how the executive has run in the past, mainly via Google hangouts meetings periodically twice per year. She again asked the members whether they were interested in occupying any positions on the executive and invited questions from any and all present about operations and typical activities of the chapter.

Lee inquired as to whether the members present had ideas about how the chapter should move forward; member Lisa Mader put forth that it would be a good idea to send a poll (like a Survey Monkey) to the membership to determine what their goals for the chapter might be.

June Harper submitted that some activities proposed for the PSC moving forward include the creation of a Travel Award, which potentially could be for a student or for an Executive member to attend the AGM.

7.2 Position Papers

It was also suggested at a PSC Executive meeting that the PSC may engage in writing a position paper. One idea for such a paper is one addressing PS Counsellor professional roles and how they align with counsellor regulation and accreditation across the country.

During the discussion, it was noted that among job postings for PS Counsellor positions across the country, there seems to be a range of educational credential requirements as well as pay scales.

Given the breadth of work that PS Counsellors do, it's important to consider what standards for educational requirements (e.g., undergraduate vs. master's level education) are appropriate and whether membership in the associated College or professional body is among Post-Secondary counsellors.

It was suggested that provincial regulatory Colleges have an advocacy role to play in this area.

8. Adjournment – As this discussion brought us to the end of the meeting time, a motion to adjourn was made by Marion Clorey.