

President's Report for NS Chapter of CCPA / ACCP, at AGM, held virtually by Zoom April 25, 2020

Welcome. This is my second full year as president. And it has been my pleasure to represent a strong chapter and to work with a dedicated executive. We maintained our process with telephonic meetings. Some of the initial focus in 2020 this year involved plans for re-instating our Spring PD event intended to coincide with our AGM. Then with regret & careful consideration, due to COVID-19 precautions we needed to cancel the PD event. We will aim to plan something else, perhaps in the fall, if things are more stable and safer for all.

I would like to thank the chapter officers for advice and co-leadership in these various roles:

Past President: Belinda Josephson / President Elect: Patricia Wentzell / Secretary: Lita Llewellyn / Treasurer: Jean Blackler /

School Counsellor liaison: Belinda Josephson /

Coordinator, Professional Development: Joan Conrad-Cormier

Student Representation; Derek Smith / Coordinator, Advocacy & professional identity: Andrew Potter-Cogan /

Members at large: Theresa Robertson / Karen Covey / Board liaison (Director): George Maringapasi

Membership:

We have maintained a strong membership base, and as of February 2020, we had 294 paid members.

Chapter Finances

We maintain a strong financial status. As of February 1, 2020, Financial Report – Jean Blackler reported a closing balance of \$13,341.74.

Previous years we used some funds to support the work of the executive in relation to a national CCPA / ACCP function and for some members bursaries. This year due to Covid-19 and cancellations we will defer the usage until 2021.

Focus on Professional Development PD opportunities

We are still considering PD opportunities, possibly for Fall 2020 or more possibly Spring 2021. Feedback from members after a previous PD event indicated interest in best practices in couples' therapy, assessment tools, suicide assessment, counseling at end of life, poverty and mental health, culturally sensitive counselling practices for indigenous peoples, best practices for making referrals for clients, impact of stress and anxiety. Members expressed interest in topics considered to be at intermediate or advanced levels. So, we will seek a facilitator who can address one or some of these considerations. We will also likely advance education re: new CCPA Ethics standards.