

President's Report

*Spirituality in Counselling Chapter
Annual General Meeting
May 29th, 2021 11:00 EST*

Position	Name
President	Lorraine Smith-MacDonald
Past President	<i>Vacant</i>
Vice-President	Brandon McElhaney
Secretary	Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes
Treasurer	Gerard Vardy
Student Liaison	Jesse Dymond
Member-at-Large	Lisa Marie Van de Water Harvey
Member-at-Large	Phyllis Hodges
Member-at-Large	<i>Vacant</i>

Our Chapter's mission is to offer a sacred space to our clients while listening to their story, and to value compassion, empathy and respect for all people.

Membership

According to the last membership update from the CCPA national office, the Spirituality in Counselling Chapter (SCC) has 360 member total as of April 2021. This includes 279 professional members, 4 guest members, 2 PEICA-PCC Professional Member, 8 QCA Professional Member, 64 student members, and 3 student representative. This is an increase of 56 members from 2020. As an Executive we will continue to explore ways to increase our membership and further expand the knowledge and capacity of all CCPA members in the area of the spiritual domain of health.

Past Activities

General Activities

- The SCC Executive has been meeting approximately once per month (minus July and August) of the last year.
- The president has been regularly engaging in CCPA President's meetings.
- Hosted first ever virtual AGM in May 2020 after it was announced that the CCPA national conference would be cancelled because of COVID-19.
- Creation of an SCC Facebook page to help distribute information, resources, and professional training opportunities in the area of spirituality
- Redesigning the SCC brochure to promote a more inclusive vision for the Chapter.
- Distribution of a trimonthly email.
- Disability training for all Ontario SCC Executive members.

Knowledge Translation Activities

- Two abstracts were accepted for the CCPA National Conference 2020. This included an oral presentation and also a panel presentation, however, due to the conference being cancelled these were not presented.
- An abstract was successful submitted for a “Panel Session” on spirituality in counselling for the CCPA National Conference 2021. This panel session was recorded and is currently available for participants registered for the conference.
- Hosted a webinar on “spirituality in counselling” at the 2020 AGM.
- Hosted a webinar on burnout and boundaries by Brandon McElhaney (Vice-President) in April, 2021.
- Preparation and submission of application for a webinar on moral injury scheduled for June 2021 by Lorraine Smith-MacDonald (President)

Professional Development Activities

- Advertisement of the SCC “Jim Robertson” student bursary to graduate programs across the nations
- Awarding of the SCC “Jim Robertson” student bursary to Mr. David Resize and Ms. Stephanie Blyth
- Advertisement of professional development opportunities via Facebook

Future Activities

- Continue the webinar series working on developing future Webinars on topics of interest to our members
- Host a lecture series
- Book club
- Explore social media
- Disseminations of spirituality training and Professional Development Opportunities
- Creation of a spirituality and counselling resources (academic) List
- Survey of chapter member needs
- Informal Social Engagements
- Annual “Jim Robertson” Student Scholarship
- Further engagement with student and university programs to promote the chapter
- Our Chapter has also been participating in the TRC Initiative
- SCC would like to engage more closely with other CCPA chapters where there may be a close overlap of activities or the potential for mutually beneficial collaborations.